

were well repaid for their labour and expenditure. And they were sending their cereals to Europe from that heretofore barren desert. Canadians would not awake to the advantages they had over and above the Americans, among them being two days and nine hours gain in time from China to Liverpool by the Canadian route. They would not awake to the importance of the country. He declared without fear of contradiction, that they had allowed their neighbours to get ahead of them and they (the Americans) knew it and boasted of it. Had the Dominion developed its own resources, they would not to-day see five hundred thousand Canadians seeking employment in another country, when their own country owned a better domain. In connection with that question, some members had seen fit to state that the members from British Columbia had tried to monopolize the time of the House. That he denied emphatically. He thought the spirit of the members from British Columbia had been to utilize the time of the House in the interests of the Dominion at large, to show the resources of the country, and no one could fail to acknowledge that British Columbia, with her great and enduring resources, was anything less than a jewel of great price to Canada and the Empire. She possessed greater and more valuable resources than the whole of the Dominion combined, whether they considered her lumber, coal, agricultural or mineral resources, her seas teeming with fish, her numerous harbours or her general climate.

MR. KIRKPATRICK: And her members.

MR. BUNSTER said her members would compare favourably with the members of any Parliament. Her members came here to demand the rights granted to British Columbia under treaty, which remained unfilled. If they were pertinacious on that point, it was through a sense of duty, feeling that the treaty with British Columbia had not been carried out according to the spirit or letter of the law, a fact which had grieved the people much. There were many members and others in British Columbia

who could argue the case better than the representatives in this House, especially himself. When they had entered into a solemn treaty, and sacrificed thereby their own interests—sacrificed railroads offered them by other countries, the privilege of making treaties with other countries,—they certainly had a right to ask of the Dominion Government that it should carry out a portion of the treaty, at least when the Government had sent steel rails to their shores and piled them up, and then said they were not going to utilize them in the line of railroad for which those rails were intended; when they had reserved lands and thereby excluded immigration to these lands; when emigrants, as good Britishers as ever landed in Canada, were obliged to go to other shores to seek a home,—the people of British Columbia had a right to feel aggrieved. The Dominion had not built the road, and the rails were still lying unused, deteriorating in value more than if laid down on the line. The Government lands would have paid four times over the expense of building the road even according to the prices obtained for the lands at public auction. Emigrants could not settle on the lands reserved by the Dominion Government, under contract; and yet the hon. the Premier did not acknowledge the contract. Nevertheless, the contract existed. Emigrants who had been induced to come to the shores of British Columbia had been obliged to emigrate again to Washington Territory, Oregon, and elsewhere, owing to not being allowed to settle on those reserved lands. Every fair-minded person could not but acknowledge that it was a deplorable state of affairs. The Government should take hold of this national highway, and by it unite Canada from coast to coast. He was satisfied the Government could carry it out, if they would only try, and, if they did not, he could only repeat what he had stated on other occasions, that some else would.

*Motion agreed to.*

#### ALASKA BOUNDARY LINE.

MOTION FOR REPORT.

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