

What Would Be the Effect of the Hon. Gentleman's Scheme

If he could carry it out? If the grain of the North-west, which the Canadian Pacific Railway carries, were brought to Duluth instead of Fort William or Port Arthur, Canadian shipping would immediately be made subservient more or less to the laws applicable to the United States mercantile marine.

It Would Mean the Driving Away Largely

of Canadian mercantile marine from the lakes, and all for what purpose? Can any one tell us what purpose will be served?

Passing of a Gold-brick.

Who has been the hon. gentleman's adviser? **Does the hon. gentleman feel proud of his scheme, the product of eighteen days' reflection?** It cannot be that it is the outcome of eighteen days' reflection. It must have involved long consideration by persons better versed in these matters. As the hon. member for West Toronto (Mr. Clarke) once said, there must have been some gold bricking done; and I submit that on this occasion

A Very Considerable Gold Brick

Has been passed on the leader of the opposition by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

What are we to Gain by Spending \$84,000,000

To buy up the existing roads between Montreal and Winnipeg? The expenditure of that money

Will Not Open up for Settlement One Additional Square Mile of Country. It will transfer many millions of the people's money into the treasury of some company, but it cannot possibly be of any service to the people of Canada. **It will take \$84,000,000 out of the treasury of Canada** and put it into the treasury of some railway companies which have already been well subsidized.

It Will Do Worse.

It will throw upon the country for all time the cost of maintaining an unprofitable section of railway between Fort William and North Bay. In every way, it will be adverse to our interest and yet we are told by our hon. friend from Bothwell (Mr. Clancy) that it is a work of constructive statesmanship. The hon. member for Bothwell, in his description of this scheme, stopped at Winnipeg. Why did he go back on his leader? His leader did not stop at Winnipeg. The hon. member for Bothwell either did not understand the scheme or he is going to repudiate it all west of Winnipeg. Let me again come to the rescue of the leader of the opposition;; his is a larger scheme than that:

"The fourth point——

Now, this is the fourth point. It is not a casual observation, it is a point, it is number four; I am quoting the words of the leader of the opposition.

"The fourth point on which I propose this policy is this. It will assist the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway on reasonable terms, if they guarantee to build a line north of the Canadian Northern Railway and as far west as Edmonton or some adjacent point."