

a success, and we must feel that by the completion of the Pacific Railway the Dominion as a whole has been consolidated, and new life has been infused into it from ocean to ocean. We feel now that Canada is a country that it never would have been without the trans-continental railway; we feel that the civilized world has been awakened to our importance, and has been talking about the great enterprise which has been so successfully carried through, and ere long we will find that the Province of British Columbia will stand as high in the estimation of the Dominion as well as of the Empire at large, as any of the older provinces.

The hon. gentleman from Halifax spoke of the Intercolonial Railway, the deficits in the receipts, and the discharging of some of the employes. Not more than a year ago the hon. gentleman denounced the Government for not carrying on the business of that railway on commercial principles, and contended that it should be treated like any other commercial enterprise. When the Government has done that, and has attempted to cut down some of the expenditure, he complains and says it is unwise and improper to discharge laborers whose services were not necessary. My hon. friend is not the gentleman who should complain of the railway being run on commercial principles. I may remark that the Intercolonial Railway should be run as nearly as possible on commercial principles, but first and foremost as a highway for the trade and commerce of the whole Dominion. I believe it is essential to us that it should be operated efficiently no matter what its cost, and no matter what the deficit may be. The people of the Maritime Provinces are always complaining of the rates being too high, although the Government has reduced them below the actual cost of carrying freight from one Province to another. I should not have spoken to-day, only I considered that my hon. friend, when he has nothing else to say, should not have run down our country and its institutions and led us to believe that there was danger of another rising in the North-West or that otherwise troops would not be sent to the North West at a large expense. Although it is the right of

the Opposition to adversely criticize everything that may possibly be prejudicial to the interests of the country, it should be guided first and above party by feelings of true patriotism. When the hon. gentleman tells us that there is danger of another rebellion in the North-West, otherwise we would not send out troops, he must see that it is only right and proper that the country should be prepared for such an event. We had a lesson last year that has cost us a good deal of money—millions of dollars. It cost us a great deal that we treasure more than money, and now having been forewarned, although we do not believe the whispers of alarm, and the Government do not anticipate any trouble, yet it is necessary that we should be on our guard, and in a position to preserve the peace of the country. It will show that we are cautious and watchful, that we possess the power to enforce the protection of life, property and civil rights everywhere throughout the Dominion. It is not fair when we expect such a large influx of immigration in this country, and when we should be in a position to satisfy people who come here that their lives and property are safe, that any such cries and alarms should be promulgated. I am at least glad to hear my hon. friend from Halifax endorse some remarks which fell from the hon. member from Winnipeg. We always listen to that hon. member with great pleasure when he speaks. To-day his remarks gave me more than usual pleasure, because of the cool and calm manner in which he stated the case of the North-West. He is himself a resident and a representative of that country and by race and religion, in heart and soul, with that people; he knows the wants of the people there and what is best for them, and I am sure the counsel which he has given us cannot fail to have a good effect not only on this House, but on a portion of the population of the Province of Quebec, violently excited as they have been at the administration of justice. During last summer they expressed themselves against the Government for administering justice impartially and allowing the law to take its course. We hear no more the cry of French domination. The hon. member from Manitoba has shown the people of the Province of Quebec that