

eastern provinces of Canada. But it may turn out that it will prove to us a blessing in disguise. It is possible, I say, that we may be able to so arrange matters as to keep our young men at home. I have faith in the future of this country. I know that in the western parts of this Dominion we have a great heritage and great resources. I know that we have a wealth of mines, and what I ask to-night of this honourable House—and I think I would not be doing my duty if I were not to state it thus plainly—is that in any policy which may be adopted to open up and develop that western country it should not be forgotten that there is an east as well as a west in the Dominion of Canada. You may take, as it is proposed to take, millions, and lavish them in deepening canals and waterways in this Dominion. You may build the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, you may build railways through all that western country, and if the policy which has prevailed in Canada ever since confederation is to be continued in the future then I say that the people of the maritime provinces would have good reason to oppose the expenditure which it is proposed to make for the purposes of that North-western country. But I go further and point this out to this honourable House to-night, that if in carrying out the policy of the present government, which I believe is a policy acceptable to the majority of the people of Canada, they take care that the trade which is developed in that great west, and in British Columbia, finds its way to ports in the Maritime provinces, and to ports in Canada, and not to allow it to filter out through other channels to Boston and Portland, as it has been doing ever since we had the honour of forming part of this confederation—

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.)—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. KING—Then I say the maritime provinces will respond and there will be no hesitation on our part, at all events, in contributing our fair share towards the cost of those very large undertakings. I might be permitted to say here what perhaps is known to most of the hon. gentlemen present, that the people of the maritime provinces—more particularly St. John—are making in proportion to their population and in proportion to their means, large

sacrifices for one or two or three years past in order to be able to demonstrate to the people of this country that we have at our own seaboard, harbours sufficient to accommodate the trade of Canada. They have spent their hundreds of thousands of dollars, and I believe they have clearly established the fact that in the city of St. John, to say nothing of what is well known in this House with regard to Halifax, that they are able, or will be able in the near future to accommodate as much traffic as it is possible to direct that way, and I hope that in adopting this policy of deepening the canals and developing the western country, it will be the aim of this House and the aim of the government of this country to see that no more money is expended in subsidizing lines of steamers to Boston and Portland; but to see that encouragement should be given to lines of steamers as is being given to-day, and which may be supplemented still further to lines of steamships to the ports of St. John and Halifax and other ports in the maritime provinces. It was not my intention to speak at length to-night. I am satisfied that I could not do the subject justice by continuing my remarks, I have nothing to say to this hon. House that is not very well known to most of the hon. members, and therefore I take the liberty of seconding the motion made by my hon. friend to my left.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I should like to call the attention of the leader of the House to the promise made by the Secretary of State before the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday last in reference to laying upon the Table the terms of what is called the agreement between the Federal Government and that of Manitoba before the debate on the Address.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I have already laid the terms on the Table. Probably my hon. friend did not catch my observation at the time.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I was not aware of that fact. However, it is not my intention now to make any remarks with reference to it, not having seen it, much less had time to read it. I have, of course, read the newspaper reports, but as I notice that the leader of the government, the premier, on every occasion repudiates news-