

facilities for carrying on the trade of the country. The expenditure of small sums of money on the Tay canal, for instance, and on others, might be left aside for a short time while the whole efforts of the country are centred upon the development of our national seaports and waterways.

I admit it is difficult to do this. It is hard to get the representatives of certain portions of the country which derives no benefit from this expenditure to vote large sums of money without their particular districts getting a quid pro quo. I admit that there was a great deal in the argument of the Finance Minister, that it was almost impossible to do this without distributing public expenditure in different sections of the country. But, Sir, there should be some general plan laid down for the purpose of affording the best transportation facilities in order to develop the resources of our country. Let me tell the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister that the amount of money expended on capital account together with the deficits on the Intercolonial Railway, since they came into power, would have almost secured the construction of

the *Georgian Bay Canal*. Including the sums voted on capital account for 1902, the hon. the Prime Minister will hardly credit me when I tell him that it aggregates \$17,000,000 on the Intercolonial Railway since he came into power, and the deficit on the ordinary revenue will be in the neighborhood of \$1,750,000. There is \$18,750,000 more than the people of Canada should have paid, and for what purpose? For practically a useless expenditure upon the Intercolonial Railway. If there had been a proper transportation policy for the development of the natural waterways of the country, the money expended for the purposes I have indicated would have almost secured for us this magnificent undertaking. Ponder upon that. Are these things going to continue or is there to be an end to them? *Let the past be buried. Adopt some national system. Work to the line, and I believe that the system I have proposed for the development of the country is one which will make Canada the greatest nation, commercially and in other respects, on this American continent.*