

country at least \$150,000,000? And who was it who desired that this should be done without giving to the people of Canada any opportunity to express their views on the subject? Why, it was my right hon. friend and his supporters on the other side, and their partisans in the Senate who desired to take that course. If there is any advocate, any strenuous advocate, of the establishment of an armament trust in Canada, that advocate is to be found in the person of my right hon. friend who leads the Opposition. But I have heard that in various parts of the country my right hon. friend was not quite so explicit as he was in his speech in this House. I did not observe that in his speeches in the county of Chateauguay he put that policy in the very forefront. If, however, I am mistaken in my appreciation of the course which he took in that campaign, I will sit down in order that he may correct me.

My right hon. friend seemed to be distressed at the condition of affairs in connection with the terminals at Quebec. I had the honour and pleasure of speaking at a banquet in the city of Quebec a few months ago, and I went into the question somewhat fully at that time. I regret that my right hon. friend is so much under a misapprehension as to some matters on which he has spoken to-day. He has taken it upon himself to say that the management of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company are not in accord with this Government in regard to certain changes that have been made. I would like him to state his authority for that declaration. I am informed by my hon. friend the Minister of Railways and Canals (Mr. Cochrane) that that statement is not stamped with the hall mark of accuracy.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I did not say it was so. I said that no information has been given to show that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company had agreed to the changes.

Mr. BORDEN: I am sorry if I misunderstood my right hon. friend; I did really understand him to say what I have just stated. If it is merely a thirst for information which led the right hon. gentleman to allude to this subject, I may give him the information now, that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway have assented to the changes. I trust that declaration will do much to relieve the inquietude from which my right hon. friend seems to be suffering in that regard. The terminals at Quebec will be ready, I am assured by my hon. friend the

Minister of Railways and Canals, by the time the road is completed, and the road is being advanced with all possible expedition. Unfortunately, certain delays arose out of incidents connected with the Quebec bridge under the administration of my right hon. friend which I shall not pause to consider to-night. These have put the enterprise back to a certain extent. The station at Champlain market, and the joint station to be used by the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which will be a station worthy of the city in which it is situated, and of the great railway companies which it will serve, will shortly be under construction, I am assured. The shops at St. Malo are already commenced and will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible. Further than that, we have taken a step at Quebec, which my right hon. friend might well have taken long ago, that is, we have undertaken the construction of as fine and commodious a dry-dock, for the use of the great ships using the St. Lawrence waterway, as can be found anywhere in the world. The contract has been let for that work and the work will be proceeded with as soon as the spring opens, in fact my hon. friend the Postmaster General (Mr. Pelletier) informs me that it has already been begun.

My right hon. friend has summoned to his aid the cry of hard times, and he considers that the Speech from the Throne is absolutely insufficient inasmuch as it does not point out any direct or immediate remedy for hard times and for the high cost of living to which he also alludes. He confused these two subjects in the course of his remarks, as it seemed to me, and I was not sure from time to time, whether he was dealing with one or with the other. However, it may be that they are properly dealt with together. I would like to refresh the memory of my right hon. friend in one respect. He seems to think that the reference in the Speech from the Throne calls for the expression of some declaration of policy which will provide an immediate and effective remedy. He has forgotten the words which he put into the mouth of the then Governor General in 1908, words which were much more calamitous, if I may use that expression, than anything to be discovered in the Speech from the Throne on the present occasion:—

The Dominion has been blessed by a long series of prosperous years, and though at the present moment its business is being restricted by the financial stringency which prevails throughout the world, I feel assured that this