

Canadian Pacific Railway \$5,000,000 and a change in the security, and the expectation of a grant to the International line of \$250,000 a year for 20 years to come, were the huge jokes of the Session, but these were no jokes for the people of this country. Now, the hon. gentleman did to-night as he has done on former occasions. A good part of his speech was devoted to my hon. friend from West Durham (Mr. Blake), and he adopted the old role of charging my hon. friend with depreciating the Great North-West, and thereby, as the hon. gentleman said, interfering with and hampering the financial operations of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The hon. gentleman told us that my hon. friend minimised the earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Where did the hon. gentleman get that valuable information? He did not get it from the speech of the hon. member for West Durham, and I challenge him now to state where he got it? When the hon. gentleman made that statement in the early part of his speech, my hon. friend called him to task for it, and he partially apologised. I excused the hon. gentleman, because it was part of his peroration, and could not well be left out, in the way the hon. gentleman, following the illustrious example of the hon. Secretary of State, delivered the closing part of his speech. He charged the hon. member for West Durham with exaggerating the cost of constructing the railway. Why, Sir, no man in Parliament or out of Parliament can exaggerate the cost of the Canadian Pacific Railway; it is not possible to do so. He charged the hon. member for West Durham with, by his actions and his speeches, discouraging immigration into that country; he charged the hon. member for West Durham with minimising the ordinary advantage of settlement in the North-West and landing to the skies the policy adopted by our friends on the other side of the line, and with praising Dakota and Kansas. I challenge the hon. gentleman again on that subject. It is very well for hon. gentlemen, time and again, in the House and out of the House, to make these vague and general charges; but let the hon. gentleman come down to particulars; let him state the occasion when and the place where the hon. member for West Durham, or any other hon. gentleman on this side of the House, said or did anything that would tend to depreciate the character of the soil or climate of the North-West Territories. I know that has been done; but it has not been done by gentlemen on this side of the House. I challenged the hon. First Minister the other night on that subject; but the challenge has not been accepted yet, although I observe that the *Mail* newspaper of yesterday says that the challenge will be accepted, and will be answered. I say again that if the character of the North-West has been aspersed it has not been done by the Liberal party, but by the Tory party. I do not know the politics of the *Sherbrooke Gazette*, but I read the following extract from it:

"As Mr. Riley has gone to the sunny South, you may not hear that the inhabitants of the North-West are having the severest winter known to the oldest settler. Sixty degrees below zero is nothing here this winter. Stock are having a hard time, especially pilgrim cattle. I fear Senator Cochrane's thirty-seven thousand head at Hillhurst, on the Belly River, will look small in numbers next spring."

Who do you think signs that letter? It is signed by Mr. G. C. Ives. I do not know him, but I am told he is a strong friend of the hon. member for Richmond and Wolfe (Mr. Ives). He publishes, in a Conservative paper, scattered abroad throughout the country, what would do more injury to the reputation and credit of that country than all the Liberal members of Parliament have said for the last ten years. We have unbounded confidence in the future progress and prosperity of the North-West Territories; and we believe that that progress and prosperity will commence just as soon as hon. gentlemen opposite cease to occupy the Treasury benches. So much do we believe in

the progress and prosperity of that country, that any of us who have a dollar to invest invests it there. Do the Tory members of this House invest their money in the North-West Territories? Do they invest it under the British flag?

Some hon. MEMBERS. Yes.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron). No, Sir; they invest it in Dakota and Kansas. It was not very long ago that I received a circular which was sent to me, in which Conservative members of this House laud in the highest possible language the soil and climate of Dakota and Kansas for stock-raising purposes. It was the circular of a company in which several hon. gentlemen, members of this House and members of the Senate, were large stockholders.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Name, name.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron). No; do not ask me. It is stated in the circular that they had 36,978 head of cattle, valued at \$932,712; that the assets of the company were \$1,105,220; that they had under fence 40,000 acres of land; that they had under lease 284,000 acres of land, at 2 cents an acre, and that they paid a dividend of 20 per cent. This circular was scattered all over this country. And who do you think the manager of that company was? Why, my hon. friend from Richmond and Wolfe (Mr. Ives).

Mr. IVES. It was only less profitable than your enterprise in southern Manitoba.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron). Yet this man poses as a patriot, who never does anything, except in the interest of the country, who charges hon. members, in season and out of season, with saying everything they possibly can to depreciate this country at home and abroad. Yet he has not the confidence of his expressed convictions in the North-West; he won't invest \$1 in the North-West Territories, but he invests a fortune in stock-raising in the State of Kansas. The hon. gentleman has his thousand herds roving over the valleys and hills of Kansas, and yet he lectures us in this House because occasionally, in the course of our duty, we undertake to point out that hon. gentlemen opposite, by their wicked and criminal policy, have done more to retard the progress of that country for the last 10 years than 25 years of the best Government Canada ever had could undo. The hon. gentleman went further; he blamed my hon. friend from West Durham for speaking of this railway as being subject to snow slides and avalanches, as having heavy grades and sharp curves. Well, who did that? Was it my hon. friend from West Durham? No, Sir; it was this Tory Government, who, in their Blue Books, have published it abroad to the country, as the First Minister, in his Blue Books, has told the world that north of the Canadian Pacific Railway and along the line of that railway they cannot grow wheat, on account of the July and August frosts. He complains of the hon. member for West Durham (Mr. Blake) for blaming the Government for having changed the route of the railway, and he blames my hon. friend for not insisting on the construction of a new railway. He says it is a simple matter that we can have a new railway. No, Sir; one Pacific Railway is enough for us, especially under the Administration of hon. gentlemen opposite. We do not want any more Canadian Pacific Railways, while the hon. gentleman's friends have seats on the Treasury benches.

Mr. HACKETT. We would have none if you were here.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron). The hon. gentleman says that the security we propose to take is not a security which we shall hold in common with the holders of \$15,000,000 of bonds. The hon. gentleman did not pledge his reputation as a lawyer on that point; he was careful not to do that. As I understood it, this company by these resolutions get the power of issuing \$35,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, secured