

Those are the words uttered by the provincial secretary of the province of British Columbia which is now one of the provincial Liberal Governments of Canada. Those are the utterances of the Attorney General and the provincial secretary of the province of British Columbia. That kind of legislation is going on. It has been permitted and is advocated by this government. I say it is a species of legislation which is only boom legislation. It is booming the resources of Canada at the expense of the people in order that large profits may be made by private individuals, while the assets of the country are sacrificed. The Hon. Mr. Coffin said in regard to Crow's Nest Pass that the money and lands given away to private parties were sufficient to build fifteen such railways. And so it is with the Atlin Lake District; they are sufficient to build half a dozen railroads from Edmonton right into the Yukon. I say, utilize those assets, form a company and farm those mines for half the output so that the country will be enriched by them to enable the government to develop its resources fully. The policy of the government is a boom policy, giving away the gold bearing lands to private individuals for private profit and creating a boom in the country from which there is bound to be a reaction. A government should never encourage much less create a boom. I might just say this with regard to the hon. Minister of the Interior, who is very largely responsible, I have no doubt, for the promotion and development of that western country on these lines. He is a young man who settled in Brandon when Brandon was in its infancy, when it was first boomed into life by the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It went ahead at a very great rate, and the population of 3,000 settled there in a very short time. It is one of the nicest towns in Manitoba, and if it had been carefully managed on sound financial lines it would not be in the difficulty it is to-day. But I am sorry to say that the city of Brandon has got into financial trouble, and has become practically bankrupt. The banks have refused to honour their cheques, and the corporation has applied to the provincial legislature to guarantee their bonds for fifty years for \$529,000. The municipalities forming part of that judicial district wanted a court-house, and they have paid into the city of Brandon, the last fourteen years, \$100,000, which should have gone to pay for

this court house, but the court-house has not been paid for, the city is bankrupt, and there is a liability standing against it of \$529,000, I refer to this, because the Minister of the Interior was living in Brandon, and was one of its public men. He was there to help to manage the affairs of the city in a proper manner. He was Attorney General of Manitoba and responsible that sound laws should be on the statute-book to prevent such an occurrence as that which brings misfortune to Brandon and to other parts of the country which have to depend on their credit to maintain a sound financial position. It is in consequence of the very system he is seeking to perpetuate and place on the people of Canada to-day what you call a species of boom—booming the thing along, instead of proceeding at a steady pace, building only in proportion to the natural wants and conditions essential to its own prosperity. But instead of that it is by a perpetual boom until there is bound to come a reaction and a time when the boom must end. So it is with Canada. The same thing is going on in Canada, or attempted to be foisted on Canada. In the same way we are to be boomed up, borrowing more money, giving away the assets of the country, and then after everything is done people will have to sit down and figure out how they are going to live on the resources that remain, and there comes a crash. That is the effect of a bad policy, and it is to resist that policy I say that every man who has the interest and welfare of the country at heart should post himself. And when questions come up that this government and parliament have to deal with, I hope that we will take a retrograde step and alter our legislation to such an extent that we will not incur an increased indebtedness such as we see going on for a great many years and at a great rate since the present government has come into power. The present government when in opposition denounced the increased debt and everything that they are themselves now doing, imitating the policy they denounced in their predecessors, so far as they attempted it. The hon. leader of the government in this House has to apologize to the Senate for not moving at a faster rate than what he said, and what his government said, and what his friends when in opposition said, they were going to move at. Only put us on the treasury benches, we will show you how we will alter things