

by the Government in making the water connections. To his mind it was simply absurd to make a little stretch of railway through British Columbia. It would cost a good deal of money, but the other parts of the line would be left untouched for years to come. By this scheme it would leave the road a drug on the Dominion, but if the road was put through it would build up the country and be what the Grand Trunk had been to Canada.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER—Is the Grand Trunk paying now?

Hon. Dr. CARRALL—It was the making of the country.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER—There were some people in that portion of the country through which it passed.

Hon. Dr. CARRALL went on to criticise the policy of the Government in relation to the scheme, stating that it had been their boast they were going to save thirty millions of dollars to the country, but he did not see in what way that saving was going to be effected. He expressed his satisfaction with the bill as a whole without going into details; yet he had no confidence in the present Government, or in their intention to build the road. He doubted the sincerity of the Government because of their conduct while in opposition, and their determined hostility to the road. Even since they have held the seals of office he doubted their intention and their ability to build this railroad. Indeed, he did not think they intended to build it. He believed the present Bill was so constructed as to prove the intention of the Government to make it only what would prove to be a fraud and a snare to the public; and unless the treaty with British Columbia was followed out, he had no hesitation in saying that the Government would be turned out of office, and others put in their place that would act with good faith in carrying out the obligations of the Dominion. (Cheers and laughter).

Hon. Mr. READ moved the adjournment of the debate, but as there was a general feeling expressed that it should be proceeded with, he went on to say that at the opening of the session he had stated that he would support the Government in any reasonable scheme for the construction of the Pacific Railway, because he was thoroughly convinced that if Canada was ever to be a great country the road must be built. When it was remembered that the descendants of old France had come to the country, men of sterling worth who cut their way through the woods and settled down to make a living in the forests,

and when they came down to a later date and found the hardy emigrants from England, Ireland and old Scotia, and when they came to combine these elements to make up a nationality, he believed there was nothing that a community composed of men of that sort could not carry out. Still, it was doubted by some whether it was the intention of the Government to build the road; but if they were not going to utilise the country that had been given to them—a country nearly as large as the whole of Europe, for which they only had to pay \$300,000—it would have to be given up to others who would make use of it. He held that if the people of this country were not educated up to the standard of constructing the Pacific Railroad, they must be educated to that point. He would give the Government his support in any honest measure for building the road, and would not cavil much about their plan, but give them every latitude necessary to carry out this great undertaking. But he did see some things in the proposed scheme which he did not understand. [Laughter]. If it was intended to construct the road proper, then there was no necessity for some of the provisions in the measure now under consideration. He did not get much information as to the intention of the Government when the bill was thrown on the table, and although he gave strict attention to the proceedings he had to ask what bill they were in Committee upon. It was a bill most intimately affecting the future of this great country, yet it was thrown on the table without a word of explanation. When it was allowed to be read a second time it was on the distinct understanding that a discussion should take place in Committee. It had been said by the Hon. Secretary of State, that the House was thoroughly versed in the Government policy, but that he much doubted, and further, he doubted whether the Government knew themselves what their policy was. (Laughter.) At least the bill now under consideration did not show it, and therefore he could not see why the Senate should be expected to be thoroughly versed in that policy. He looked upon the using of water and railway communication as an abortion of a scheme. It was proposed to go to French River, but he could not see the object of going to French River if they were not going to build the main line. Since this project had been up he had been trying to study the maps, and he did not find any reason for going to French River if they were going to make the terminus at Lake Nipissing. French