

going to realise some benefit from the amount we have invested.

Mr. CASEY. The hon. member from the wild west who delighted us a few moments ago, has enlightened us as well as delighted us upon one point. Many of his old acquaintances in the wild east down here used to suppose that the flights of fancy, the gems of poesy and the flowers of rhetoric that appeared in the *Regina Leader*, were caused by the inspiration of genius. Now, Sir, we know better. He has told us it was not genius at all that dictated those articles in his paper, it was Banff. Another point that he made was that my friend from Bothwell (Mr. Mills), was bound up in a very small compass, that he was the incarnation of a person whom he calls, in his revised edition, Mephistopheles. Well, whatever my friend from Bothwell may be the incarnation of, in whatever size of binding he is put up, we are satisfied now that my hon. friend from the wild west—he will excuse me if I cannot remember his constituency at this moment—

Mr. DAVIN. I will excuse any amount of ignorance.

Mr. CASEY. I thank the hon. gentleman for excusing my ignorance. I would remark that he has satisfied us of one thing, at all events, that whatever my hon. friend from Bothwell may be the incarnation of, my hon. friend from the wild west is the incarnation of the Banff Springs, namely, gush and gas. Well, Sir, leaving this gushing subject for a moment, I wish to refer to one point made by the hon. leader of the House, which bears out our contention in this matter. He said that the Canadian Pacific Railway would only be too glad to get hold of these lands, that we had said that the railway ought to improve the land, that they would be only too glad to get hold of it, and that they would make large profits out of it. Now, Sir, we never said the land should be given to the railway company. What we said was that the railway ought to be at the expense of putting improvements upon the reservation. We were agreed there should be a reservation, but we believe the railway should pay the expenses. And why? Because it is the railway, second to the private speculators, who will get locations on the reservation itself, who are going to make the profit out of it, and here is where the Minister's remark came in. He told us that these springs would be thronged, not only by people from Canada, but by people from Europe. Now, how are the people from Canada or Europe going to get there? Over the Canadian Pacific Railway. Who is going to make a profit out of carrying them? The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and these are the people who ought to pay the expense of fixing up the park. Why, Sir, there was a little railway down in my county, called the London and Port Stanley Railway, about 24 miles long altogether, and it fixed up a park of its own at a watering place called Port Stanley, a park much more expensive in proportion to the length and the wealth of the railway, than the Banff reservation would be in proportion to the length and wealth of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and they found it one of the best speculations in the world. They spent thousands of dollars in fitting up the park, in bringing people to it, and they made money out of it after all. So, I say the Canadian Pacific Railway Company should do the same thing with the Banff reservation. All the Government should do is to reserve the land from settlement and prevent the destruction of its natural features, and call upon the Canadian Pacific Railway to pay the expense of improving the park. My hon. friend from North Perth (Mr. Hesson), talked as if it was going to be a boon for poor people suffering from disease. It has not been explained to us by the Minister of the Interior how it was going to be a boon, and his leader has made it plain that the speculators are going to be allowed to charge for the water. Nobody can go there

without paying for the water and without paying for going over the Canadian Pacific Railway, unless he happens to be a particular friend of the Government or of the railway. Now, my hon. friend from Wellington (Mr. McMullen) was puzzled to know what had become of the money. I think the Minister of the Interior sufficiently explained that when he told us that the work on the park was done by day's work previous to the elections, and when you have to expend money by day's work previous to an election, the wonder is, not that so much money was spent, but that they managed to limit it to \$46,000. Hon. members know how money is expended before an election, and the rat holes in which the money runs. There is one point more on which I expect to hear from the Minister of the Interior. Has he enquired into the manner of conducting the great American parks, and has he an idea upon which this is modelled? I understand the Yosemite is a public reservation, and there is also one at the Yellowstone Valley. Has the Minister made enquiries as to how these reservations were established, how they are managed, and what the Government of the country has done in regard to them? I think—I have no doubt of the fact—that he must have made such enquiries, and I hope he will now give us, briefly, the substance of his information on that subject.

Mr. COCKBURN. It was not my intention to take any part in the debate, inasmuch as I have never had the advantage of being in the North-West, or of having seen Banff. I only wish to draw attention to one point which has arisen in this debate. We have seen the eloquent leader of Her Majesty's Opposition relaxing for a moment the severity of his looks to draw attention to the remarkably exhilarating effects which the drinking of the water has had upon the right hon. Minister who leads this House. Well, Sir, it seems to me that the very description given by the Prime Minister of the exhilarating effects of the water, has had a most remarkable effect upon the leader of the Opposition himself, inasmuch as it has led him to calculate that the interest on \$46,000, at 1000 per cent., would be \$4,600,000, instead of being, as it is, \$460,000. If the hon. gentleman is to be no more accurate in his calculations, should he ever, in the lapse of ages, come across the floor, and occupy these Treasury benches, I can only hope, as a young member, that he will not trust himself, or be entrusted, with the finances of the Dominion.

Mr. MALLORY. I have no doubt that the park of which we have heard so much to-night is deserving of all the commendation that has been bestowed upon it, on account of the healing qualities of the waters of which we have heard from hon. members; and had we before us a report concerning those healing qualities from some scientific observer, if the Minister had sent some scientific expert to these springs to examine their healing properties, who had reported to the Government; if the Government of the day were able to lay before us this afternoon a plan of the park that they propose to lay aside for the use of the public of this great country of ours; if they were able to tell us what the expense of this thing is likely to be, then we would be in a position, I think, to take action upon the Bill now before us. But inasmuch as they have not seen fit, before going into the scheme, to consult Parliament in any way about it; inasmuch as they have not seen fit to lay before us estimates of the probable cost of the laying out and buying up of this park, as well as a report on the healing qualities of these springs, I think we are not in a fair position to take any action upon this scheme now. We should consider the matter very carefully before we entrust the present Ministry, or any other Ministry, with power to expend the money of the country in a scheme of this kind. I think the Ministry have been greatly at fault in the course they have taken, because there was no urgency in this matter at all. I