

or a similar one, last year. I did not take the trouble to look the matter up in Hansard but I have a very distinct recollection of speaking in opposition to this resolution.

Mr. MANION: May I just say a word at this stage. The hon. member is quite right. I have looked the matter up since, and I find that he did oppose the resolution, but I was misled by his opening words into thinking that he supported it. For that mistake I tender the hon. gentleman an apology. I wish to say, however, that the other hon. member from whose remarks I quoted did take that stand.

Mr. CAHILL: Perhaps the hon. member has not had time to look up the record with respect to the other gentlemen to whom he has referred.

Mr. MANION: Yes, I have.

Mr. CAHILL: I wish to say that I oppose this plan of a canal being built through Canadian territory on the basis of a joint arrangement with any other country. If we are to build such a canal in Canada I think it would be advisable for this country to carry out the work. I may point out to my hon. friend from Fort William and Rainy River, as well as the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Brown), the latter of whom maintains that there exists no danger of any complication arising between Canada and the United States over this project, that complications did arise in connection with the Suez canal when Disraeli bought the stock of that canal. Egypt was not then a protectorate of England but she has since become a protectorate due to the former country acquiring the stock of the Suez canal and controlling that route through Egypt. We are likely to have a similar condition of affairs in connection with the present project if we go into partnership with another country for the construction of a canal through our territory. If we wish to develop a canal for the benefit of Canada why not undertake the Georgian Bay canal which is entirely through Canadian territory, and does not involve a joint arrangement between United States and Canada. The hon. member for North Toronto has pointed out that this enterprise would be of great benefit to the cities of Cleveland, Toledo and Detroit. Those cities are not in Canada and I entertain the idea that this Dominion has no money to spend in developing the United States, which is perfectly capable of developing

its own territory. Until we have developed Canada it would be wiser for this Parliament to look entirely to Canadian development rather than to help the development of the United States. If we develop the Georgian Bay canal—and I am not advocating that project at the present moment because I do not believe the country could afford the expenditure that would be involved even though that money would be altogether spent in Canadian territory—we shall develop a canal that will give Canada better service because it will develop the adjacent country and promote the growth of Canadian towns. The hon. member for Nipissing (Mr. Lapierre) has a town in his constituency which would be developed; I refer to the town of North Bay. It would be far better to develop such towns as North Bay than to undertake enterprises calculated to develop towns in the United States.

Mr. MANION: I would like in the best spirit, to ask my hon. friend a question. Is he interested in this project because the Georgian Bay canal would be closer to his constituency than the St. Lawrence canal?

Mr. CAHILL: I will be quite candid with my hon. friend and say that the Georgian Bay canal would develop territory in my constituency, and in developing the constituency of Pontiac, of course, we should be developing the greatest part of Canada.

Mr. MANION: No doubt, you are the proof of that.

Mr. CAHILL: Naturally, therefore I would favour such development. If you can see your way, Mr. Speaker, to calling it six o'clock I would like to adjourn the debate.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is moved by Mr. Cahill that the debate be now adjourned.

Mr. HOCKEN: I wanted to say something on the question and if the debate is adjourned I shall be debarred from doing so this afternoon.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is not six o'clock yet.

Mr. CAHILL: I want to make a few more remarks on the question and wished you, Mr. Speaker, to call it six o'clock in order that I might procure some documents pertaining to this question when the debate is resumed. I did not know the motion was to be discussed this afternoon.

Mr. MANION: If Mr. Speaker calls it six o'clock the motion goes to the head of