

through their influence with the Government? It is plain, members of this House not interested in timber limits themselves, hope, by the influence they can exercise on the Government, to secure a power and support they had not before. Men who are getting these limits believe that the acquisition of one means untold wealth to those who hold it. I am not here to speak as to the quantity of timber limits granted, bad though that system is, but to speak of the manner in which the Government has used its power for the purpose of keeping itself in office. The Government has granted with a lavish hand the timber limits of this country, which we ought to husband for those who are to come after us; it has granted our lands with a lavish hand; it has given away recklessly coal lands, the fuel that ought to be preserved for ourselves and future generations. Not only that, but it has placed its hands in the public Treasury to pay out money to one of the greatest monopolies in the North-West, Sir A. T. Galt's coal monopoly. Bad as those things are, calculated as they are to destroy the independence of Parliament, these are not the only actions for which the Government must be held responsible. So far as the railway policy is concerned, it has been infinitely worse. Hon. members opposite are directly interested in millions of dollars granted by this Government for the purpose of promoting railways in which they themselves are interested. The disclosure made yesterday in reference to a railway under discussion must have shocked any person who heard them. We had letters produced here in which the hon. member for West Toronto is called "the boy," and in which it is stated he was looking for \$640,000 for himself. We have another "boy," according to all rumors, in a gentleman who sits in this House, the hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. McCarthy). On turning up the reports, I find that he is one of the incorporators of the Northern and Pacific Junction Railway. I find that that road was bonused, while the hon. gentleman was a member of this House; I find that he, a corporator of that company, was an applicant to the Government to grant the road \$12,000 per mile, the first grant being \$6,000, and that being supplemented by another of \$6,000 per mile. I find the hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. McCarthy) was interested in shares of the stock of that railway company, I believe, of the majority of the stock. The Hon. Frank Smith, Senator, the Hon. James Turner, Senator, and Mr. Dalton McCarthy, member for North Simcoe, are upon the list of shareholders of that company. The Hon. Frank Smith, the Hon. James Turner, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. John Stewart, appeared to hold shares to the extent of 1,820 out of 2,000, so that the hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. McCarthy) and his friends controlled entirely the Northern Pacific Junction Railway, and the hon. gentleman not only controls the stock of that road, but he is sitting in this House to-day as a member and as the president of the railway which has been bonused to this enormous extent. And, if I am correctly informed, there has never been a cent put into the road, except the bonuses granted by this Government. I believe it is a fact that the directors of the company are attempting to sell the bonds of the road, having authority, I believe, to bond it to the extent of \$25,000 a mile. I am informed that the bonds, when sold, added to the bonus given by this Government, will more than pay for the construction of the road. I am told, whether correctly or not, that there was \$100,000 in that road for the promoters. I would ask that hon. gentleman, if the rumor is true, which is circulated throughout the country, that he and his associates will make at least \$500,000 out of the road. That is the statement made. It may not be impossible in the opinion of the hon. gentleman, but I say it is impossible to believe that an hon. gentleman occupying the position he does in this House can be otherwise than under the influence of the Government, under such circumstances. I find that the International Railway

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Company has upon its stock list the Hon. E. T. Brooks, the Hon. John Henry Pope, Minister of Railways, the Hon. M. H. Cochrane and my hon. friend (Mr. Ives). These gentlemen are the stockholders of this road. I find that another road, bonused to a very considerable extent, and in which Mr. Pope is interested, received at one time \$175,000 of the people's money. I say it is a position which no man in this country ought to occupy, that the Minister of Railways, a member of the Government, charged with the care, to a certain extent, of the moneys of the people, a member of this House should vote to himself and the road he is directly interested in \$175,000 of the people's money. Another hon. gentleman, his son-in-law, Mr. Ives sits in this House also and he no doubt participates, because he is a stockholder in the road and shares in the profits which, no doubt, must be paid from that railway. I find that the road has been further bonused to the extent of \$2,550,900 for the construction of a road from Montreal to the road in which Mr. Pope is interested, and which will form a link of the new road. I say it is a disgrace to this country that a Minister of Railways, owning the International Road, which he had owned for nine or ten years, which this country owed nothing to, should come to this House and ask this Parliament to give him the enormous sum of \$146,000 for placing iron upon the road owned by him and built years before, and which there was no reason in the wide world for assisting by bonus or by anything else. I find these two gentlemen are stockholders in that road. They are, as my hon. friend from Huron said, the head, body and tail of the whole concern. I go further and I find that the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway from Aylmer to Pembroke was bonused to the extent of \$270,000. This road is owned by the Secretary of State. He is a stockholder and the real owner of the road, and it is owned by Senator Ogilvie and the hon. member for North Renfrew (Mr. White). These are the stockholders in the road. Does anyone tell me that, under those circumstances, it is a small thing for three hon. members of this House, one of them a Minister of the Crown, to come to Parliament and ask this Parliament to give them \$270,000. It is a monstrous and disgraceful thing that any member of Parliament should be a corporator in a railway seeking aid from this Government. I can understand hon. gentlemen assisting and promoting a railway passing through their county as far as they can, but they have no right to become corporators, and they have no right to place themselves in the position of receiving a direct benefit from the moneys which may be granted by the Government. I find the Gatineau Railway Company was bonused to the extent of \$160,000, and I find that the hon. member for Ottawa (Mr. Mackintosh), the hon. member for Pontiac (Mr. Bryson), and Mr. Alonzo Wright are the stockholders of that company. Of course these hon. gentlemen are perfectly independent. Of course they will condemn the Government when it is wrong, just as if they had never got a bonus for their road. The Montreal and Western Railway was bonused to the extent of \$160,000; and, again, I find the Hon. Mr. Chapleau, Mr. J. J. C. Abbott and Mr. Joseph Tassé, member for Ottawa, are the corporators of that company. The Secretary of State and two members of Parliament are the corporators in that company, which has upon the Statute-book the right to draw \$160,000 of the money of the people of this country. I find again that the Miramichi Railway is entitled to a bonus of \$128,000 voted by this Government, and that Mr. Temple, the member for York, is deeply interested in that railway.

Mr. TEMPLE. I beg your pardon; I am not interested in any shape or form in that railway, not in the slightest.

Mr. LISTER. If the hon. gentleman says he is not interested in the road, of course I gladly take the word of the hon. gentleman, but, as far as my investigation has gone,