

hon. gentlemen opposite. But this year, when the Minister of Finance brought down his Estimates, we found he had at last taken the advice of the Opposition and reduced his Estimates by some \$1,682,000. Had he done so before, when the possibility of doing it was pointed out, time and time again, by hon. gentlemen around me, immense savings would have been effected of the people's money. Tens of millions would have been saved in the years that are passed.

But there is one scheme about which he has not very clearly declared himself, and that is the Hudson Bay Railway. We know that there was an Order in Council passed granting \$2,500,000 to this road, but whether the Government will summon up courage enough to ask Parliament to ratify that Order in Council or not, is unknown to us. Surely, considering the finances of the country, considering the desperate condition in which the Minister of Finance knows them to be this Order in Council was passed in another of his many moments of weakness. I hope he has thought better of it, and that the Government will not ask this House to ratify that order. The time is not ripe, we do not know enough about the navigability of the frozen straits of Hudson. All we do know is contained in a little blue-book in our hand—the report of Lieutenant Gordon; and this report is pleasant reading in the sultry days of July and August. We read of icebergs and fields of ice in every month of the year throughout those straits.

We do not know as a matter of fact, whether they are navigable or not; and until that is settled, it is too soon for Parliament to vote one dollar of money in aid of any such enterprise. There is another thing—the hon. gentleman should consider the temptations that may be lurking under that subsidy. He must not forget that there are milkmaids in his Cabinet. Expert, confessedly expert in the art of extracting, by gentle pressure, a golden stream from railway subsidies. The milking of bonuses is an accomplishment of which the Postmaster General is passing proud.

Do not put temptations in his way. \$2,500,000—fancy what golden vistas that opens up before his enraptured gaze. What possibilities it suggests, just on the eve of an election. \$2,500,000—would 10 per cent be too much to expect as the result of his expert manipulation? That would be a round quarter million dollars in hand, just on the eve of an election. What a magnificent election fund that would make. And now that his old treasurer from Quebec West is safe in his seat in this House, he would be here to guard the money well and pay it out to the order of the Postmaster General to help him and his friends in their election, to give them the sinews of war in their day of need, their golden armour when they face the foe.

I hope the Minister of Finance will
Mr. Dawson.

think better of it and not press this vote of \$2,500,000 through this House. Let hon. gentlemen opposite for once face the Liberals in open battle and fair fight, and just so sure as the sun will rise on the day after the next elections, just so sure will it rise on our noble and gifted leader, crowned with victory, and just so sure will dawn better days for this country of ours.

Mr. SPROULE moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to; and debate adjourned.

Sir ADOLPHE CARON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday).

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, 21st May, 1895.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 95) to incorporate the Grand Falls Water Power and Boom Company.—(Mr. McAlister.)

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY—ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. FOSTER moved:

That when the House adjourns on Wednesday, it do stand adjourned until the following Tuesday, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Motion agreed to.

CHARLES GUY, OF PETERBORO'.

Mr. LANDERKIN asked, Does Charles Guy, of Peterboro', receive a pension? if so, what for and how much? When was it granted? What service was he engaged in? What is his occupation, and is he now in good health?

Mr. DICKEY. Charles Guy, of Peterboro' receives a pension because he became insane in consequence of fatigue and hardship endured during the campaign of 1885 in the North-west Territories. The pension is 25 cents per diem. The pension was granted by Order in Council of 21st January, 1887. He did service with his battalion during the campaign. His occupation was that of a watchmaker at the time his name was put on the pension list. He has been paid the above-mentioned pension until now, on the receipt by the Department of Militia