

If so That Would Mean \$90,000,000 Odd

for bringing the Intercolonial to Winnipeg.

Assuming that the leader of the opposition has carried out his policy, assuming that he has expropriated the Canadian Pacific Railway from Fort William to North Bay, I would like to know what effect that is going to have on the railway system of the Canadian Pacific Railway and our western trade? Everybody knows that the 634 miles operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway between Fort William and North Bay is about the most unprofitable piece in all Canada. Everybody knows that the Canadian Pacific Railway have an alternative route from Duluth to Sault Ste. Marie, a distance of nearly 400 miles, which they would be only too glad to use if they could get rid of the expensive north shore piece of railway.

The Hon. Gentleman Proposes to Take Out of the Dominion Treasury \$38,000,000

and hand it over to the Canadian Pacific Railway for the purchase of its railway from Fort William to North Bay. The Canadian Pacific Railway could then turn around and build a short line of railway, 360 miles in length, from Winnipeg to Duluth, side track Fort William and Port Arthur, and divert the whole western traffic via Duluth, going down from and coming back to Canada by the Sault Ste. Marie. The Canadian Pacific Railway is at present maintaining two lines of railway for its western traffic going east, with the exception of a short link between Winnipeg and Duluth of 360 miles.

Every Day it Runs a Train From Fort William to North Bay.

it loses money. I am not in a position to say how much but an hon. gentleman opposite—speaking with I do not know what authority—suggests that \$1,000,000 is the annual loss in operating the railway between Fort William and North Bay. That may or may not be correct. But that line follows a rocky coast, as every body knows, on which there is not sufficient traffic to make it pay, and besides the grades are bad, the curves are severe and it is altogether an expensive road to operate.

Nothing Therefore Would Suit the Canadian Pacific Railway Better

Than to be relieved of the cost of opening that road; and were the hon. gentleman's policy carried out and the Canadian Pacific Railway paid \$38,000,000 of the people's money to sell out what is a dead horse, namely the line from Fort William to North Bay, they could take \$13,000,000 of that money and build a road from Winnipeg to Duluth. That would be the outside cost, and they would then have complete connection between Winnipeg and the Soo, around the south shore of Lake Superior through the United States and could divert all the Canadian traffic over that route from the hon. gentleman's common national highway.

The hon. gentleman proposes to give the Canadian Pacific Railway \$38,000,000 to divert traffic from Canada to the United States, to destroy our own ports, Fort William and Port Arthur, and to build up Duluth in their stead. We, on the contrary, aim at having a Duluth of our own on the north shore of Lake Superior.

The hon. gentleman proposes to Americanize the Canadian Pacific Railway, to rob it of its national character, to divert the commerce of Canada to the United States, and build up the rival city of Duluth as against Canadian ports