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of the directors of that company were directors of the C.N.R.

"Mr. Motherwell has drawn your attention to the reason the railways do not pay. We are told that because of the wages that the men are receiving the rates are so high. What about the profits that the contractors are receiving? If the wages that the section man, the engineer, the conductor, the brakeman is receiving is public property, what about the profits of the contractors? If it is right that what men are paid for their labor in wages should be a matter of public knowledge, it is right that what contractors receive of public money in the way of profits should be equally public.

"We took that position in Parliament. The Government would not give information. When we came to look into the contracts, we found 11 million had gone to one concern in Eastern Canada, and a director of that concern was a director of the C.N.R.

A voice: "Scandal."

Mr. King: "Of course. We found that in another contract for nine million, it had been placed with a firm in Ontario, and a director of that company was also on the C.N.R.

"Take this board and look at it. If there were on it railway men of experience, there might be some defense for transferring such huge sums of public money to its control. One of the great complaints of the people is the fact that the board is composed of men who have no knowledge of railways and management. There are one or two experts, but the majority know nothing about it.

"The point I want to bring out is: This is the charge I bring against the Government and which I brought on the floor of the House: This country today is being run by a little combine of political autocrats and industrial plutocrats and that these two groups are working together for their own ends, and doing so at the expense of the people of this country.

Tell Nothing.

"I believe that nowhere in this civilized world will you find such a combination spending millions of the people's money and the whole business kept secret by the Government from the country. If the Government would answer the questions put to them by the people's representatives we might think the transactions were above board but the Government is taking this position (by law these gentlemen are exempt from the personal liability) that it will tell the people nothing about what they do and they give to this group the right to control these millions.

"That sort of system is wrong. If

you cannot have public ownership with publicity you cannot have it at all. One of the main purposes of public ownership is that the public might know how far they are being milked one way or the other in the administration of that public utility. The railways are not being given a fair chance, neither is Government ownership under such an administration. We should have the greatest publicity in regard to all these matters.

Will Aid Labor.

"The Liberal party stands committed to give labor the representation it should have. If we had had a man like Jim Murdock of the Board of Commerce who today is standing by my side helping me fight the battle of the people against this sort of influence on that board do you think there would have been the expenditures that there have been without someone knowing something about it? We come back to the right of the people to have a full accounting for all public expenditures as well as in connection with all taxation.

"You cannot expect from that administration any change. We need a house cleaning. We do not know what position our finances are in. The greatest of all questions today is the cost of living. Of all the contributing factors to that cost is the high cost of Government and it is one of the most important. One thing we can all see and that is the relation of Government in the matter of taxation as it affects the income of the home. That is where the women of the country have the right to share in the government of the country. They have to share in the sacrifices of the home and are interested in these Government expenditures.

Like Managing House

"Let me draw your attention to some figures. I have spoken of 165 millions being voted for railways. Ten years ago the public debt was 340 millions. Today it is \$2,350,000,000. Now that the women are permitted to take an interest in these things let me say that the management of a nation is like the management of a house. What you can and cannot do depends on what you own and owe. If you own a great deal and owe a little you can do pretty well what you like; if you own and owe a great deal you have to consider it at every turn; you have to consider what is right and proper. Canada today owns to all intents and purposes what she did ten years ago but look at what she owes. Not to pay the interest on the public debt is to acknowledge that we are bankrupt.