

The party were going to do wonders. I defy him to point to one single thing that the Conservative Party ever did for the Empire. The first time we were asked for help was during the war in Egypt. The hon. member for Hastings (Sir Mackenzie Bowell) was, I think, in the Government at the time. What did they do? The British Government wanted some voyageurs to go up the Nile, and asked Sir John Macdonald if they would be allowed to recruit men here. The despatch went back 'Yes, you can, but at your own expense. Remember, not one dollar, not one man,' and that has been the policy of the Conservative Party. When we gave a preference to England did the Conservative Party approve of that? No, no preference. During the Boer War who sent the contingents? The Liberal Administration (laughter). Hon. gentlemen may laugh, but my own flesh and blood were out there. My brother was there in charge of the Intelligence Department, Sir Percy Girouard was there, and I had relations who were wounded there too. My people have fought for the Crown and Empire. We do not shout: we do things. Here is this Government bubbling over with loyalty, and what do you see them doing for the Empire? Nothing. They have been in office two years. The first year there was nothing to be done; they had to go and see what they could do. The following year they were told to submit their policy to the country, but they were unwilling to face the people. A great imperialist that I met in Montreal said to me 'You ought to be ashamed of yourself: you voted against a contribution of \$35,000,000 to help in the defence of the Empire.' I said 'I did not vote against it; we simply wanted to submit the policy of the Government to the judgment of the country. Don't you think if the Government had been sincere they would have submitted it and then the policy would have been fixed and everything would have been satisfactory.' He said 'But is not that asking too much? They have been fifteen years in Opposition and you ask them to risk the sweets of power.' So then I said, 'You conclude that it is more important that the Conservative party should be in power than that the Empire should be saved.'

I observe a small discrepancy of 38 millions. The hon. leader of the House said that the National Transcontinental railway was going to cost two hundred million. They have been stating so right along. The mover of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne told us that

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it would cost \$107,000,000, and, with the accessories, etc., \$162,000,000. There is a slight discrepancy of \$38,000,000. That is a small amount for them, but I think they should chord their violins, so that they should play the same tune.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL moved the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN in the absence of Hon. Mr. Gibson, moved the adoption of the first report of the Committee of Selection appointed to name senators to serve on the Several Standing Committees during the present session.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC—Before the motion is put I desire to call the attention of the House to a motion which appears in the Minutes, after the names of members for the different committees are mentioned. It reads as follows:

That the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts when appointed be authorized to meet when and as often as it may deem necessary and, without special reference to inquire into and report upon such matters connected with the internal economy of the Senate as it may think in the interest of the House.

The Striking Committee was appointed specially to nominate the members to serve during the session, and I do not think they have a right to pass this resolution. Two or three years ago a law was passed placing these appointments in the hands of a special committee, and I do not believe it will make any difference whether we shall adopt this motion or not. I do not think it has any value. It may have been framed to please somebody. We should not adopt it.

The SPEAKER—In reading the Minutes of Proceedings of the Senate, I find that the report of the committee contains the names of the members who compose the different committees, and is signed by Mr. Gibson. Then follows the motion. Am I to understand that this motion forms part of the report, or is it a different motion?

Hon. Mr. POWER—It forms part of the report, but, through an error of the clerk of the committee, this resolution was not added to the report until after the chairman had signed it. It is altogether a mistake of the Clerk of the Committee. I may say, however, in order to relieve the mind of the hon. gentleman from Lauzon, that the object of the resolution was a very simple