

the country. Many trains are being run in the West at an absolute loss for every mile that is run. The same is true in the Lower Provinces, and I have no doubt that the same thing is more or less true in Ontario and in Quebec. Let a man of courage take hold, a man who will have the courage to say: "We are running two trains a day; one is sufficient. We are running three trains a week on this line; one train will do all the work." The service given, perhaps, will not be as satisfactory, but until we get these railroads on a paying basis something of that kind must be done or the people of Canada will have to put their hands into their pockets for millions and tens of millions more of income tax than they are paying at the present time.

There are other things, honourable gentlemen, that I would like to touch on, but I am not going to do so, for the simple reason that there will be other opportunities, and I can well afford to wait until then. In conclusion, I want to say that I have every good wish for the Government; I have every good will towards them so long as they do what I consider to be fairly or reasonably or nearly right; but, honourable gentlemen, as a Progressive I fail to see how a Government that has as many high protectionists and as many men who are dead against Canada operating her own railroads, and who are so utterly at variance with the policy outlined by the Prime Minister, can bring in legislation that either I in this House or the 65 Progressives in the House of Commons will be able to support, judging from the speeches made during the last few days in the House of Commons. I would ask any man in this House or in this country to read the speech of Mr. King, or the speech of Mr. Meighen, both able debaters, both eloquent, and to read the speech of Mr. Crerar, who is not as great a debater as either of the other two leaders, and then to say which is the best speech from the Canadian point of view, the moderate point of view. Talk about Progressives being upsetters. Read Mr. Crerar's speech and if you can carry away from it that idea I shall be very much surprised. I have read the three speeches very carefully, and in my humble judgment Mr. Crerar's speech is the best of the three. Of course, I may be prejudiced.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: No, no.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: I may be prejudiced, but, allowing something for that, just as you would allow a little latitude to my honourable friend from New Brunswick,

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF.

I think you will find that Mr. Crerar's is a pretty fair, moderate speech. He tells the Government: "Carry out your policies, and you will get a great deal of support, but vary from them and we will be just as ready to give support to measures proposed by Mr. Meighen if we think they are in the interest of the country."

I was glad to see Hon. Mr. Meighen returned again. I think it would have been a pity and a shame if a man of his ability had been shut out of Parliament. I think he will make an ideal leader of the Opposition. He has the ability, he has the courage, and if he does not keep the Government toeing the mark pretty well I am very much mistaken. A good leader of the Opposition is just as necessary as a good leader of the Government. We have in this House one of the old stand-bys of the Conservative party, the honourable senator from Calgary (Hon. Sir James Lougheed). He was a fine leader of the Government. I always found it a pleasure to listen to him when he was in that position, and he will make a fine leader of the Opposition. We all know of his fairness and reasonableness, and, with such a leader of the Government as my honourable friend from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand), such a man as my honourable friend from Calgary leading the Opposition, and I leading the Progressive party, we should meet with every success.

Hon. W. H. BENNETT: In rising to continue the debate let me at the outset congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, on having been elected by the Government to the high office which you are to fill. I judge from your kindness, forbearance and deportment in the House during the years you have been here, as well as in the House of Commons, that you will be a popular Speaker and will receive from the members on either side every consideration possible. Referring now to the Speech, I want to re-echo all that has been said with reference to the coming of the present Governor General, Lord Byng. Perhaps no man who figured in the Great War is nearer to the hearts of the Canadian people, more particularly those who fought for Canada and the Allied forces, than Lord Byng, and the welcome that will be accorded to him and his estimable wife during their sojourn in this country will be one of the warmest and kindest ever given to any Governor General.

Now, having offered my congratulations, let me extend my sympathies. They are due to some honourable gentlemen who