

which there is a necessity to assist those who have suffered by it. I am glad that the Government have brought down the Resolution they have brought down, and we, on this side of the House, shall all second the proposal made by the Government.

Resolution agreed to, and ordered to be reported.

House resumed.

(In the House.)

Resolution reported, read the second time and agreed to.

MR. WRIGHT: I should like to return thanks to the Government for the kindly, generous and timely way in which they brought down this grant of \$7,000 in aid of my poor, suffering constituents in Hull. I am empowered by my constituents to return to the Government and the House their hearty and most grateful acknowledgments; and we have to express our thanks, in addition, to His Excellency and Her Royal Highness for the kindly interest they have taken in our great calamity, and the substantial way in which they have aided us. Likewise, I beg to return my personal acknowledgments to all the members of the House for the great sympathy manifested under the deep affliction which has befallen us; and also thanks to the citizens of Ottawa for the kindly manner in which they came to our assistance last night, when some 4,000 people were without food and shelter. I shall never forget their friendly aid on that occasion. After a most careful examination of all the statistics connected with this great calamity, we find that about 4,000 people have been rendered homeless and deprived of food. We have, through the kindness of our neighbours, been enabled to supply their wants, and afford shelter to the sufferers during the past night; and we have organised an Executive Committee, which, I think, will do its whole duty under the circumstances. With the assistance afforded us, I am in hopes that we shall do much in the way of relieving this great calamity. Much requires to be done. We can hardly realise the extent of the calamity; some 800 or 900 tenement houses destroyed, and 4,000 people rendered homeless, everyone will admit, is a more important matter than many would imagine.

MR. MACKENZIE.

MR. CURRIER: I beg to express my thanks and gratitude, also, to the Government and the House for the manner in which they have generously come to the aid of the suffering people in the neighbouring city of Hull. I have been interested, more or less, in that city for a long time, and my immediate friends are still interested in it, and I feel, as to anything transpiring in Hull, much the same as if it occurred in our own city of Ottawa. I think the amount granted by the Government is very fair and liberal, and it will be of very great assistance to the sufferers, as they get it immediately. It is worth double the amount received a month or six weeks hence. The distress and poverty is very great, indeed. It is now ascertained there are 486 houses, different holdings, destroyed, many having been occupied by two and three families. Between 3,000 and 4,000 people are left homeless and houseless. I thank the House for the generous manner in which they assisted us.

#### SUPPLY.

##### XII. RAILWAYS.

House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

*Intercolonial Railway.*

76 Extension to deep water at St. John.....	\$30,000
77 Repairs and improvements on the line between Rivière-du-Loup and Hadlow.....	116,000

In reply to Mr. MACKENZIE,

SIR CHARLES TUPPER said that of the \$375,000 that would be expended by the 1st of July, the total amount to be voted was \$116,000, which would complete the work. The item included extra land for station purposes at the Chaudiere Junction, \$1,500; ballasting, \$41,000; four first-class stations, \$6,000; three second-class, \$3,000; repairs to thirteen stations, \$5,850; two coal sheds, \$6,000, etc. The amount already expended was \$102,478. The balance of the vote of last year would be required before 30th June next to pay for the new steel rails now on the way out.

MR. MACKENZIE: That will make a total cost of about \$2,000,000?

SIR CHARLES TUPPER: Yes.