

out laying himself open to a shower of denunciation from the Conservative press in eastern Canada, and from the Conservative members of this House, led usually, I am sorry to say, by the hon. member for St. Mary's division of Montreal (Hon. Mr. Tarte). Because I said in May last that, on account of the lack of facilities on the Canadian Pacific Railway in western Canada, cattle-men were obliged to drive their cattle across the border to American lines and to have them shipped to Boston by the Great Northern and other railways, I was at once accused by the hon. member for St. Mary's division (Hon. Mr. Tarte) of being an enemy of the all-Canadian idea. Because I stated, too, that in January last we had in Manitoba and the North-west Territories 13,000,000 bushels of wheat awaiting shipment, while the Canadian Pacific Railway could not promise to carry out more than 6,000,000 bushels of that wheat before the roads broke in the spring, before the time when the farmers should have all their wheat off their farms and at the railway points and because I stated that the Canadian Pacific Railway, adopting a dog-in-the-manger attitude, would not allow any other company to come in and relieve the congestion in wheat at that time existing, I was accused, and other members from the west who endeavoured to press the same point were accused, of a lack of patriotism. I stated also that about the beginning of the present year orders for wheat were received from Australia by Vancouver dealers orders that had to be filled and that could only be filled by being sent across the line to the state of Washington, for the reason that the Canadian Pacific Railway did not have the facilities to haul the wheat across the mountains to deliver it in Vancouver, and for this I was accused, and another gentleman who endeavoured to press the matter on the attention of the people of the east in order to bring about relief, was accused with me of a lack of patriotism, with being an enemy to Canadian channels. Why, everything that was said on this point by members from Manitoba and the North-west was said for the purpose of bringing about a proper realization of these difficulties by parliament and by the people of eastern Canada, so that the conditions would be remedied and so that our cattle and our wheat would not be forced into American channels and orders received by Canadian dealers from sister colonies would be filled with Canadian wheat instead of, as happened last winter, with wheat grown south of the 49th parallel. If the hon. member for St. Mary's (Hon. Mr. Tarte) were here I would call him to witness that I myself at this time am supporting heartily and enthusiastically this proposition brought down by the hon. Prime Minister, which is the first proposition ever laid before the parliament of this country effectively embodying the all-Canadian idea. I am supporting this

measure heartily and enthusiastically as is every hon. member on this side of the House from the west and as are practically all the people in the west, which is proved by the statement read here from the pen of the well known Conservative, Mr. John Hawkes, a Conservative editor of Carnduff, which was read by the right hon. the Minister of Trade and Commerce. This prominent and strong Conservative, Mr. Hawkes, most warmly and strongly upholds the scheme of the Prime Minister. He is a gentleman with whom I am well acquainted, because in the general elections three years ago, he followed me throughout the whole district of Assiniboia speaking in the interests of the late Mr. Davin and hon. gentlemen opposite. Mr. Hawkes is a gentleman for whom I always had a very high respect, and I do not need to tell you that my respect for him is not lessened by the good sense he has shown in coming out in favour of this well chosen and patriotic proposition. Before I leave that point I would like to refer to the fact—and if the hon. member for Macdonald (Mr. Boyd) was here I would ask his attention to it as he referred to the same phase of the question the other evening—I would like to call the attention of this parliament, particularly of hon. gentlemen opposite, to the fact that it was not the leader of a Liberal party or the head of a Liberal government, but the leader of a Conservative party and the head of a Conservative government who about three years ago made a contract with a firm of railway contractors in New York to connect Winnipeg and Duluth with a railway system to divert Manitoba products through American channels.

Mr. CLANCY. Was that the object?

Mr. SCOTT. That was going to be one of the fruits certainly of the contract made by Mr. Hugh John Macdonald with the Messrs. Macdonald of New York three years ago.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Where could evidence of that contract be found? Would the hon. gentleman furnish some evidence of that contract other than his mere statement?

Mr. SCOTT. I have not the contract in my pocket or my desk, but if the hon. gentleman will come to Room 48 after I have concluded my few remarks, or at any other time between now and next Sunday, I will be glad to put him in possession of a copy of that contract.

I was going to say with respect to my own attitude towards the Canadian Pacific Railway that surely it involves no condemnation of the Canadian Pacific Railway contract or original construction, to point out where the company is failing to live up to this contract. Surely the fact that a man recognizes or points out the unwise features of the contract of 1881 with the Canadian