

from Ontario must have remonstrated with him, I imagine some of the members from Ontario must have remonstrated with him, those of them who have not received the promise of government positions, because I do not think many of the present crowd intend to make the fight again; I expect these gentlemen must have appealed to the Prime Minister and said to him: Can't you offer a little grain of comfort in your speech that we can show to the people of Ontario. What did the Premier give them? I have not the page here to refer to at present, but the right hon. gentleman will remember that the grain of comfort he gave them was in pointing to the fact that there was not a town, or a village, scarcely a hamlet in the province of Ontario, that was not invaded by the Grand Trunk Railway Company; that the Grand Trunk's ramifications in Ontario were so extensive that there was not a manufacturing enterprise in any town, or city, or village in that province that would not be benefited by the construction of this Grand Trunk Pacific. See what it would do to build up these manufacturing interests, because they would be enabled to ship their merchandise by the Grand Trunk Pacific into Manitoba and the Northwest. Now I am going to ask any business man or any man of common sense to apply his reasoning to such a statement as that. Is it to be expected that the Grand Trunk Pacific are going to carry grain from the west through to Moncton and on to Halifax and St. John and bring their empty cars back to North Bay, then bring their empty cars from North Bay down to Galt, for instance, and load them with merchandise to take up to North Bay and on to the west? Why, on the very face of it is a preposterous absurdity. But what the Grand Trunk Pacific people intend to do is this: They propose, in the summer months, to carry their grain to the head of the lakes, and a certain amount of grain may be carried to North Bay. These cars will come down from North Bay and distribute that grain through the province of Ontario to the local millers, and after that, the cars having been emptied, they may be loaded up with merchandise for the Northwest. But no man with common sense can imagine that loaded cars are to be carried from the far west to the far east and to be brought back again to a point two or three hundred miles north of North Bay, that then they are to be brought down empty to North Bay and then to the towns and cities of Ontario to be loaded with merchandise. On the very face of it is an absurdity that no man would entertain for a moment. Therefore the Liberal candidates in that province will say: Don't you see? We are not going to build this road any further than a point north of North Bay, because not only is no minister from the province of Ontario on record as in favour of it, but there were moreover a couple of by-elections in the province of Ontario a short time ago, and

you could not get a minister from Ontario to take part in them except the pack horse of this government. The unfortunate Minister of Customs is made the pack horse of the party in the province of Ontario, and I do not say that in a disparaging manner because a pack horse serves a very good purpose. A great many hon. gentlemen must have accustomed themselves to the kindly services of the pack horse. There were miners, very bold and courageous, willing to do all that they were asked to do, but they could not do it all, and the pack horse was pressed into the service. However, in the province of Ontario, the right hon. leader of the government is unhappy in the possession of a lot of ministers who are not to be found when the by-elections come along and unfortunately when they do come along the hon. Minister of Customs has to be the pack horse of the party. Where was the hon. Postmaster General (Sir Wm. Mulock), when these by-elections were going on in the province of Ontario? He cannot be found on record as having said one word in reference to this Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. He knew that that would be a burning question there. He knew that that would be an important subject and a subject that the farmers would like to hear from him upon, and why should they not well ask to hear from that hon. gentleman upon that subject, because it involved an expenditure of millions when, in the past, he was solicitous for a few thousands of dollars? Did not the hon. Postmaster General assure the farmers of this country that he was an economist? Did not he tell them about the expenditures that went on at Rideau Hall, about how the public funds were dissipated, about how the Governor General was paid \$50,000 a year, and as a proof of the honesty of his intentions, did he not move a resolution in this House that the salary of the Governor General should be reduced to \$30,000? Well, he has had an opportunity of carrying that out as a member of the government, but he has not done it. But, the farmers of Ontario, hearing these statements from the hon. Postmaster General, naturally expected, that, when it came to an expenditure of \$150,000,000, the hon. gentleman would be heard from on the subject. But, the hon. gentleman has not gone into that province to denounce this Grand Trunk Pacific scheme, and I assume that when it does come up for discussion in that province, if the hon. gentleman feels that he can move out of the riding of North York for a day or two, he may go into some of the ridings. I think he will tell the people in these ridings that there is the report of the Grand Trunk directors, whose meeting was held in London, and that they were assured solemnly that the building of this line eastward from North Bay was premature and that it would not go on. The hon. Minister of Public Works (Mr. Sutherland), had an opportunity to go into these