

Hon. H.R. Emmerson replies To Col. McLeod's Diatribes

An Able Speech by the Member for Westmorland on the Valley Railway Matters---Col. McLeod's Extravagant Language and Serpentine Movements the Subject for Caustic Comment---Member for York an Excellent Touter for Gould

Following is the Hansard report of the excellent speech of Hon. H. R. Emmerson on the Valley Railway:—
HON. H. R. EMMERSON (Westmorland):—In the semi-ready and unique exhibition of declamatory eloquence to which we have listened, we have been favored not only with a definition of dishonest intellect—a perverted mind, as I understand it—but have been given an illustration, or object lesson, as well. I have appreciated very highly indeed listening to the production of my hon. friend (Mr. McLeod) but I would have been more grateful—and I am sure the House would have been—had he dealt with the subject brought before the House by my hon. friend from Carleton (Mr. Carvell). I observed from my seat that my hon. friend from York (Mr. McLeod) was very highly gratified with his performance, but I did not observe hon. gentlemen around him indulging in the same gratification, and I am sure that they, as well as myself, would have been under a debt of gratitude to him had he favoured the House with some expression of opinion on the subject which my hon. friend from Carleton very properly and aptly brought to the notice of the House this afternoon.

Without attempting to follow the I say serpentine movements always hon. member for York in his—shall avoiding the subject, I ask you Sir, if it was not opportune and apt that my hon. friend from Carleton should bring this matter to the notice of the House. I know that my hon. friend the Minister of Marine and Fisheries as well as the hon. member for York, charged my hon. friend from Carleton with indulging in vituperation and they considered is very unfortunate that the hon. member for Carleton should have indulged in language that could by any process be misconstrued. If my hon. friend from Carleton did indulge in that kind of discussion, and if it is wrong, it is very unfortunate that both my hon. friends, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the hon. member for York followed his example. Mr. Speaker, what did the hon. member for Carleton bring to the notice of the House this afternoon? Unfortunately there have been matters occurring in the province of New Brunswick which should bring the blush of shame to the cheek of at least every New Brunswicker. Unfortunately in the Legislature of that province there have been incidents recently that do not reflect credit on the Government of the province or upon the people of the province—more's the pity that there should have been the necessity

for any such incidents. We have heard a great deal with respect to the St. John Valley railroad. My hon. friend from Carleton has I know, a habit of not mincing matters when he speaks. This at least can be said for him: there is no excuse for misunderstanding him. He never indulges in insinuations or intendo. No one will charge him with that. When he has anything to say, he says it, and hon. gentlemen opposite I know full well that those are his methods. For the purpose of warning the acting Minister of Railways he told us this afternoon that in the province of New Brunswick they have been attempting to construct a railway that the province in addition to the subsidies granted by the Parliament of Canada in aid of that road has also pledged its credit in guaranteeing its bonds; that of the proceeds from the bonds guaranteed by the province over half a million dollars had been improperly diverted from its legitimate purpose; that charges had been made in the provincial Legislature against hon. members of that House, namely the Premier of New Brunswick and a member of that Administration, now the member for York, New Brunswick. Those were the only two individuals named, and let me say that instead of indulging in the style of speech to which we have just listened, it would have been far better if the hon. member for York had not attempted to say a word along the lines which he followed, inasmuch as he stands before the Legislature of New Brunswick charged as a former member of the Government of that province with being implicated in the misappropriation of these funds. My hon. friend the Minister of Marine appealed for sympathy with respect to his former colleague, the Premier of the Province of New Brunswick. He referred to the fact that these charges had been made and that they were now under consideration by a tribunal. When were these charges made? About a fortnight ago. The Minister of Marine took credit for his friends because they appointed a Royal Commission to investigate those charges. But have they appointed a commission? They authorized it but since then a fortnight has passed and no tribunal is considering the charges at this moment: nor has the tribunal authorized by the Legislature of the province of New Brunswick been created. When charges are made against members of a Parliament or Legislature under the British Constitution, it is usual for the members so charged to demand an instant inquiry. Was this done? MR. CARVELL—Never.

FLEMMING'S SILENCE

MR. EMMERSON:—Was this done by Hon. Mr. Fleming the Prime Minister of New Brunswick? No. Although public notice of the charges had been given, he came before the Legislature and, as Prime Minister, of the province, rushed through a Bill to its third reading to give an additional guarantee in aid to this railway to the amount of two million dollars; but he never opened his mouth about these charges; he never referred to the transaction in any way whatever, and yet my hon. friend from York thinks the hon. member for Carleton should have been silent with respect to the Hon. Mr. Fleming's connection with the transaction. I say it would have re-

acted very much to the credit of Hon. Mr. Fleming, and he would have had a greater claim upon our sympathies if he had demanded that an inquiry into the charges be held at once, and before any further action was taken with respect to the additional aid that was asked for this railway. Here is a chance that some half million or more of the funds of the province have been improperly appropriated in connection with the construction of this road. Before the Premier will even speak of the charges he asks that the company be placed in a position whereby they can realize by reason of the credit of the province an additional two million dollars ostensibly to aid in the completion of the road. No action has been taken by the Premier. The inquiry has not been held and although the legislation was rushed through, although the Legislature prorogued a week ago last Saturday, although legislation has been enacted authorizing the inquiry, no steps have been taken by the Government, the accused Premier of the province of New Brunswick, withholding action and preventing the people of that province from knowing the actual

MR. CARVELL PRAISED.

facts with respect to the charges. The hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Hazen) comes before this House and condemns my hon. friend from Carleton for daring to mention the matter, that my hon. friend the acting Minister of Railways and Canals, (Mr. Reid) shall be warned with respect to the application that he is now pending before the Dominion Government for an additional two million dollars in connection with some bridges that it is proposed to construct. I am sure that the hon. acting Minister of Railways and Canals is grateful to my hon. friend from Carleton for

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The action of Secretary Garrison, in granting the joint request of Major Holbrook and Governor Ammons for more federal troops, announced last today, has served to allay uneasiness in quarters where it was feared the quota of regular soldiers would not be sufficient to maintain order.

While Major Holbrook and Governor Ammons today were devoting efforts to secure additional troops, the question of disarming strikers and mine employees remained in a secondary position. Weather conditions prevented action by the strikers who had planned to vote on the question. On behalf of the operators J. F. Welborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, announced that the mine guards would be disarmed whenever such action was deemed expedient by Major Holbrook.

Horace N. Hawkins, chief counsel, and John Lawson, international executive board member of the United Mine Workers of America, were enroute to Trinidad to discuss with Major Holbrook the question of disarmament.

In a second telegram addressed to Martin D. Foster, chairman of the house committee on mines and mining, the presidents of twenty-one Colorado coal companies today reiterated their willingness to agree to a settlement of the coal strike on the terms suggested by Governor Ammons in a letter on Nov. 27, 1913, which was laid before representatives of the operators and miners at a conference on that date.

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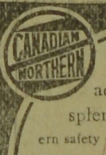
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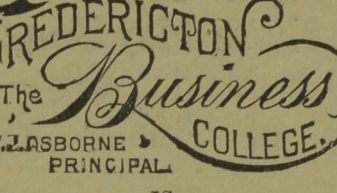
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