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SIR WILFRID MAKES STRONG SPEECH REPLY N.T.R. REPORT

OUTLINES HIS AMBITION TO MAKE GREAT RAILWAY—THE REPORT PARTISAN AND UNTRUE ON ITS FACE

"In the lengthy course of the debate I have had the privilege of having been taken to task more than once, many, many times, and held responsible for the construction of this railway. The statements, charges, reproaches, stigmas, call them what you will, I accept, yea, accept as an honor. (Cheers.) I hold myself largely responsible for conceiving and carrying on this great undertaking, an undertaking conceived to secure for this Dominion a transcontinental railway, all on Canadian soil, the best and shortest on the American continent. (Renewed cheers.)

"I had high aspirations. I sought to bring the western farmer closer to the markets of the world; I sought to do my share to open up the great fertile plains of northern Ontario and

Quebec, I planned to link the producing lands with the great Atlantic and Pacific ports, and I aimed to be in the van of those who courted the new and great possibilities of the dawning Oriental trade. Yes, all these considerations impelled us to construct the best railway that science could devise or money could build." (Cheers.)

"We fell before our task was accomplished. To other hands was committed the completion of the work. We have our responsibility on this side; yonder they have their responsibility on the other side. We have the responsibility of building; we accept it gladly. They have the responsibility of destroying; they cannot escape it.

"We have the report in our hands. We have examined it. What do we find? From first to last, sir, it is unblushing parti-

san libel. From every syllable partisanship oozes out in distortion and misrepresentation. But amid all this insinuation and falseness one fact rings true. There has been no graft. (Liberal cheering.) Not one dollar has been diverted from the object for which it was voted by parliament. If the railway has cost \$150,000,000 every dollar has gone into the road.

"The charge is that we have built too well, too substantially, with too much regard for Canada. Our faith has been great, but not greater than it had reason to be; our expectations were high, but not higher than they should have been. Sir, this road will fulfil the object with which its construction was undertaken, fulfil the hopes with which that construction was carried on; this it will do provided—provided it is not degraded by those at present in power."

If the statements made by the commissioners were true, Sir Wilfrid continued, there must have been a great crime against the country. "But when the report is false what language is strong enough to describe the calumny upon Canada? In that report," he explained, amid Lib-

eral cheers, "there are not only statements which cannot be maintained, but which are untrue and intentionally dishonest." No better indication of this was needed than the fact that, taking the statements of the commissioners themselves, it is impossible to total up the \$40,000,000 which they boldly assert was wasted."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the debate on the National Transcontinental railway in the House of Commons.

Agency Conducting Robberies

The Omineca Herald says: A representative of the Burns Detective agency has been in town all week studying the recent bank robbery case. He is of the opinion that there exists a powerful organization of foreigners with headquarters possibly in Seattle, which is directing and conducting all the robberies and holdups in the west. He states that these men have completely baffled the police and detectives, and his mission here is to connect the local prisoners with the believed agency in Seattle. Some of the men who are supposed to be connected with the gang are also wanted in Europe.

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