

bute the resources of the country among the great corporations.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Is it not so?

Mr. SCOTT. Look at the history of the various provinces of this Dominion. In the very instance that he attempted to put his finger on yesterday, the province of Ontario, he will find proof that if there has ever been a party in this country that did not turn handsprings in favour of corporations, it was the Liberal party in the province of Ontario. That is the only province that has had continuous Liberal government until a few months back, practically since confederation; and that is the one province in Canada that has not a debt and in which the legislature did not turn handspring for the corporations and involve the public debt in their favour.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Let me point out to the hon. gentleman that the province of Ontario is arranging now to issue \$7,000,000 of consols to take up a debt and to meet deficits for which the Ross government were responsible. Let me point out that if there ever was a province raided in the interest of corporations by the Liberal party, it was the province of Ontario. Look at the electric combines, look at the franchises that have been backed up and supported by the Liberal administration when they were in power in Ontario. Look at what happened yesterday; the first thing Mr. Whitney did was to rescind and refuse to endorse that iniquitous deal made by the Ross government doubling the value of the franchise of one of the greatest electric combines in this country, and to-day the people of Ontario are looking to the Conservative party in that province for relief from the handsprings that the Liberals of Ontario have turned in order to benefit corporations. When I stated that there was not a legislature in this country that was not turning handsprings to relieve corporations and taking great care not to do anything to benefit the people, I had particular reference to this parliament. It can do nothing for the people, but it is always ready to give away the resources of the country to big corporations, and give them any legislation they desire.

Mr. SCOTT. How much of the public resources of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories has this government handed over, in eight years, to corporations?

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. It has handed them over in a number of cases. Look at the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Mr. SCOTT. Not an acre.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. I said the resources and credit of the country. Mackenzie and Mann have got from this government the endorsement on \$9,000,000 of their paper; the Grand Trunk Pacific have

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got a franchise almost equal to \$150,000,000 on the credit of the people of this country. When I spoke about legislatures turning handsprings in the interest of corporations, I referred especially to this House of Commons, meaning that it was ready to give all kinds of legislation to these corporations, but it could not do a single thing for the relief of the people. For instance, when the hon. gentleman complained that the greatest grievance of the people of the west was the want of regulation over the Canadian Pacific Railway, if the government had been true to the west, if the hon. gentleman had been true to the west, he would have insisted upon this government taking up that question and ascertaining what was the actual cost of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in order to give the people of the west relief from excessive Canadian Pacific Railway freight rates. Has he done that?

Mr. SCOTT. That is in court now.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. The original cost of the Canadian Pacific Railway has never been ascertained. Why does not the hon. gentleman ask the government to come to the relief of the people of the west? But the government is all the time but-tressing the Canadian Pacific Railway. In regard to this tax exemption clause, if there ever was a work of supererogation, it is that clause in the present Bill which says that the Canadian Pacific Railway lands shall continue to be exempt from taxation. That exemption may have been justified in the old days, it cannot be justified any longer, and especially it cannot be justified in the present Bill. When I said that the legislatures all over this country were aiding the corporations, I had reference also to the province of Quebec, which is turning handsprings in the interest of the corporations there, to the Liberal administration in the province of Nova Scotia, which is turning handsprings in the interests of the corporations, but is doing nothing in the interests of the people.

Mr. A. JOHNSTON. Come down and discuss that with us.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Yes, I will discuss it with you. I am justifying my statement that all these legislatures, whether the federal parliament, the legislature of Ontario, the legislature of Quebec, the legislature of Nova Scotia and some of the other provinces that are controlled by the Liberal party, are busy in turning handsprings for the benefit of corporations and doing nothing for the enfranchisement of the people and the rectification of the people's grievances. There are many other grievances. Take this telephone grievance that we are only now getting a cure for. But what support did we get from the hon. gentlemen coming from the west? Have