

the House; and whether actual construction will be commenced during the coming summer?

MR. MACKENZIE: I have already stated that the Government hope to be able to state during the present Session what route they decide on adopting through Columbia. The route is already decided to the boundary of Columbia. As to the actual construction, the hon. gentleman will see, by referring to the Act, that no contract can be proceeded with unless Parliament has approved of it.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PENITENTIARY.

QUESTION.

MR. McINNES enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to have the New Westminster, B.C. Penitentiary occupied before the 1st of July next?

MR. MACKENZIE: It is the intention to occupy it as soon as it can be completely furnished. That is, if there are occupants.

FRASER RIVER SALMON HATCHERY.

QUESTION.

MR. McINNES enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a salmon hatchery on the Fraser River, British Columbia, this year.

SIR ALBERT J SMITH: We have not determined to build a hatchery in British Columbia during the present year.

PEMBINA BRANCH RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

QUESTION.

MR. SCHULTZ enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to see that railway crossings are put in at once on the portion of the Pembina Branch, on which rails have been laid?

MR. MACKENZIE: It is part of the contract to do that, and I have no doubt it has been attended to.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY—ROUTE FROM NEPIGON TO THUNDER BAY BRANCH.

MOTION FOR REPORT.

MR. TUPPER moved for a copy of the report of exploration made by Mr. Bell, C.E., on the proposed route of the Canada Pacific Railway, from Nepigon to the Junction with the Thunder Bay or Kaministiquia Branch of the said Railway. He said that his object was to get before the House all the information that had been obtained in reference to the Canadian Pacific Railway. The map placed in the hands of members by the hon. the Minister of Public Works, showed the placing of a line from Nepigon to the south of Dog Lake, connecting with the line now under construction, from Thunder Bay or Kaministiquia to Red River. He was informed that no survey or exploration had ever been made; that no line had ever been laid down by any engineer; but that Mr. Bell, who was charged with that exploration, did make a survey and set out an exploratory line south of Dog Lake, and that a map was furnished by him exhibiting the character of the survey and the information that was in connection with it. He (Mr. Tupper) would be extremely glad if the map and report were laid before the House, because whether it was concurred in or not by the Government, a very large amount of money had been expended in the surveys on the route of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and it was desirable that the House should be placed in possession of any information on the subject. He should be glad if the hon. the Minister of Public Works would furnish the House with the report and map before the question of the Pacific Railway came up for consideration.

MR. MACKENZIE said he did not think that there was any map. He had no recollection of seeing one. He thought that Mr. Bell had merely marked the course which he travelled over on an ordinary map. This was his recollection of the matter, though he was not positive. This particular point, as to the maps, had not occurred to him when he looked at the notice, or he would have looked into it. He