

THE CORNWALL CANAL.

ITS LOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION.

BREAKS AND PRESENT CONDITION.

A SPEECH

DELIVERED IN THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

OTTAWA,

BY

DARBY BERGIN, M.P.

Mr. BERGIN moved for:

Copies of reports, plans and surveys of the then proposed Cornwall Canal by J. B. Mills and Benjamin Wright, Esq's, Civil Engineers, and by Capt. P. Cole, Royal Engineers, in the years 1832, 1833 and 1834; also for survey and report of Colin Carman, Esq., C.E., of a proposed change of location of Cornwall Canal, from Sand Bridge through Hooples' Creek to Archibald's Point, with plans, profile and estimates.

He said: I make this motion for the purpose of bringing before the House and the country the present state of the Cornwall Canal, and the plans proposed for its improvement by the Chief Engineer of Canals. I am aware, that in introducing this motion and in taking the course I propose to take, I am assuming a large responsibility, and that in taking exception to the plans proposed by the chief engineer, I am called upon to substantiate by the records the statements which I propose to make. It will be fresh in your recollection, Sir, and in the recollection of every member of this House, that a serious break took place in the Cornwall Canal, in the month of October last, near the village of Moulinette. This, Sir, was not the first