## HON. SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S SPEECH

#### ON THE

# CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS,

### TUESDAY, 18th April, 1882.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER moved the second reading of Bill (No. 144) to authorize the construction on certain conditions of the Canadian Pacific Railway, through some other pass than the Yellow Head Pass. He said :-About a year ago I had the pleasure of submitting for the consideration of this House a contract for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and I have now the greater pleasure of calling the attention of the House to the results of the adoption, by Parliament, of that contract, and of its ratification. The ratification of that contract was made, and letters patent under it were issued, on the 16th February, 1881. I may safely say that the progress made in that great work from that time to this has been eminently satisfactory. The most convenient mode in which I can make a rapid survey of the work will be to commence at the eastern end, or the point termed Callander, at the castern end of Lake Nipissing, where the contract for the Canadian Pacific Railway properly commences, and I may say that considerable progress has been made towards the construction of the first section of the line at that point. It was hoped that the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, under the subsidy granted by Parliament, from Pembroke to Callander would have been completed at an earlier date, but it has not been found practicable to complete that section at an earlier period than something like the 1st of July of the present year, and it will be readily seen that it would be very difficult indeed for the contractors to make very material progress with the first section until they had obtained easier access by the completion of that which was formerly the Canada Central, now a portion of the Canadian Pacific Railway. to that point. Notwithstanding that, I may say that a careful re-survey and re-location of the line has enabled the country to obtain a better line in