

(Mr. Campbell) who had so truly spoken of the great resources of Cape Breton, and the value of that country to the Dominion. If more intercourse existed there would be far better opportunity for the people of the western provinces to know and appreciate the resources of the east. (Hear, hear.) Cape Breton had, so far, been altogether overlooked in regard to its public works, because, perhaps, it had not made itself as troublesome as other portions of the Dominion. Having spoken so recently on this subject, he was not now disposed to enter into any discussion of the claims of the Island in this Parliament in the promotion of such undertakings. But he congratulated the people of that section of Nova Scotia upon the favorable expression of opinion on all sides in reference to a subject in which he had always taken a deep interest; and he believed the action taken by the Government in the matter would be such as the wants of the inhabitants and the general interests of trade and commerce imperatively demanded.

The Motion was then carried.

RESIGNATIONS, DISMISSALS, &c.

HON. MR. KAULBACH, in accordance with previous Notice of Motion, moved the following:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House copies of all appointments to, and resignations and dismissals from, office in the County of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, since 1st October 1873, as well as all letters, petitions, or other papers or correspondence relative, or in connection with said appointments, resignations and dismissals and appointments of successors.

He continued to say that his object in asking for the papers was to bring to the notice of the House the unworthy and discreditable action of the present Government in ejecting from office several persons in Lunenburg, N.S., appointed by the late Government, about the 20th October, 1873, being previous to the notice of want of confidence of that Government being placed on the table of the House of Commons, and to obtain such an expression from

this House as the conduct of the Government merited. He did not seek to provoke discussion now, but simply to lay sufficient ground for the present motion, and upon the papers coming down, and the facts developed, to base a proper censure upon the Government. He felt that no alternative was left him in this matter; it was but a duty he owed to the men so grievously injured, to Parliament and the country, that these cases should be known, and redress had if possible. The first was, the keeper appointed to the new light on Green Island—the situation was accepted, vessel chartered, provisions and furniture for self and family on board, and every preparation made by the officer, Mr. Schwartz, to get to the island as soon as a chance was offered to land on it. Whilst thus waiting for weeks for that opportunity, he received a letter from the member of the county advising him not to venture to take charge of the light, as he would be dismissed—that the Government, or the leader of it, had given him that promise. Soon after that, that officer received a letter from the Marine and Fishery Department, to know if he intended taking possession of the light, to which he made reply, explaining the reasons for the delay, and stating the nature of the letter he received from the member for the county. No answer was returned him, but another party was appointed lighthouse keeper. This matter would have been noticed during last session, had this House not been assured by the declaration then made on the floor of this hon. House, by the Minister of Agriculture, “that the Government would not thereafter remove any officer except for misconduct, incapacity or other just cause.” (Hear, hear.) No hon. gentleman who heard that declaration could have taken it for less than a propounding of the future policy of the Government. (Hear, hear.) He was convinced that the hon. member from Prince Edward Island would not have withdrawn his resolutions, implying censure on the Government for dismissals, had it not been for that declaration of the Government. (Hear, hear.) He believed the hon. gentleman from the Island had done good service to the Government, had strengthened