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Mr. GRANT said he had mistaken the nature of the amendment of the hon. member for Durham West (Hon. Mr. Blake) and desired to change his vote.

The SPEAKER said that the hon. gentleman could not do so now, but could move tomorrow to amend the journals.

Hon. Mr. DORION thought that the question of the terminus ought to be determined in the interest of the whole Dominion. It should be selected so as to make it the cheapest route across the

country, and in his opinion an eastern terminus should be selected. He therefore moved that the bill be amended for the purpose of providing "that the eastern terminus of the Pacific Railway shall be at some point west of the Ottawa River as shall be found to afford the shortest practicable route from the Pacific Ocean to such eastern terminus and not, as provided by the Bill, at some point south of Lake Nipissing.'

A MEMBER: It might be to the west of Lake Nipissing.

Hon. Mr. DORION: Certainly, if it were found to be the shortest route.

Hon. Sir A.T. GALT would have preferred, in the absence of definite information, to have left the matter in the hands of the Government. The proposition to make the terminus at some point west of the Ottawa River, considering the extent of that river, was very indefinite.

Hon. Mr. McDOUGALL (Lanark North) said that there was no doubt that it was important that the Pacific Railway should connect with our railway system by the shortest possible route; but at the same time that should not be the only consideration as it was of paramount importance that the settled portions of the country should be considered so as to afford accommodation to the population. He had regretted that the member for Durham West (Hon. Mr. Blake) should have made his motion after the explanation made by the Government as it might be inferred that the House voted against the western route. But should the motion of the hon. member for Hochelaga (Hon. Mr. Dorion) be voted down, which favoured the northern route, it would be apparent that the Government and the House were desirous of selecting the route best suited to the interest of the Dominion generally. (Hear, hear.)

The amendment was then put to the vote and lost: -Yeas, 15; Nays 125.

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