

HON. MR. PLUMB—The authority will be found at page 395 of Bourinot. He says:—

“Though the Senate has no rule like that of the Commons in relation to this subject, senators observe the same practice. When the bill is of a public nature, a member of the Senate may properly vote if he wishes to do so. The Lords have never formally adopted a resolution on the subject, because it is presumed that the personal honor of a peer will prevent him from forwarding his pecuniary interest in Parliament; but they are exempted by standing order from serving on any committee on a private bill in which they are interested.”

Here is a resolution which certainly these gentlemen have advocated upon the ground that they have a private interest in restricting the company to Port Moody as the terminus.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—No.

HON. MR. PLUMB—I beg the hon. gentleman's pardon. That is the ground on which they advocate the amendment—on the principle that at Port Moody they have made investments on the strength of the promise that the terminal buildings of the Canadian Pacific Railway shall be erected there. Now they propose by a resolution to compel the erection of those buildings. If that is not in support of their personal interest I fail to have any logical idea of anything. I certainly, myself, should not suggest that they should not vote. The very courteous manner in which my hon. friend on my right has treated me would prevent me making such a suggestion. His manner being that of a gentleman I should be glad to facilitate him, and I should be very sorry that the suggestion has arisen, but there is the precise wording of the regulation at page 395.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—Does my hon. friend say that this is a Bill of a private nature?

HON. MR. PLUMB—No, it simply says where members are interested in a private matter.

HON. MR. MCINNES—“Private Bill” it says.

HON. MR. PLUMB—It makes no difference; they say their interest leads them to offer this resolution. The hon. gentlemen have stated it as plainly as possible. The hon. gentleman said, in the first place, that on the strength of the promise that the Government should have the station and other buildings at Port Moody, and to make that the terminus for the railway, he had, himself, made investments, and led other people to make them. Then he proposes a resolution to compel the Government to erect those buildings there. Now, if that is not in furtherance of his interests, I fail to understand anything about business.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I have a very few words to say on this measure before I give this vote. I cannot be accused of being adverse to anything calculated to benefit the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. I am one of those who voted for the contract, and for the \$30,000,000 loan. I said at the beginning of the session, when it was stated that the loan this year would be for \$15,000,000, that I would vote for it. I, said further, that if the company would ask, not for a loan but a gift, I would vote for it, so strongly am I in favor of that road and in favor of the development of the North West and of the terms of Union with British Columbia being carried out. So I cannot be accused in this instance of being influenced by any hostility to the Canadian Pacific Railway, but I have sat here during the whole of this debate and heard the arguments on both sides, and I must say if I am bound, as I believe I am, to stand up, as I always endeavor to do, for what is right, I cannot help voting for the amendment, and I say the reverse is not equitable or just. The Government have made their choice: the choice was made years ago of Port Moody as the terminus. To-day by some side wind an attempt is being made to evade that decision, and I cannot give my support to anything of the kind. I am responsible, not only here, but later I shall be answerable for every vote I give in this Chamber. That is my opinion, and when I vote I must be convinced that I am right before my vote is recorded. I believe that the change of the terminus is a great wrong. Hon. gentlemen in this House may take