

That all the words after "Report" be struck out and the following substituted:—

"That they have made diligent enquiries into all the matters submitted to them, have held 29 sittings, examined 29 witnesses on oath; inspected numerous maps, plans and documents, and have arrived at the following conclusions:—

"1st. That the selection of the *Kaministiquia River* as the western harbour of the *Canada Pacific Railway* on *Lake Superior* was most judicious; inasmuch as the said river affords ample space for wharfage, where vessels may lie in deep water, protected from all winds, and discharge or load alongside the rails.

"2nd. That access to the said river in its present state is neither difficult nor dangerous for ordinary lake steam vessels, drawing ten feet, or even more, and that it may be rendered both easy and safe for vessels drawing 13 feet, by the expenditure of a comparatively small sum in dredging.

"3rd. That the dredging operations already effected on the bar have proved successful, and demonstrate beyond doubt the practicability of obtaining 13 feet of water there, with a channel 66 feet wide, by the expenditure of \$18,050, and that any additional width of channel which may be deemed necessary, may be obtained by a proportionate outlay. On this and other points connected therewith, your Committee may be allowed to refer to the valuable evidence of Colonel *Kingsford*, who was specially employed to report on the capabilities respectively of the *Kaministiquia* and *Prince Arthur's Landing*.

"4th. That, in view of the prospective increase in the size and draft of vessels navigating the lakes, the *Kaministiquia* may, without difficulty, be adapted to such increase, its bed being composed of alluvial deposits easily removed by dredging.

"5th. That several Master Mariners and Engineers of large experience have given in evidence their opinions, and agree as to the unrivalled capabilities of the *Kaministiquia*, and its special adaptation for the purposes contemplated.

Captain *James B. Symes* gave his experience as to the periods when he had entered or left the river and harbour of *Thunder Bay*, and confirmed it by extracts from his ships' log books extending over nine years, from 1869 to 1877 inclusive.

"6th. That an ample area for station grounds, conveniently situated on the river's bank, has been secured on favourable terms, and that in the opinion of your Committee the Valuers appointed by Government performed the difficult duty of treating with the owners of a number of town plots for the purchase thereof, with discretion, firmness and integrity.

"7th. That the rival Port at *Prince Arthur's Landing*, though it undoubtedly possesses many advantages for ordinary traffic, is not so well adapted for a harbour and terminus as the *River Kaministiquia* and grounds adjacent; and in this opinion your Committee consider they are fully sustained by the valuable and independent testimony of Colonel *Kingsford*.

"All which is respectfully submitted."

The question being put thereon; the Committee divided; and the names were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

Haythorne,
Scott,

Simpson.—3.

NON-CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

Aikins,
Girard,
Macpherson,

Sutherland,
Vidal,
Wilmot.—6.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and
The Report was then adopted, without amendment, on the same division.