

MR. BLAKE: I would not pay the publishers for their distribution, with such advertisements in them.

MR. POPE: I do not suppose he would. No money has been paid for it; and perhaps I would not either.

MR. BLAKE: If you had known enough.

MR. POPE: The hon. gentleman is the seat of all knowledge, and when I want to learn anything, I have only to cross the floor to him. I repeat there might be advertisements put at the end of the pamphlets of which we could know nothing, not having seen them. I saw the pamphlets published by the hon. member for South Perth (Mr. Trow) on the North-West, through which he travelled, and for which publication he may have pocketed public money. It no doubt contained great information, but people disposed to find fault might have quarrelled with it, perhaps, in some respects. It should have been shown to the hon. member for West Durham, who is a man of judgment in all things; his *ipse dixit* would be taken—nobody else knows enough.

MR. TROW: I understood the hon. the Minister of Agriculture to say I pocketed public money for my pamphlet on Manitoba. I defy the hon. gentleman to prove that I ever pocketed one cent, but on the contrary spent \$2,000 of my own money travelling in the North-West, purposely to gather reliable information to encourage immigration. I challenge the hon. gentleman to prove I received a cent from anybody.

MR. POPE: Amend your motion to include 1875, and we shall see whether you did or not.

MR. TROW: I do not object to amend my motion as suggested by the hon. the Minister of Railways. If the hon. member for Compton (Mr. Pope) desires to prove I pocketed public money, he can amend the motion as he pleases. I now pledge myself that I will give to the poor of this city \$2,000, if the hon. Minister can prove that I ever received or asked to receive one cent; further, I would not have taken it had it been offered me.

MR. POPE: The hon. gentleman need not put up the money. I will take his word for it.

Motion, as amended, *agreed to.*

MR. BLAKE.

MAILS BETWEEN LONDON AND EVELYN POST OFFICES.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

MR. OLIVER, in moving for an Order of the House for a return of copies of all correspondence between the Postmaster-General, or the officers of the Post Office Department, and Mr. John Burns, of West Nissouri, relative to the carrying of the mail between Evelyn post-office and the city of London, said: I would like to state to the Postmaster-General my reasons for making this motion. It appears that a tender was asked for by the Department for carrying the mails between Evelyn and the city of London, twice a week, and that Mr. Burns tendered for it. He received an answer to his tender on the 24th of December, 1879, stating that his tender, being the lowest, was accepted. He was to get \$115 a year for carrying the mail between these two points. He received, a day or two after, a letter from the postmaster of Evelyn, asking him to come to the post-office and sign the papers in connection with the service, but before that date he received a notice from the London office, dated the 2nd January, which was as follows:—

"I beg to advise you that the Postmaster-General has been pleased to cancel the acceptance of your tender for the Evelyn and London mail service, and to leave matters as they are for the present."

I will not trouble the House by reading a copy of the letter sent by Mr. Burns to the Postmaster-General, asking for some explanation with reference to the cancellation of his tender, and to which letter he never received an answer. I know Mr. Burns personally. He is a man of high character; he was in the service some seven years previous to that time as postmaster and carrier of the mail, and discharged his duties, according to the general testimony of the neighbourhood, to the satisfaction of the public and the Department. What I want to know is why this tender was cancelled. Of course, the present Postmaster-General was not Postmaster-General at that time, but he must, nevertheless, be able to state to the House the reason for the cancellation of this tender. I know that Mr. Burns is an active and pronounced Reformer. I am sure that my hon. friend from London (Mr. Carling) or East Middlesex (Mr. Macmillan)