

enlarged to meet the natural increase of the work. There are now some eight workshops along the line. There is one at Riviere du Loup, one at St. Flavie, one at Campbelltown, one at Miramichi, one at Truro, one at Pictou Landing, and one at Richmond, so that it will be found that the workshops have not really been removed from Richmond; that there are workshops there and at all the points I have named. But what is probably correct is, that since this report of Mr. Brydges, in June, 1874—after the change of Government—the workshops at Halifax have been curtailed. He states in the report that the ground is not favorable for enlargement; and I have no doubt but that the difference in the number of men now employed at Richmond and Moncton is more than in June, 1874. That difference, hon. gentlemen will see on page 44 of the report, was only 18, so that if there has been any curtailment of the workshops at Richmond, it has been since then, and I hope the hon. gentleman will get such reports as will set the matter at rest.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY said he rose not for the purpose of discussing this motion, but of protesting against this House being used as an arena for such discussions as the present one. The hon. gentleman who made this motion had made it expressly, and in terms, for the purpose of removing certain doubts in his own mind, in consequence of contradictory statements made in the recent electoral campaign in his own county. Was it wise that the time of this House should be taken up in fastening a charge upon an hon. gentleman who took a prominent part in the campaign who was not a member of this House, but whose statement could be challenged if necessary in the House of which he was a member. He thought the hon. gentleman would best consult his own dignity by withdrawing this motion after the satisfactory statement of the hon. member for Londonderry. He did not know what course the Government would take upon this motion, but he would protest against this House being used to settle election squabbles that had originated in a campaign in Nova Scotia.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said there could be no possible objection to the motion going. It was a very ordinary one, asking for papers to be brought down. He was sorry to say that he had not caught all the ex-

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pressions made use of by the hon. the mover, and he could not say how far this might reflect on the position of any hon. gentleman in the other Chamber. He thought it would be very unfortunate that any statement should be made that would reflect on any gentleman in the other House. As the motion simply asked for information he would let it go, and the papers would be brought down.

Hon. Mr. POWER said he had studiously avoided saying that any hon. gentleman had stated what was not true. He had said that there was a good deal of doubt and misapprehension on the subject, and he was anxious the doubt should be removed as far as he was concerned himself, and as far as other interested persons were concerned, and he was sure that there was nothing improper in that. The hon. gentleman from Prince Edward Island (Hon. Mr. Haviland) had objected to anything of a partizan nature being introduced here; but a great many resolutions adopted in this House were of that character. He had only made this motion to elicit information which he thought any member of this House was entitled to, when it was in the hands of the Government to give it. He had said nothing whatever against the selection of Moncton as the headquarters of the railway; that was a matter about which he, as everyone else, had his own opinion. He thought it would have been very much better to have left the headquarters at Halifax, but that was a matter not now under consideration. The hon. gentleman from Londonderry had called attention to the report of Mr. Brydges. He (Hon. Mr. Power) had seen it quoted in a letter of the hon. gentleman to the *Halifax Herald*, and he did not think there was much importance to be attached to it, because it was not carried into effect. The letter of the superintendent at Richmond showed that there was as much work being done there now as at any other time, and, as he had just said, if Mr. Brydges did report in favor of the removal, his recommendation had never been carried out. He presumed the reason why the disproportion between the number of men employed at Richmond and at Moncton is greater now than at the time the hon. gentleman from Londonderry had spoken of, was that in 1874 the road had not been completed, and the work was being done,