

sorry to believe at last that this work was to be virtually abandoned. He would vote against the amendment of the hon. Premier.

Me. KIRKPATRICK congratulated the Government on the decision at which they had arrived in this matter. He thought they had done the right thing in adhering to the principle that money ought not to be voted by this House for works of doubtful practical utility. There could be no doubt that the Baie Verte Canal partook of that character judging from the diverse statements made by the two engineers who had examined the project. He denounced the principal laid down by the hon. member for South Bruce that money voted for a particular purpose should under certain circumstances be expended on others. The principle was bad and should not be countenanced.

Mr. MCKAY (Cape Breton) said during the discussion a few nights ago it was pretty generally understood that the amount in the estimates should not be expended till the Government obtained such information as would justify them in coming to the conclusion that it was an enterprise which they could properly undertake. For his part he hoped the Government would place no larger sum in the estimates than would be necessary to enable them to arrive at such a conclusion. He was surprised at the remarks of the hon. member for Cumberland to the effect that there was an understanding between the Government and members from Nova Scotia, that if they would assist in killing off the Baie Verte Canal scheme they would receive grants of money to be spent in their constituencies. The hon. member must know that the same members from Nova Scotia, who were opposed to the Baie Verte Canal scheme, were opposed to it during the time of the late Government, and, therefore, their present opposition to it could not arise from any motive such as was attributed to them.

Mr. DOMVILLE said that last year the Government had placed a sum of \$500,000 in the estimates for this work, and he then asked the Premier if it was intended to spend that money. The Premier replied that he had but newly entered his department and it could hardly be expected that he could be in a position

to form any definite judgment upon the question, and he (Mr. DOMVILLE) was disposed at that time to think that there was some justice in the remark of the hon. gentleman. But what was he to believe now when, after having placed \$1,000,000 in the estimates, and having by advertisement announced that tenders would be called for, the proposition was made that there should be no expenditure upon the work at all, this next year, further than was necessary to procure more information. In the first instance they promised in the Speech from the Throne that the work would be proceeded with; then \$500,000 was placed in the estimates; then it was announced that tenders would be called for; then \$1,000,000 was placed in the estimates; and now, when nearly all the rest of the estimates were passed, the Government came down and said they would only ask for a vote of \$20,000. What were the people of New Brunswick to think of such a course as that? Would they not be justified in saying that the Government of the day had been deceiving them, and that the hopes they had held out of building this canal were entirely delusive. He would not have felt called upon to say one word on this subject, had he not seen that the majority from New Brunswick who supported the Government remaining silent upon this important subject. He did not apply this remark to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, because as his constituency was specially interested in this work, it might be said that he had a personal interest in the matter if he advocated the prosecution of the project. The people of New Brunswick were strongly in favor of this canal, not only because it would be a benefit to them, but because it would promote trade with the Upper Provinces, and he did not think that they would be willing to accept as an equivalent, certain grants of money for other purposes. Especially, he did not think they would be satisfied if this money were spent in railways under the supervision of men who had been most concerned with their railways hitherto.

Mr. GILLMOR said the hon. member for Kings had asked what the people of New Brunswick would think of the proposal of the Government. He (Mr. GILLMOR) did not like the hon. gentleman to profess to speak for all the people of