

EXPLANATION.

These Extracts were taken from the only reports of Debates found in the Parliamentary Library, Ottawa, and include all that is reported to have been said, during debate, in the Legislative Council of British Columbia and in the Dominion Parliament about Railway Lands, when the question of the admission of that Province into the Confederation was under discussion in 1871.

The Extracts, from the Parliamentary Debates, in 1869, on the proposed admission of Newfoundland, have been added to establish more clearly the real reason, why the Dominion Government offered to give British Columbia, after the Financial Terms proposed by the latter were rejected, \$100,000 a year for ever for a 20-mile belt of land on each side of the Railway through that Province.

The Financial Statements, on pages 1 and 2, show what Subsidies British Columbia proposed, and what were offered by Canada and agreed to.

The Appendix contains an extract from an Act of 1875 conveying to the Dominion, a 20-mile belt of land on each side of the proposed Railway between Esquimalt and Nanaimo ; and, also, an Act of 1880 conveying to the Dominion Government, a 20-mile belt of Land on each side of the Railway between English Bay, Burrard Inlet, and the summit of Tête Jaune Pass on the eastern boundary of British Columbia.

In the Appendix, there is, also, a letter, dated " Victoria April 14th, 1830," addressed to the Attorney General of British Columbia, by Mr. Trutch, a Confidential Agent of the Dominion Government, in which that gentleman, in the name of that Government, requests the Provincial Government to transfer to the Dominion, outside of the 40-mile belt, but does not mention where, " an equal area of lands suitable for farming or other valuable purposes," in lieu of those lands within the 40-mile railway land belt that, on investigation, may be found valueless,—and has thus raised a question that is entirely new—never heard of before.

My own intimate personal knowledge of the history of the union of British Columbia with Canada enables me to state, that this entirely new