

really the intention. It must be obvious to every person that the work cannot be really proceeded with now, in accordance with the contract, or with the engagement made with one of the provinces, that it should be commenced within little more than a month. I wish to speak as considerably as possible of the Canada Pacific Railway Company; but it is notorious they have failed. Private advices in all directions bring the same report, that they have failed utterly—not because of the magnitude of the undertaking, but because the parties interested in it are, and the enterprise in their hands is utterly discredited. The course pursued by these gentlemen has not only rendered the failure of the undertaking in their hands inevitable, but it has put out of the question the possibility of the achievement of this work by a private company, and it must now be carried out by the Government of the country. I hope this vote is asked for with a view to proceeding with it in that sense. As I understand Parliament is to adjourn, not to be prorogued, I am not without hope that when we are assembled here a couple of months hence the Government will be prepared with a scheme for carrying out this great enterprise as a public work. I hope that before the end of this period, in this interval, the Government will see that this Company's scheme has brought great discredit on the country at large, and that the public interest, the public self-respect, requires this incubus should be shaken off, and that the country should be free to proceed as Parliament may deem the public interest demands. It is a poor satisfaction to me to say that I always expected this result, but such nevertheless is the fact. I believed the parties now at work never would succeed in convincing capitalists in Europe, or in inducing them to interest themselves in the enterprise, or in securing their confidence. I always thought, whoever were concerned with the chief promoters of the present company would be involved in failure and discredit, and I believe that is the fate of every man connected intimately, prominently and ostensibly with the company. From the time I knew of the conspiracy to sell the undertaking to our American rivals, I had but one expectation; that is, conviction of its failure. That conspiracy, I am very much afraid, is not yet at an end; it is as much in vigour now as ever it was. The company now seek to carry out what was originally commenced in a spirit antagonistic to the best interest of the country, by representations incorrect, in fact, fraudulent to British capitalists.

I therefore beg to inquire, whether in asking Parliament to authorize the expenditure of the sum of \$500,000, included in the estimates for 1873-74, on the survey of the Canadian Pacific Railway—during the twelve months from the 1st of July next—it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the exploration of the country between Lake Nipissing and the Pacific Ocean, and with the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway as a public work, temporarily or otherwise, in the event of Sir Hugh Allan and his associates failing to obtain the support of British capitalists in favor of their scheme for constructing the said Railway.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—Again, I think, the hon. gentleman has pushed to extremes the latitude usually allowed to hon. members putting questions. The practice is to allow only such remarks as may be necessary for the elucidation of questions, in order that the House may fully understand them. I do not know what his private advices from England may be, but if his correspondence is tinged with his own feelings, I am not surprised at the reported failure of the loan. It is quite evident what the desire of the hon. gentleman is—namely, that the loan should prove a failure.

Hon. Mr. MACPHERSON—Certainly.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—That is not the information which has reached the Government. They have no information pointing to such a disastrous result. We hope the result will be very different, and much more fortunate. The honorable gentleman apparently believes that no scheme which does not originate with him can succeed, and that no body of persons, of whom he does not constitute one, could, by any possibility carry on this or any other important undertaking. I venture to tell him, however, he deceives himself. My answer is that should the sum referred to, or any other sum be granted by Parliament, for the work of surveys of the Pacific Railway, and the present proposal in the other House is for completing the survey, it will be expended for the purpose and in accordance with the terms upon which it is voted.

AFTER RECESS.

The House met and passed a number of Bills through first and second readings, and adjourned till Friday.

Hon. Mr. MACPHERSON said he would postpone his resolutions till Friday. In fact he did not intend to proceed with