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SPEECHES

OF

MR. DECOSMOS

ON

DE HORSEY'S REPORT, TRADE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

AND

MONEY PAID TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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HANSARD REPORT!

(Corrected.)

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Monday, Feb., 18th, 1878.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TERMINUS OF THE PACIFIC RAILWAY.

MOTION FOR REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. DECOSMOS moved for a copy of any reports in possession of the Government made in 1877 by Admiral De Horsey respecting the port or ports most suited for a terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway in British Columbia, with a copy of any correspondence respecting the same with the Imperial Government. He said he was aware that the Admiral in command of Her Majesty's squadron on

the Pacific had been invited by the Admiralty, and he did not doubt by the Government of this Dominion, to make a personal enquiry as to the port or ports most suitable for the terminus of the Pacific Railway on the Pacific coast. He (Mr. DeCosmos) had given notice of his motion before the report of the hon. the Minister of Public Works was sent down to the House. He found that in that report no mention whatever was made of any report from Admiral De Horsey. He had reason to believe, before he left the Province of British Columbia, that a copy of that report had been forwarded to this Government. If they turned to the report of Mr. Fleming, Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, issued in the spring or summer of last year, they found that reports had been received and condensed from different