

a survey of the route, and I presume his report is in the hands of the Government. With respect to St. Peter's Canal, it is well known that it is too narrow for the large class of vessels who are likely to make use of it. If the work in question is opened up, there is no doubt whatever that the amount of shipping that will avail itself of both canals will be very large in the course of time, inasmuch as they will afford such admirable facilities for reaching the very valuable coal mines of Sydney. Instead of being exposed to the dangerous navigation of the Atlantic coast of the Island at certain seasons, especially dangerous in the vicinity of Scattarie, these vessels will be enabled to avail themselves of the secure passage by the inland waters of the Bras d'Or Lake and Spanish River up to the wharves at Sydney where they can load with celerity. It must be borne in mind that the coal mines of Cape Breton are the most extensive in the Dominion, and are already connected with the noble harbor of Sydney by lines of railway. In the face of the hostile American tariff, the coal export is still two thirds of the whole sent out of Nova Scotia; and under a more favorable commercial arrangement with the United States, the production must, in the course of time, reach to millions of tons annually. We have already great facilities in the shape of railways and wharves for carrying on the trade, and eventually Sydney must become one of the largest and busiest towns of the Dominion. We also expect one day to see the mines connected with Louisbourg, an admirable harbour, open at all seasons, and the nearest Atlantic port of the Dominion to Europe. I am quite sure that the attention of the Government will be drawn to this flourishing section of Canada, and that they will not fail to consider its requirements, and grant those sums of money which are absolutely necessary for the development of its large industrial resources.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—I asked the hon. gentleman who is at the head of the Public Works whether there was any report on the subject, and understood from him that none was in the possession of the Department. Now that my hon. friend has referred to the report of Mr. McNab, I will make further inquiry into the subject. I was also informed by the Minister of Public Works that it is his intention to instruct the engineer detailed, to examine the St. Peter's Canal, also to report on the work proposed between Bras d'Or and Sydney River. Of course, when that report is received, the Government

will be in a position to state something definite with respect to the Canal in question. I had the pleasure last summer of visiting Sydney in company with my hon. colleague, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and seeing the hon. gentlemen opposite (Hon. Messrs. Archibald and Bourinot), and I confess I was both delighted and astonished at the spaciousness and security of the harbour—decidedly not surpassed on this continent. When I consider the existence of its extensive coal mines, and their close proximity to the sea, I can have no doubt as to the future of the fine Island to which my hon. friend has just referred. I trust that he will believe that the Government are anxious in every way possible to promote its prosperity. When I look at the Bras d'Or Lake, I can easily believe that screw steamers, likely hereafter to take the place of sailing vessels, would follow the route proposed to be established.

Hon. Mr. BOURINOT—There are now several screw steamers on their way from Great Britain, to enter into the coal trade of Cape Breton.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—Therefore the navigation of the Bras d'Or is more important than ever. The Government will not fail to give the subject all the consideration to which it is entitled.

MANITOBA JUDICIARY.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD asked the Government—When does the Government intend to complete the judicial organization of the Province of Manitoba, and to appoint Judges for the administration of justice within the limits of that Province?

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—I beg to say that the official copy of the Act under which the judiciary of Manitoba has been arranged, has been only recently received in this part of the country, and that we have not yet had time to make the appointment of the judges required under its provisions. The Government, however, expect that the organization of the judiciary in the Province will be completed at an early date.

MANITOBA LAND QUESTION.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD—As this honorable House is aware, I am one of the representatives of that new Province, whose organization is still far from being completed so as to meet the wants and necessities of the people. You must have seen by the public prints that there has been a good deal of discontent in the Province on account of the land question. I have just