

he will bring it down and with it the report of the evidence taken at the investigation, so that the people may be the judges whether my statement is sustained by the evidence. What does the second report say? It says that the Government of this country is wasting \$20,000 a year on the Welland Canal. That is a serious matter, and if it is true, I do not see why it should be hid. But let us have this report: let the Government acknowledge that it is an official report, and not say that they do not know whether it is official or not. They asked this commissioner to make a second report; therefore it must be official. By accident it got into the newspapers; otherwise we would not have known anything about it at all. I would urge again, without making any formal motion in the House, that the evidence taken at that investigation be laid upon the Table and then it will be for the Printing Committee to have it published. If it is published, the money will be well expended. It will show to the people of this country how an important public work has been conducted under the management of the parties, who are still, I am sorry to say, in charge of it, after all that has been shown against them. The Government has had plenty of time to know whether my statements to this House are correct or not. If they are correct, why are these parties kept in their positions conducting an important public work? I have stated in this House, and I stand by every word I uttered, that this man Ellis took \$3,250 for himself, and that he wasted \$33,672 of the public money, as far as I could get at it, and I am satisfied from what has come to my knowledge since, that I did not get at 5 per cent. of the wrong-doings on the Welland Canal. I do not want to take up the time of the House telling an old story, but if my hon. friend will lay the two reports on the Table with the evidence taken at the investigation, I am willing to discuss it clause by clause and show the people of this country that my allegations are true. This gentleman, to whom the motion refers, in his first report, misquotes evidence in order to hide facts from the Government of this country that they should know. I cannot imagine why he did it. I cannot believe for a moment that it was an error of judgment: there must be some other ground for it. The Government were not satisfied with

the first report, and they got him to make a second one, and in that he comes right down pretty close to the evidence, because he states that a large amount of money could be saved which is at present wasted on the Welland Canal. He comes down pretty near to what I stated. We have the first report, such as it is. He censures the wrong-doers even there: he says that thy did wrong, but that they did not mean to do it. We have the first report; give us the second report and the evidence, and let them go to the people and it will be a warning to evil-doers hereafter and we will get a proper administration of the public works of this country.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—If the hon. gentleman had moved for the second report, or called my attention to it after the little discussion that took place here, I would undoubtedly have endeavored to get it, but as he did not mention it to me again and it was informally discussed, it never occurred to me afterwards. However, I have made a note of it and will enquire what decision has been arrived at. There can be no objection to bringing down the evidence, but for form's sake, it would be better for him to put a notice on the paper calling for it. It will be a big job copying such a voluminous report, and will take some time, but if the hon. gentleman requires it the report must be brought down.

HON. MR. McCALLUM—I will read what the hon. gentleman said on the occasion to which I have referred: "If the Government determine to treat this as an official report, it will be laid before the House. In a few days the decision will be arrived at." I depended on my leader laying that on the Table; that is why I did not move in the matter at all. Does the hon. gentleman require me to give notice? There is his own promise. I depended on him before, and I will depend on him now if he says he will bring down the report.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—My hon. friend is a little unreasonable. I have not had any information as to the decision about this report, and if my hon. friend desired to have it, he sits near me and he might simply have said to me: "Have you heard anything about the report?" I confess it passed out of my mind, but now that he has reminded me of it I will enquire what has been done; but as respects the evidence,