

other statements that I intended to call attention to, one of which reads as follows:—

At the risk of hurting the feelings of our fellow Canadians of that province I must transcribe the remarks of more than one authority, 'The people of New Brunswick do not know their own province.'

They describe the interior of the province as abounding in good timber and good tracts of agricultural land, and this statement is given in quotation marks as coming from one of the high authorities who are carrying on this survey. I certainly felt it very desirable that the representatives of the province of New Brunswick, both in this chamber and in the House of Commons, should at the earliest opportunity be informed as they have not the knowledge now, as this article assumes, of the physical features and also the agricultural resources of the province from which they come. The statement that a line could be found having the grades which are referred to in this article came, I confess, as a surprise to me, and I would like to know whether the statement of the government is to the effect that they have not the information, or that the commission has not information at the present time which justifies them in making a statement of that kind.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I thought I was very explicit. I said the government had no information whatever on the subject, and that on application to the commission they said any surveys that they had made were purely exploratory. After that statement I think the hon. gentleman should have been satisfied that the statements of the government ought to be accepted rather than those of opposition newspapers.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—I am quite willing to accept the statement of the government. I only wish to understand if the hon. gentleman can give me the information. If he cannot give the information of course I must accept his statement. I think he has not quite appreciated my question.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Yes, I thoroughly understood it. I said we really had no information on the subject.

REPORT OF MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

INQUIRY DROPPED.

The Order of the Day being called:

That he will inquire whether the report of the Minister of Railways and Canals for the

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year ending the 30th June, 1903, has been published in the usual book form?

Why there are no copies in the Library available for reference?

Hon. Mr. WOOD—I have since putting the question on the order paper received a blue-book giving the report of the Minister of Railways and Canals of last year, through the courtesy of the hon. Secretary of State, and this answers all my purposes.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The answer was that it was distributed just in the ordinary way at the proper time. I have no doubt a copy was available for the hon. gentleman at the distribution office. The department sent the usual number to the Library. It so happened that they were all out.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—There are none to be found there.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I sent the hon. gentleman a copy of it myself.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—Yes.

The motion was dropped.

DELAYED RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Before the House adjourns, as we are to be absent for a few weeks, would the hon. Secretary of State be kind enough to press that matter to which I drew his attention in reference to returns I asked for last year and the year before?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—If the hon. gentleman will send me a letter, at his leisure, calling attention to the particular returns so that I can make the inquiry I shall be very glad to do so.

The Senate adjourned, until Monday, the 13th February, at 3 p.m.

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Ottawa, Monday, February, 13, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

The Senate adjourned.