

tended to be carried out—it is unfortunate they should have been made at all. I know, as a matter of fact, that people did purchase there, solely on the faith of those representations, and one can easily understand how great an attraction to any place would be the establishment of a Capital, like that of the Province of Assiniboia, where the divisional terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway would also be, as well as the North-West Mounted Police barracks, the Governor's residence, and that of the North-West Council. Now, these are all gone, and the people there feel very much disappointed, grievously disappointed, and they trust that, in some way, relief will be given to those who invested their money on the strength of those representations. In moving for these papers, I hope the Minister who has charge of this Department will see that the returns moved for last Session are brought down, as well as the papers I now ask for. I, therefore, move for:

Copies of all Orders-in-Council respecting the location of the Seat of Government for the North-West Territories at Regina.

Copies of correspondence having reference to the selection of Regina as the Capital of the said Territories.

Copies of all correspondence between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the North-West Land Company, or the Agents of the said Companies and the Government respecting the said Town Site.

Copies of any agreement or agreements between the said Companies or either of them and the Government respecting the sale of lots in said town, showing the interest each of said parties to said agreements had therein; the conditions on which the Government agreed to the said selection; the terms on which the lots in said town were to be sold. Also, a Return showing the number of lots sold, the aggregate price, the amount paid, the amount unpaid, the Agent acting for the Government in effecting sales, the instructions to such Agent, his reports; all correspondence from any of the parties aforesaid during the year 1883; all complaints or remonstrances respecting the violation of the conditions on which said lots were sold.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I am sorry the papers were not brought down last Session. I do not really know now why they were not. There was a great amount of work thrown upon the Department in the way of making the returns that were so largely moved for last Session, and were so very generally granted. I shall see that the papers are brought down at once. I stated generally last Session that an arrangement was made between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Government that they should have a joint interest in it. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company being a commercial company, and of course, it being their interest to get as large a sum of money for the lots in the city as possible, the Government thought that they might well be appointed instead of an ordinary Government Land Agent, to lay out the town sites, in a joint interest, the expenses being in common, and the net proceeds being divided. Of course, I cannot speak as to the representations made at the sales on the spot, but after the statement made by the hon. gentleman I shall feel it my duty to call upon the Canadian Pacific Railway to get a statement from their agent as to what representations were made by themselves, by their agents, or by any official, or anyone that may have been employed in the matter. So far as the Government is concerned, the only understanding which was entered into and the only statement made was that the town of Regina should be the capital of Assiniboia and of the North-West until, in process of time, that country was divided into different Provinces, each of which would, of course, have its own capital. That was one statement or promise, and that has been carried out. The seat of Government is at Regina; the Lieutenant Governor is at Regina. I understand the hon. gentleman says that persons complain—he does not make the complaint himself—that the Lieutenant Governor's residence is in the environs, in the vicinity of Regina, and is not situated within the town plot or the locality which is at present laid out into town lots. But that complaint will not hold water for a moment. The residence is in the immediate vicinity of Regina, and Regina is made the capital. I do not think there was any breach of the pledge

Mr. CAMERON (Huron).

made by the Government of the day and by Parliament when Her Majesty selected Ottawa to be the seat of Government for the Dominion, because the Governor General's residence is at New Edinburgh, not in the city of Ottawa. And the same remark applies to Regina. It is convenient that the Lieutenant Governor's house should not be in the commercial part of the town, but should have some ground attached to it; and I suppose that the Governor's house with its grounds well laid out, will prove a substantial ornament and advantage to Regina. So with respect to the Mounted Police. It was stated that whenever the railway should be built, the Mounted Police, instead of being stationed in small detachments all over the country, should have their headquarters at Regina. And that has been carried out. The largest body assembled at one place is assembled at the Regina barracks. These are not within the town site, because it was found necessary for the efficiency of the force that there should be a very considerable tract of land about the barracks. The barracks are on the line of the railway, and all the promises made by the Government in this regard have been carried out. As regards representations that have been made and correspondence between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Government, and representations made by any officer of the company, these constitute an important matter. I will see that the papers are brought down without any delay, and then the hon. gentleman will have an opportunity of discussing with myself and in the House, the whole subject to which his motion refers.

Motion agreed to.

#### IMPORTATIONS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR.

Mr. PATERSON (Brant). I think the House should have information at a very early date with regard to the quantity of wheat and flour that has been imported into and exported from the various Provinces of the Dominion. Judging from a remark made by the Minister of Customs the other day, I thought that a motion asking for this information up to December 31st, might involve a little delay, as the returns might not have been received from all the Provinces. I have, therefore, prepared two motions on the subject, in the hope that the return asked for in the first motion may be given to the House immediately and the other as soon as practicable. I beg to move for a return showing the quantity of wheat and flour imported into and exported from the various Provinces of the Dominion, during the five months ending 30th November, 1883.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. PATERSON (Brant). I further beg to move for a return showing the quantity of wheat and flour and corn and cornmeal imported into and exported from the various Provinces of the Dominion, during the month of December, 1883.

Motion agreed to.

#### DRAWBACKS ON GOODS MANUFACTURED FOR EXPORT.

Mr. PATERSON (Brant). I have had occasion at different times to make a motion similar to the one I am about to place in your hands, Mr. Speaker. I make this motion for a two-fold reason. In the first place, I desire that this return may be a continuous one, and I move it, therefore, from the date when the last one was presented to the House till now. In the second place, I move it for the purpose of bringing before the notice of the Minister of Customs a fault of which I think he has been guilty, with a view to its being remedied, though I certainly thought it would not have been necessary to have brought this subject again before the House. The hon. Minister must be aware from the returns placed in our hands for the past year, that