

Port Moody. What did the Government do five or six years ago? As I said the other day, they reserved nearly a mile and a quarter of the best water frontage at Port Moody, and a considerable amount of land adjoining it. What was that reserved for? The ground was levelled, the trees were felled, and stumps grubbed out, and all was prepared for the erection of those terminal works. That work was going on until the middle of May last. I think it is a poor state of affairs, hon. gentlemen, if we cannot find men enough in our own country to, at least, acquire sufficient knowledge of the country, and the requirements for the terminus of a great road like that. It has also been stated, I believe, by certain interested parties that Port Moody is a small harbor. It is not a very large harbor, but it is four miles in length, with an average of one-half to three-quarters of a mile in width. We have ten miles of as good anchorage and dockage there as can be found in the world. I think that is quite ample for the Pacific Railway for the next 50 or 100 years. They claim that they require a large amount of dockage for the Asiatic trade. What is the great Asiatic trade that the Premier refers to here that it is necessary to extend the road down to English Bay to accommodate? In San Francisco, where they have the terminus of the Central Pacific Railway as well as the Southern Pacific, there is only one Asiatic steamship coming in there every two weeks, and if it is for the Asiatic trade I would like to ask what difference it would make for a ship after coming five or six or eight thousand miles, to go twelve miles along as fine a stretch of inland navigation as is to be found anywhere, at the end of a journey of that length? Of course they would go to the perfect harbor of Port Moody instead of anchoring in an open roadstead like English Bay.

HON. MR. MACDONALD—Do you count the sailing ships coming from China to San Francisco?

HON. MR. MCINNES—I am not counting sailing ships, but if you have reference to all the shipping coming into San Francisco I will leave it to the hon. gentleman's own judgment to say if he

has ever seen more than 50 ships in San Francisco Harbor and Bay at one time?

HON. MR. MACDONALD—That is a large number.

HON. MR. MCINNES—It is a large number, but San Francisco is an old place with a large trade and population, with four times the entire population of British Columbia.

HON. MR. MACDONALD—I never saw that number in Liverpool at one time.

HON. MR. MCINNES—I do not say that I have ever seen that number in San Francisco myself at one time, but I am asking the hon. gentleman if he has ever seen that number there at one time.

HON. MR. MACDONALD—I havenot.

HON. MR. MCINNES—Well, then, it is not necessary that that road should be extended in order to meet this great trade that is going to spring up, on the completion of the Pacific Railway, between this country and Asia. I am sorry to say that I have no faith whatever in that trade. It will scarcely amount to anything, and I will give you my reason for thinking so. As I said before, the Southern and the Central Pacific Railways run to San Francisco. They have been in existence for a number of years, and if they could not attract a greater amount of trade than would warrant more than one steamship in two weeks, are we with our population of 5,000,000, going to attract more trade than the 55,000,000 in the country to the south of us? I do not think it is reasonable to suppose that we will. Then, there is the Northern Pacific, only 100 miles in a direct line south of the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Is there any line of steamers running in connection with that road to any distant foreign country? No. For these reasons I am sorry to think that the Asiatic trade is more imaginary than anything else. Should the Canadian Pacific Railway obtain all the Asiatic trade, it would not amount to two car loads a day. I had a very delicate compliment paid me a day or two ago in this House. The Minister of Justice stated that there was no sense

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