

dismissal, and the causes of such superannuation and dismissal, and the new appointments made during the period from that date up to the 14th February instant.

Motion agreed to.

OFFICIAL REPORTING OF THE DEBATES.

MOTION FOR TENDERS.

MR. ROSS (West Middlesex), moved for a return of the notices asking for tenders for reporting and publishing the Official Debates of this House, together with copies of all tenders received, and of all arrangements or contracts entered into for the reporting and publication of said debates.

Motion agreed to.

REMOVAL OF STEEL RAILS FROM VANCOUVER ISLAND TO FRAZER RIVER.

MOTION FOR PAPERS.

MR. BUNSTER moved for copies of all letters of instruction, for the removal of steel rails from Nanaimo and Esquimalt to Frazer River, B.C., and a statement showing the cost of such removal. He said he owed it to his constituents and the Dominion at large, to make this motion. The rails were landed in Nanaimo in good faith to build the Nanaimo and Esquimalt Railway, making the terminus at Esquimalt, and if the work had been prosecuted in good faith, the road would now be in good running order. When the surveyors appointed had found the route to be a good practical one, and were within a mile of the completion of their survey, they were ordered away because it was reported the Island was hostile to the late Government; and, in order to punish it, these rails were removed from the Island to the mainland. This report was incorrect. All the Island wanted was to support the Government which would build the road in good faith. How sharp they were in moving those rails on the eve of an election, as if they could not stand a few months longer there, after having been there the whole of the previous year, and now an enormous expenditure would have to be incurred to bring them

back. There was no occasion for the removal of these rails. It was not acting in good faith with British Columbia, but trying to get people annoyed and led astray as to where the terminus should be. Esquimalt was the only suitable harbour. It had been recommended by the engineer, and the Admiral, and was the one to which commerce pointed, and hence these rails would have to be brought back, to build the road between Esquimalt and Nanaimo. His motion was a reasonable one, and merited the consideration of the House.

MR. TUPPER said there was no reason why the correspondence asked for should not be brought down.

Motion agreed to.

DISMISSALS FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

MR. CAMERON (South Huron) moved for a return showing the names of all persons who have been dismissed or removed from office, or who have been superannuated, and the causes of such dismissal, removal or superannuation, or who have resigned, since the 10th October, 1878; showing the office or position such persons occupied, and whether on the permanent staff or in the temporary employ of the Government or otherwise in the public service, and when such dismissal, removal, superannuation or resignation took place.

MR. KIRKPATRICK said he thought the desire the hon. gentleman embodied in these resolutions was a very laudable one; but, at the same time, the interest which the public took in the matter would not, in his opinion, be satisfied without they obtained some further information so as to allow them to draw comparisons between the action of the present occupants of the Treasury benches and those who formerly occupied them. With a desire to get that information, he would move, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that the following be added to the resolution: "Also for a similar return, showing the names of all persons dismissed, removed, or superannuated, or who resigned between 4th November, 1873, and 1st April, 1874; and, also, the names of all persons ap-