

that a very few miles further north, the ground was frozen to the depth of thirty feet, and it never thawed out; the miners had to build fires on the ground in order to work it.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said that was not the information he had received, but all these questions had to be decided before the Government would be justified in selecting a route. He would announce that the telegraph contractor, who was now at Ottawa, had that morning received a through telegraphic despatch from Battle River, via Selkirk, within two

hundred miles of Fort Edmonton. This would bear out the statement he had made a few days previous as to the progress of that work.

Hon. Mr. CORNWALL said any hon. gentleman who knew British Columbia, would know that the statement of the Secretary of State that horses and cattle were able to remain out during the winter on the northern route, could not be correct. He did not think there ever was such a thing as a horse or a cow within two hundred miles of the place.

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