

ings elsewhere. Not only are they obliged under that contract and under an Act of Parliament to put up the buildings there, but numerous persons having invested large sums of money upon the faith of Parliament, and expecting those buildings would be constructed there, the Government and Parliament, although they ought not, and I think cannot, under existing acts prevent the extension of the road if the company think proper, at the same time cannot break faith with the people of the country any more than they can with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, having fixed the terminus at Port Moody, people having gone in there under the solemn pledge of the Government, and the leader of the Government in this House having declared that the terminus of the railway, as far as the Government are concerned or can recognize it by Act of Parliament and contract, is at Port Moody. I am contending for public rights, whilst frankly admitting my interest in their maintenance. We have a right to expect nothing more than that this Government will carry out what they agreed to do, what they are pledged to do, what the people of the country expect them to do—to put up the buildings at Port Moody, and under the law they cannot put them anywhere else.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—The hon. gentleman who moved this amendment, and my hon. friend who has just seconded it, have told us with the utmost frankness that they have a personal interest in this matter, and that they are, in fact, advocating their own interests in the speeches which they have made to the House and the amendment which they ask the House to adopt. It has been my fortune to be some years in Parliament, and I never before knew a case where a man proposed a measure in his own interest. The usual rule is where a subject is brought before the House which concerns the interest of any of its members that that member takes no part in the discussion, and if he is particularly sensitive he retires below the bar, so that he may not seem to take any part. The course which has been taken to-day, although I suppose quite within the power of the hon. gentleman, yet seems to me so unusual, and one which I think ought

not to creep into a precedent, that I feel bound to make the observation I have done with reference to its unusual character. In this particular matter, with this interest to serve, the hon. gentleman who proposes the resolution I think mistakes the position of matters, the position of the Government and the position of the company. As regards the position of the Government, they have not altered their arrangement with this company in any way. The arrangement which was made, and which has been referred to by the hon. member from Lunenburg, is an arrangement that still exists. Whatever the Government said about Port Moody, and whatever they stipulated in any contract about that place, remains said and stipulated. No arrangement is proposed by this Bill to alter that bargain in any sort of way. There is no suggestion and can be no suggestion—it is impossible for ingenuity to establish that there is any suggestion in this Bill in any way to absolve the Government from any part of their contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or to absolve the Company from any part of their contract with the Government in regard to the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company or its terminus. The Company and the Government are both bound to construct the railway to Port Moody, and it is to Port Moody only that the Government have retained any of the grant of land. It is only for the purpose of running the line to Port Moody that they have retained a grant, and can anything show more strongly than the fact that they have given up their land between Port Moody and Coal Harbour that they were only concerned in constructing the line to Port Moody?

HON. MR. POWER—Will the Minister allow me to interrupt him one moment while dealing with that question? Will he be kind enough to deal with the question of the terminal buildings?

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I will deal with that subject. The contract is to construct a line to Port Moody, and we have no concern with anything below that point. We could not show more conclusively than we have done that we took no concern in the country lying west