

the headland, nothing whatever has been done.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER: This subject will be embraced in the reports, all of which will be brought down.

MR. ANGLIN: If I understand the Minister of Railways rightly, I have been labouring under a misapprehension. I understood, from reports in the public papers, that a special surveying party was sent out to examine the country in the Peace River District, and ascertain whether that would be the better route for the Railway. I think I now understand that he has received its report. I was under the impression that, if he had received any report, when the Government decided in favour of the Burrard Inlet route it was a report from a number of gentlemen who, starting from the Pacific coast, made their way through the western country, and arrived in this part of the Dominion long before I supposed it would be possible to receive anything like a valuable report from a surveying party sent out to make an examination. I would like to know if one of the reports was received from a party of tourists, including a reverend gentlemen of this city—if in fact that party was not sent out to make a report.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER: The hon. gentleman is entirely under a misapprehension in this matter. Our information is not from a party of tourists, but from some of the ablest engineers in the Government service, Messrs. Cambie and McLeod. Rev. Mr. Gordon accompanied them, being anxious to visit the country in the capacity of a tourist. I dare say he acted to some extent as secretary for those gentlemen, but the report was that of Messrs. Cambie and McLeod. We had their opinions and report before us before the adoption of the Burrard Inlet Route.

Motion, as amended, *agreed to.*

NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCE AND SPAIN.

MOTION FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

MR. MACKENZIE moved for an Address to His Excellency the Governor-General for copies of all instructions given to Canadian Commissioners respecting negotiations with France and Spain, with copies of documents conveying Her Majesty's sanction of such negotiations,

and all correspondence with the Imperial Government on the subject. Also, for a statement showing in detail the several amounts paid to Canadian Commissioners or others in connection with such negotiations, with the names of the recipients and the nature of the services rendered. Also, for copies of all reports made by such Commissioners, or any other documents which will show the progress made with such negotiations. He said: We are informed in the Speech from the Throne that the negotiations in question had the sanction of Her Majesty. We were informed last Session that we would have the first report of the Commissioners down before the House rose last spring, and I hope the hon. gentleman at the head of the Government will see that it is laid on the Table at as early a date as possible. These are papers which will be essential to our discussion of financial and trade questions when they come up.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY: There can be no objection to bringing down these papers, and they will be submitted at a very early date. The correspondence relative to the trade with France was prepared, and we hoped to have been in a position to have laid it before the House at the close of last Session, but there was some confidential correspondence which formed a part of it, between the Minister at Paris and the British Government, which His Excellency the Governor-General was anxious to get permission to make public. It was delayed for that purpose. I think I laid the papers before the hon. the leader of the Opposition the last day of the Session in order that he might have an opportunity of perusing them. There will, however, be no delay in the matter.

MR. MACKENZIE: I desire to say a word in reference to the change of opinion upon this matter of the hon. the leader of the Government. The proposal that Canada should send envoys to foreign countries was denounced in this House. I ventured at that time to vote with Sir Alexander Galt, and when he was condemned by his associates on the other side of the House. I congratulate the hon. gentleman in coming thus far and in admitting that Canadians may possibly manage their own affairs, even in foreign trade.

Motion agreed to.