

quiry which was made there. The telegram is from Major General Middleton, and is as follows :—

“In answer to yours of the 10th, I have to say that Donald Ross, after shooting Captain French, as was supposed, was shot dead a few minutes after. I saw his body with his daughter sitting beside it, and I have heard since that the priests afterwards buried it. As regards Damase Carriere and Vandal, I never heard their names. I was riding all over the field until late, backwards and forwards, and had any such disgraceful acts been committed I must have seen them. I found one wounded man myself, and sent for a stretcher, which was brought in by some of the men. The man was taken to our own hospital. The whole statement is a foul calumny. I repeat again that the conduct of the men has been wonderfully good. We had five wounded men of the enemy brought into our hospital, all carried in by the soldiers themselves.”

So that I am quite convinced that the allegations will prove to be unfounded. My hon. friend will see, as to the principal portion of his inquiry, that it is impossible for the Government now to indicate what course they will pursue.

PONTIAC AND PACIFIC JUNCTION RAILWAY.

MOTION.

HON. MR. TRUDEL moved—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General; praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a return showing the estimated cost per mile of that part of the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway for which subsidies have actually been paid by the Federal Government.

He said—I have already moved for some papers in this matter, and this address will be only to complete the documents which I require.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—There is no objection to the address.

The motion was agreed to.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

AN EXPLANATION.

HON. MR. ALMON—Before proceeding to the orders of the day I wish to explain a circumstance which occurred

yesterday when the Chinese Immigration Bill was before the House. I had given notice that I would oppose it at the third reading, and that I would move that it be read the third time three months hence. I believe I ought to have given that notice in writing, but having given it verbally, and as it is against a rule of the House that a Bill should pass through committee and be read the third time on the same day, I went home, and did not know the Bill would be read until to day. I am very sorry that I was not here to oppose it, because I think such legislation is a disgrace to humanity. I think it is rolling back civilization from the end to the beginning of the 19th century. The early part of this century did away with the Slave trade, with the Test Act, and gave Catholic emancipation and abolished slavery in the West Indies. We now enact a law which is as vile as any of those to the repeal of which I have just alluded, and I think it will impress an indelible disgrace on this House and on the Dominion. (Order order).

THE SPEAKER—The hon gentlemen cannot reflect on the action of the House in passing the bill.

HON. MR. ALMON—I beg to withdraw the remark, but I am afraid outside of this House that is what will be said of it. The Bill applies not only to British Columbia, but to the whole Dominion. When merchants of Bristol objected to the slave trade being done away with, their wishes were not respected and England abolished slavery, and who says that she did not do right? Those who favored the abolition of slavery were told that the proper place for the negro was in slavery. But the people of Great Britain did not believe it and the world has decided they were right, all other nations having followed in their wake. I feel this Bill to be particularly a disgrace to Nova Scotia. A Chinese could not land there now unless by the payment of \$50—he could not land in Nova Scotia whose chief boast is that we abolished slavery within our colony long before even Great Britain did. When cases concerning slaves came before the courts of Nova Scotia the judges refused to charge the jury in favor of the owner of the slave, and the jury refused to give a verdict in favor