

sail to Glasgow to have the engines put in there. It was represented that the *Newfield*, at the close of her season's work, before laying up, could call for the vessel, and it was expected that she would call at St. John for the vessel at the close of her season's work and take her to Halifax; and there the new vessel could watch an opportunity for favourable weather to get clear of the land and sail for Glasgow. It was upon the advice of these gentlemen, who had long experience in matters of this kind, that the course was adopted which unfortunately resulted in the loss of the vessel and of the lives of most of those on board. The papers connected with this matter will be brought down at a very early day, and then the hon. gentleman will be in a position to discuss it more fully and with a better understanding of the case than can be done at present.

Motion agreed to.

#### LOCATION OF THE NORTH-WEST CAPITAL AT REGINA.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron). Mr. Speaker, there was a motion made during last Session of Parliament, by my hon. friend from West Elgin (Mr. Casey), asking for some of the correspondence and information referred to in the motion I propose submitting to you. That correspondence has not been brought down, although it was moved for at a very early period of the Session; and those of us who take some little interest in the North-West, and especially in the Regina region, were very anxious to see the correspondence that was moved for, and understand exactly the terms upon which the town of Regina was put in the market in the latter part of 1882. The hon. gentleman will recollect that some discussion took place upon this subject during the last Session of Parliament, and the hon. leader of the House, in his reply to the hon. member for West Elgin, if my recollection serves me aright, stated that the land was the joint property of the Government, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and the North-West Land Company, and that it was put in the market for the joint benefit of the three parties to whom I refer. My hon. friend complained of the mode in which the town of Regina was put upon the market, that it was put there by a lottery. The hon. First Minister repudiated all responsibility in connection with the mode in which the town site was put upon the market—that is, as to the lottery part of it. Now, I know that, however it may have been put upon the market, or by whose authority it was so put upon the market, it was put upon the market, and people were induced to buy upon certain representations made by the agents of the owners of the property, that is, the agents of the Government, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and of the North-West Land Company. Those representations were made at the time of the sale; they were made both before and after and at the time the land was sold by this lottery process and otherwise. One of the representations was that Regina was to be the future capital of the Province of Assiniboia; another representation was that it was to be a divisional terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway; another representation was that the North-West Mounted Police barracks would be stationed at Regina. These representations were clearly and distinctly made, and made with a view of inducing persons to purchase property there. I do not complain that the representations were not made in good faith at the time. Possibly they were made by the agents in good faith; but whether they had authority for making those representations or not from the Government here is one of the points I just wish to know, and I desire to know by the motion which was made during last Session of Parliament. Now, it is quite clear that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have not made Regina a divisional terminus. The divisional terminus is at Moose Jaw, forty-five miles west of the

town of Regina. It is quite manifest that, to a purchaser of property at Regina, it would be of the first possible consequence to have the railway company interested in the town of Regina, to have it a divisional terminus, with buildings and repair shops, and things of that kind there. Now, there is nothing of that kind. The large buildings—and they are large and valuable buildings—erected by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company are erected at Moose Jaw, and there is nothing at Regina except a small country station. It is equally clear, Sir, that the North-West Mounted Police barracks are not at Regina; they are two and a half miles from the limits of the city of Regina. The Governor's residence is a mile from the city of Regina, and the North-West Council fully a mile from the city of Regina. Now, upon the representation that the divisional terminus would be at Regina, that the North-West Mounted Police barracks would be at Regina, the Governor's residence there, and the North-West Council there, these people were induced to purchase—so they say. I have in my hand a petition signed by nearly every purchaser of town lots living in the city of Regina, all making that representation, that they were so induced to buy, and but for those representations they would not have purchased, and those representations have not been carried out. Now, I am not complaining of the Government in this respect. I do not know how far they are responsible, or are not responsible, for the matter; I do not know how far they have control over the location of the terminus. I know nothing about that, therefore I make no complaint against the Government on that head. I simply state the facts as they are represented to me by the purchasers of lots at Regina, and I state their ground of complaint. As to the erection of the barracks for the Mounted Police there, I presume that was under the control of the Government, and if so, and if the representations to which I have alluded have been made by the authority of the Government, then these representations have not been carried out, and these people have not been dealt with in good faith. Now, we can easily understand the importance to the people there of some expression of opinion on the part of the Government, at all events, as to the course the syndicate, or the joint owners of the property take with respect to the completion of the contracts of purchase. They say they have been dealt with in bad faith, they repudiate the sales that were made, and there were large sales made, involving considerable sums of money. They repudiate those sales altogether, and they ask the Government to deal with them in a generous and in a liberal spirit. They ask this syndicate, the joint owners of this property, not to compel them to pay for land that they purchased under certain representations, which representations have not been carried out. I ask for the papers that have been referred to here, in order that we may be able to understand the whole matter from beginning to end. If the Government have arrived at any conclusion on the matter, I shall be glad to hear it. If they have arrived at any definite conclusion I am quite sure the people in the neighbourhood of Regina will be glad to hear it, because the action of the Government, and the action of the railway company in not carrying out those representations, have very seriously retarded the progress and injured the prosperity of that place. We can easily understand that if a man goes up there to locate himself, under the belief that Regina was to be a divisional terminus and that the North-West barracks would be established there, and he finds it two and a half miles from the town, and the terminus at Moose Jaw, of course he is disappointed. A blacksmith, or a carpenter, goes there on the strength of the representations that the divisional terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway is to be established there, and he finds that terminus forty-five miles west of Regina, he is not likely to settle at Regina. Now, it is unfortunate that the representations should have been made, if they were not in-