

the necessity of some 300,000 square miles east of the boundary of British Columbia being supplied with some port on the Pacific coast within our own territory, he took it that this Government would make a very great mistake indeed if, for the paltry consideration of a few millions of dollars to-day, it should select the wrong route. If the route by Bute Inlet cost a few millions of dollars more than any other route, that would be a mere nothing in comparison with the advantage that we would derive as a commercial people from selecting the best sea-port which we possessed on that coast.

MR. MACKENZIE said he presumed that some mistake had been made in

the wording of the last line of the motion in which the word bridges was introduced.

MR. DUCOSMOS said the motion was intended to include any estimate that had been made with respect to bridges as well as anything else, and the words "including bridges" ought to be in parenthesis.

MR. MACKENZIE said there was no objection at all to the motion. He was not aware of the existence of any report of this kind except a hurried report of Mr. Marcus Smith respecting bridges that was not already before the House; but, if there were any, they would of course be brought down.

*Motion agreed to.*