

position of the First Minister or his friends upon this question? They would have said to the American Counsel, we concur in your view; you are undoubtedly right. The Canadians paid this duty, and this is now a simple question of account. All we have to do is to ascertain the amount of duty which you would have collected under your Tariff on Canadian fish, and credit you with this sum as payment of the Award. This question must soon come up again, and every one knows that the opinions held by gentlemen opposite will put them out of Court. They cannot obtain a farthing without abandoning their views upon Protection. They could not have obtained an Award of a dollar had they controlled the affairs of this country when the Halifax Commission sat. The hon. President of the Council has referred to the railway expenditure, and the railway construction of this Government and the late Administration, and his statement is as disingenuous as such a statement could well be. He says, that when the late Government retired from office, that there was not a mile of the Pacific Railway open for traffic. That from Lake Superior to English River, ninety-seven miles were built. That now there are from Lake Superior westward, 242 miles. That from Selkirk eastward there were seventy miles constructed there; that there are now 130 miles; that between Emerson and Selkirk, there were then twenty-two miles; that there are now eighty miles; that from Winnipeg westward before the advent of the present Administration, there was no road; that now 134 miles are in operation. And the hon. gentleman has referred to their patriotic endeavors to supply the missing link. If the hon. gentleman had striven to make a statement calculated to mislead, calculated to make impressions wholly at variance with the facts, he could not have made one which would have better served his purpose than the one he made to this House. Why, of this 134 miles west from Winnipeg does the hon. gentleman pretend to say that any portion of it is completed. Does he not know that the ties are laid down without any portion of the road being graded; that, in many cases, they are laid upon the ice, and that when spring opens, when the frost disappears, the road will be impassable?

Mr. BANNERMAN. Not for 120 miles, it is all graded.

Mr. MILLS. The hon. gentleman says it is all graded; he will have an opportunity of considering that at another period.

Mr. MACKENZIE. The hon. gentleman knows that west of Winnipeg the road has been moved several miles to the south to another track. There is not a mile in use of what they pretended to have built.