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Said Committee to be as follows :—The Honourable Messieurs Clemow, Cox, De Boucherville, Ferguson, Kirchhoffer, King, Loughheed, Landry, Miller, Mills, Macdonald (B.C.), Power, Prowse, Primrose, Thibaudeau (de la Vallière), Wood, and the mover ; with power to send for papers, persons, and records, and to employ such persons as the Committee may deem necessary for the purposes of the said investigation, and to report from time to time.

By the Honourable Mr. Ferguson :—

2 February 18.—That he will call the attention of the Senate to the following telegram which appeared in the *Montreal Star* of the 8th of December last :—

“VANCOUVER, B.C.—Messrs. Corthew and Wilkinson have returned from the Yukon. They went there for the Canadian Government to locate an all-Canadian route. Their official report is not yet out, but it is a foregone conclusion that their route will be chosen. It starts at Ketimat from an inlet on the Alaskan route running straight through Canadian territory to Teslin Lake. Mr. Corthew has been exploring for eighteen years in that section. He says there is no short cut. Sixty miles inland on the route which will be accepted, they discovered vast deposits of quartz. Several tons were brought home and assayed \$50 to \$500 in mineral, mostly copper. The route to Teslin Lake is through a valley, sparsely timbered, almost as level as Broadway, New York. The valley is without doubt the old bed of the Skeena River. Game is abundant and whitefish block the stream in season. Already the Canadian Pacific have applied for a charter to run a road from Ketimat to Teslin Lake. The official report will be out in one week. It will mention this route as the one chosen, and millions of dollars will be spent in opening it up. An ocean liner could anchor within a stone's-throw of Ketimat.”

And will inquire whether the surveyors above named made an examination of the route to the Yukon for the Canadian Government? If so, has a report of such examination been made, and will it be submitted to Parliament, and when?

By the Honourable Mr. Boulton :—

3 February 7—Has the Canadian Pacific Railway Company applied to the Government for authority to increase its capital stock on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway under the authority of the Act of 1893, which requires the sanction of the Government thereto? Has the Government any knowledge of preference shares being issued under the authority of the same Act but which does not require the sanction of the Government, or bonds being issued under the authority of the charter giving the Company power to build branch lines?

By the Honourable Mr. Boulton :—

4 February 14—That he will ask the Government if it is the intention of the Minister of Trade and Commerce to go to Washington to facilitate international arrangements that may be mutually beneficial to the citizens of both countries in crossing their respective national boundaries to the mining regions of Alaska and the Canadian Yukon?