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be lost in beginning the Eastern portion of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and constructing it as rapidly as is consistent with a due regard to economy from the point fixed by Parliament at or near to the South of Lake Nipissing Westward to Lake Nepigon, and thence to Red River, commencing at Lake Nepigon and working Eastward and Westward; and that the Government should employ the available funds of the Dominion in the first place for the completion of that great national work—a continuous railway on Canadian Territory by the shortest route from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.—(*Hon. Mr. Tupper*)—696

The amendment having been lost, and so declared, and the question being again put, it was moved in amendment—

That this resolution be not now concurred in, but that it be resolved that in the opinion of this House no contract shall be entered into with any Company for the construction of the Georgian Bay Branch of the Pacific Railway, nor any subsidy granted for the construction of the Railway from the Eastern terminus of said Pacific Railway to Douglas or near Douglas, until a thorough and complete instrumental survey shall have been made of the route proposed, and the route to the Matawan, to ascertain which would be the shorter and more economical of construction.—(*Mr. Masson*,) 697

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