

properly made when all necessary formalities had been complied with.

The motion was carried. •

THE PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE moved that the Government be authorized to enter into contracts during the Recess with parties sending in the lowest available tenders for the works of construction of the following portions of the Canada Pacific Railway, viz:—From Fort William westward towards Lac de Mille Lac and the crossing of Steel River from Rat Portage to Cross Lake.

Mr. THOMPSON (Cariboo) asked whether it would not be advisable in making this suggestion the hon. gentleman should also include the western portion of the road? It might be advisable before next Session to do some work there.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said he had already stated the only thing that prevented them having a general tender asked for, was their inability to present anything to tenderers in British Columbia. Although the line for some distance was presumably located permanently, an instrumental survey had not been made. A vote had been taken for the purpose, so that, if possible, they could have a portion of the work commenced during the coming season. It would be asking authority they had no probability of exercising until late in the fall when they could submit the tenders to Parliament as provided for in 1874, if the hon. gent.'s suggestion were acted upon.

Sir. JOHN A. MACDONALD did not see why the hon. gentleman did not ask this authority when the House was full.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said he had mentioned, in making his explanation, that he intended to ask for this authority. It was put off in order that they could get all the information possible.

Mr. CURRIER thought it was a great pity the Government should propose to expend money on this route between Thunder Bay and Fort Garry. A land and water line could never compete with the all-rail route between Duluth and Fort Garry. This was a

matter every practical man must understand. Therefore, he thought it would be much better to delay expenditure on that road until the time arrived when an all-rail route could be constructed to Fort Garry.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE replied that it was to be an all-rail line from end to end.

Mr. CURRIER—I understood the hon. gentleman the other night to say that it was not to be so.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—Not at all; I never said so.

The motion was carried.

THE JESUITS' BARRACKS.

Mr. MASSON enquired of the Minister of Public Works when the papers for which he had asked, with reference to the Jesuits' Barracks of Quebec, and their transfer from the Local to the Federal Government will be brought down. They should have been brought down ere this, he remarked; and it was a matter of importance, that when this was done, they should be printed.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE stated that it was quite impossible as yet to bring them down. The last communication from the Government of the Province of Quebec on this subject was dated the 5th of April; and this they had not had time to consider. They might bring down the papers as they were, but the correspondence would be entirely incomplete. He had no objection, however, to do so.

Mr. MASSON—Do I understand that we are not to have these papers at all while the correspondence is going on?

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—We cannot bring an incomplete correspondence before the House.

Mr. MASSON—The Premier will remember that my motion was carried, and under the circumstances, he is bound to bring down the correspondence up to date.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—I stated explicitly when the motion was carried that I was unable at the time to say what correspondence existed on the subject, and that I could only bring down what was consistent with the pub-