

SPEECH  
OF  
MR. DECOSMOS

ON  
THE PACIFIC RAILWAY ROUTE IN BRITISH  
COLUMBIA.

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HANSARD REPORT

(Corrected.)

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

*Monday, 25th Feb., 1878.*

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Mr. DECOSMOS moved for a return containing a copy of every report of the Chief Engineer, Acting Chief Engineer, or any other Engineer or Engineers of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the possession of the Government, suggesting or recommending a survey, in 1876, of the whole or part of the route between Burrard's Inlet and Yellow Head Pass; with a copy of any order or instructions sent respecting the said survey; also, a copy of every report or reports from each and all of the said Engineers, in possession of the Government suggesting or recommending a survey, in 1877, of the said route between Burrard's Inlet

and Yellow Head Pass; with a copy of any order or instructions sent respecting such survey. He said his reason for making this motion was the fact that, from time to time, they had heard the hon. the Premier state, with respect to the Pacific Railway, that he had always acted on the recommendation of the Engineer. They had also heard it stated by the hon. the Premier, during the Session of 1876, that the railway route had been located as far west as Fort George in British Columbia. If the railway had been located as far as Fort George before 1876, it naturally arose that there was no necessity whatever for a survey in that year of any portion of the route between Yellow Head Pass and Burrard Inlet. He should, therefore, like to see the report of the engineer or engineers, on which this survey had been founded. Again, the route from Yellow Head Pass to Port Moody, or Burrard Inlet, was re-surveyed in 1877, but he found nothing whatever in the report of Mr. Flem-