

all Orders in Council respecting such explorations or the adoption of the route of the said Pacific Railway; and also, copies of all correspondence relating to the same.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER: I have no objection to the adoption of this motion, but it will take some little time to lay before the House all that is mentioned in this motion; but no time will be lost.

MR. MACKENZIE: I would observe, in regard to time, that it took very little time for the hon. gentleman to change his opinion in regard to adopting my route, the Burrard Inlet route, and I cannot conceive that the documents can be long when he was able to read them in so short a time.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER: I am sorry to find the memory of the hon. member so defective. I should like him to indicate when he learned that I changed my opinion as to the adoption of the Burrard Inlet route. The hon. gentleman's impression is entirely erroneous. Last Session, I frankly stated that, if compelled to adopt any one of the routes for the Canada Pacific Railway, in the light of all the information I then possessed, I would adopt the Burrard Inlet. The hon. gentleman is therefore quite under a misapprehension in saying I changed my mind on the subject. With reference to the intimation that some little time would be required, a considerable portion of information was covered by those papers that does not necessary require to come under the observation of the Government, in the determination of the route through the Rocky Mountains; and the reports of those explorations that have been somewhat extended are now in course of preparation. It was because we wanted to present them as fully and carefully as possible that I said some little time would pass before the House would receive all that is covered by this resolution. I shall be very glad to give the additional information in the Report of Mr. Marcus Smith upon the recent explorations, surveys and locations from the western boundary of Manitoba to the valley of—

MR. MACKENZIE: I was under the impression that the hon. gentleman had asked this House to vote that to select the Burrard Inlet route would be premature.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER: I did not do so.

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MR. MACKENZIE: He was very anxious to condemn our selection of it.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER: I was not.

MR. MACKENZIE: The hon. gentleman could not have been in possession of very detailed information at the time he gave expression to a new opinion—though he says he did not change it. He could only have had a telegraphic message from Edmonton. It was impossible, when the change took place, when our policy was reverted to, that he could have had detailed reports of the engineers, or they showed an expedition never known to me in traversing that country. The hon. member for Victoria (Mr. DeCosmos) has suggested to me that it would be desirable to add the following words:—"Also, copies of all reports made by Capt. Brundage, upon Port Simpson, and the navigation of Dixon's Entrance."

SIR CHARLES TUPPER: I shall be very glad to furnish the additional information desired. I wanted it declared last Session that the location was premature, giving as a reason the desirability of further information touching the Pine River Pass and the more northerly route. The location of the route which I, upon all the information possessed, approved of, was adopted after we received sufficient detailed information from the engineering party which had come through from Fort Simpson to Edmonton. I do not mean to say that, if we had not been bound by the pledge given to the House to take action during the past season, we would not have awaited still more detailed information. But that information was sufficiently accurate to remove any doubt in the minds of the Government as to the advisableness of adopting the Burrard Inlet route. When in possession of it, we lost no time in endeavouring to keep faith with the House in relation to the question.

MR. DECOSMOS: I asked the hon. member for Lambton to amend his motion as proposed. If it produces no better result than the publication of the report of a special and most careful survey of that part of Port Simpson and the adjacent waters to the entrance, I believe it will be of great advantage; for, hitherto, there has been no survey of that locality. It will be of material advantage. True, Port Simpson has been surveyed, but, beyond