

Mr. LAURIER—Fortunately for the other Provinces.

Mr. BABY said there were things that happened in other Provinces like that which had happened in Quebec, but they had the good sense to wash their own dirty linen in private; but in Quebec they had to expose these little infirmities before the great public. He thought the hon. members for Chateauguay and Arthabaska would regret having used such strong language.

Mr. MACKENZIE explained that when he had stated we had not received the address of the Quebec Legislature it had been in the office of the Provincial secretary, though he (Mr. MACKENZIE) had not known it, and it had afterwards come to him.

Mr. MASSON said that when he had asked about the petition he had received a telegram from Quebec that it had been sent to Ottawa about ten days before.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON said the hon. member had referred to that address in a debate on another subject and had based arguments upon it and had extolled the action of the Province of Quebec. He (Mr. HOLTON) had characterized the legislature of that Province in his own way, and he was prepared to repeat that characterization and stand by it on every hustings in the Province of Quebec.

Hon. Mr. POPE said he thought his hon. friend was mistaken, and that it came with ill grace from any member of this House to attack the character of gentlemen in other Legislatures. The South Eastern Counties Railway had not received aid, not because the Government had not received political support from its promoters, but because the railway was in a different position from the others, and did not come within the category of railways that the Quebec Government had proposed to aid. The road had been built previously to the adoption of the railway policy; but still it had a year ago received some assistance.

Hon. Mr. HUNTINGTON said he would not enter into the merits of the South Eastern Railway; nor would he here discuss the question whether the Quebec Legislature was tarnished; but he had an impression that the Quebec Government had been influenced by the amount of support it received. The year before the South Eastern Road, though it was built, had been in the list for Government aid, for all the people having interest

in it were supporting the Government; but the hon. members for Brome, Megantic, and Drummond, and Arthabaska had refused to support the Government in the land swap and the objections to aiding the road had been discovered. He agreed with his hon. friend that the relations of the Government and the Province of Quebec should not be discussed here, and he would not discuss them unless forced, because he wished to be complimentary to that Province and it would be impossible for him to speak in any such sense as he would be glad to speak of the authorities of his native Province. It was better to draw a veil over what had occurred there and in order that the small and narrow policy and bigoted disposition in the dispensation of patronage should not be exposed and bring the Province of Quebec into disrepute. If there were a little forgetfulness of the local elections, and of the manufacture here of political capital, with the view of effecting them, it would be much better.

Hon. Mr. POPE said the road had received a \$1,000 per mile, aid, and others had got a much larger sum.

The motion was carried.

#### WHITBY HARBOR.

Mr. GORDON moved for an address to His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR GENERAL for a Return of the Report and Survey of Whitby Harbor as made by the Government Engineers during the Summer of 1874; with all correspondence respecting the condition of said Harbor and piers, depth of water and general efficiency as a Harbor of Refuge. He said the Government Engineers had made a very careful survey of the harbor and reported; and he wished to have this report brought before the public. He trusted action would be taken at an early day as Whitby Harbor was a most important one, and afforded an outlet to a large section of country; but owing to the shallowness of the water there was considerable difficulty in entering it and if it were improved it would be used by a larger class of vessels than at present.

The motion was carried, and the House adjourned to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

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