

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—There was no correspondence that I can bring down for my hon. friend on that subject.

THE GEORGIAN BAY BRANCH RAILROAD.

Mr. WHITE (Renfrew) asked whether the contract made between Hon. A. B. Foster and the Government, dated 27th February, 1875, for the construction and working of the Georgian Bay branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been cancelled or modified; and if the said contract has been cancelled, whether it is the intention of the Government to take such steps as will secure the early construction of the said branch line of railway?

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—The contract with Mr. Foster has been cancelled. The Government will submit at a future stage of the business of the House what steps are proposed in the matter.

SUPERVISION OF BANKS.

Mr. CASGRAIN asked whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session any measure for the purpose of securing a more effectual supervision of banks, with a view to protecting the interests of depositors, shareholders and the public.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT—It is not the present intention of the Government to take any further steps in that direction.

THE PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Mr. THOMPSON (Cariboo) asked whether such progress has been made in the surveys of the proposed Canadian Pacific Railway in the Province of British Columbia as to enable the Government to decide upon a route between the Pacific Ocean and the Rocky Mountains, or to enter into contract for the construction of the whole or any portion of the same?

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—Such progress has been made as enables the Government approximately to decide upon the location, but the surveys are not completed yet, and we are not able precisely to decide upon the line through British Columbia. Until that is done

the Government will not be in a position to let out any tender on that section, and besides that, any tender that is let must be approved by the House.

BAIE VERTE CANAL.

Mr. MACMILLAN asked by whose authority the Report of the Commission on the Baie Verte Canal was published; at what printing establishment it was printed; whether the printing was done by tender or not; how many copies were printed and what was the total cost thereof; whether the account for the publishing thereof has been paid, and if so by whose authority?

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—I think that is properly a motion that should be put on the paper for returns. It is quite impossible for me to answer the series of questions contained in one mass. I may say generally that the evidence was printed in order to enable the Commissioners to read it more clearly. I am not able to answer the other parts of the question.

GRAVING DOCK AT QUEBEC.

Mr. BLANCHET moved for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all reports by Engineers, reports from the Quebec Harbour Commission, documents, correspondence and Orders in Council relating to the selection of the site for the construction of a graving dock at the Port of Quebec. The hon. gentleman said this question was a very important one, and he wanted all information relating thereto brought down. It was the subject of legislation two years ago, and last year when the commission was appointed it caused a passage at arms between the Hon. Premier and the hon. member for Cumberland. The trade and shipping are taxed for the construction of the work, and the interests of trade and navigation depended a great deal upon the selection of the site. The engineers chosen by the late commissioners, Messrs. Kinipple and Morris, of Greenock, were eminent men with a reputation on both sides of the Atlantic, and they reported in favour of the south side of the river, which they said presented most advantages both for cheapness in construction