

it. As to the provisions in this measure with regard to private shareholders, they were introduced with the consent of the shareholders' committee, and he understood that all parties were quite agreed on the subject.

Mr. SPEAKER said the provisions of the Bill which were of a private nature should be dealt with as a private Bill.

The Bill was withdrawn.

PACIFIC RAILWAY.

On concurrence in item No. 72, \$6,250,000, for the Pacific Railway,

Hon. Mr. TUPPER asked for further explanations from the Government.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE thought that the Government or any private member submitting a proposition would have the right of reply.

Hon. Mr. TUPPER said that after his speech the other night, which was unanswered and unanswerable, he had hoped that the Premier, having had some time to reconsider this important question, might have been enabled to make such a statement as would not compel him to continue his opposition to the present Government policy.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE thought he had made a very exhaustive statement in proposing the vote, and if the hon. member would indicate what would satisfy him, he would be willing to make further remarks. He had said all that he had thought necessary under the circumstances, and all he now proposed to do was simply to notice two or three remarks upon which the hon. member for Cumberland had laid much stress. First, as the personal honor of every member of this House ought to be their first care, he would say a few words in relation to the expressions made use of by the hon. member in connection with some other matters which appeared in the principal organ of the members of the Opposition (*The Mail*). The hon. member for Cumberland said in the course of his speech that he did not mean to insinuate that he (Mr. MACKENZIE) had brought the railway to Thunder Bay for reasons personal to himself, although his first words indicated even that charge; but the hon. member had charged him with listening to the advice of interested friends. He took this opportunity to declare to the House, and to the hon. member, that he was never advised by any

friends—he had no friends' interests to serve, and there were no friends' interests served that he knew of; and if the hon. gentleman knew a single fact to justify his expression, he asked the hon. gentleman now to state it, and he would make a reply.

Hon. Mr. TUPPER said the hon., the First Minister, had put the matter in a very pointed manner. He (Mr. TUPPER) had never charged the hon. gentleman with having done anything to promote his own interest in the steps he had taken; but he had stated, and he repeated, that there was so large a difference between the policy propounded to the House by the hon. gentleman last year, and the policy he now proposed—that he feared the hon. the First Minister had listened to the advice of parties who felt a deep interest in diverging the Pacific Railway from Nipegon to Thunder Bay. It was well-known that there were a large number of persons in Toronto who possessed great influence, and who were deeply interested in the development of the mineral lands and other resources of Thunder Bay. Those who had had any experience in the administration of the public affairs of this country knew that when there were great interests at stake, men of great influence generally found some means of bringing that influence to bear as strongly as possible on those who had the control of affairs. He would be very sorry to allow the hon. the First Minister or any member of the House to suppose that he insinuated anything more than that the First Minister had been induced to make a most unfortunate change in the policy proposed by him last session, and in that he was supported by the member for South Bruce, who distinctly stated to the House that he was led to believe that the policy would be different.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE regretted that the hon. member for Cumberland could not be more explicit, as he had insinuated a charge which was utterly without foundation. He would state to the House again, that he (Mr. MACKENZIE) did not know a single friend of his, either political or personal, who had derived any benefit from having the road at the Lake Superior end located at Thunder Bay. He was not either induced, influenced or approached by any person in any place, except by the inhabitants of Prince Arthur,

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie.