

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I must apologize for having gone at such length into this matter. There are a great many other things to which I would like to call attention. I do not think the report is a fair one. Part of the evidence is taken that meets the views and feelings of the hon. gentlemen who drafted it, and the rebuttal testimony is either kept in the background or it is not considered of sufficient importance to outweigh and overbalance the views which the hon. gentlemen wish to put before the House in this report. I daresay I have made, in my observations, some remarks which I should not have allowed to escape me, but the House has been very lenient with me, I must confess, and I am ready to withdraw any unparliamentary expressions I have used. But I must say I am justified, under the circumstances, in showing some feeling. I think it is unjust to attack the Premier of the country in this way.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—In what part of the report is the Premier attacked?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—All through, the insinuations are in that direction.

At 2 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned during pleasure.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock, p. m.

## THE PACIFIC RAILWAY TERMINUS AT FORT WILLIAM.

### THE DEBATE CONCLUDED.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD—I desire to make a few explanations in reply to the remarks of the hon. Secretary of State. I was sorry to see him lose his usual good temper and fall upon me in a way that I feel I did not deserve. I never said the Premier's word should not be accepted as true, and if my words conveyed any such meaning, it was due to my defective knowledge of the English language. It is not the first time the hon. Secretary of State has endeavored to give a false interpretation of my words. Mr. Mackenzie is my political opponent, but I know what is due to the Premier of this country, whoever he may be. In my remarks on the

motion which I have submitted to the House, I endeavored to make no statement which was not borne out by facts, and I am not ashamed of anything I have said. I am prepared to let the public decide between the Government and their opponents in this matter, and I have not the slightest doubt as to what the verdict will be. Is it my fault that the railway policy of the Administration has been a succession of jobs and blunders? I have nothing against any member of the Government personally, but I cannot conscientiously support men whose policy is so injurious to the country. As far as I can remember, the only allusion made to the Premier during the discussion, was that he had not accepted the report of Mr. Murdoch, one of the Government engineers, and the expression I made use of was, that it was to be regretted he had not done so. It was on that slender foundation the hon. Secretary of State made his assertion; but I suppose he was speaking for the outside public rather than for this House. I only wish the whole of this debate could go before the public, and then the public would not be misled by the interpretation the hon. Secretary of State has put upon the statements of hon. gentlemen in this House.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS—Perhaps it would be just as well in considering this report, to ascertain what was the cause of the appointment of this Committee. It will be within the remembrance of most hon. gentlemen of this House, that in asking for certain papers in reference to the dredging of the shoal at the mouth of the Kaministiquia, last year, I referred to a document that had been brought down to this House, and which at that time was printed, showing the cost of the lands purchased for the terminus at Fort William. In that speech before the House I made these remarks: I referred not only to the price paid for the land, which I considered extraordinary and exorbitant, but also to the fact that these lands had been purchased the summer before for four dollars a lot, and that although some of them might have changed hands their intrinsic value was not increased at all—that the value was given to them by the railway. I also referred to the fact that a good many of those lands were held by Oliver,