

the terminal buildings to be constructed at the terminus will be constructed. It has been publicly stated, first, I believe, in British Columbia and then rumored here that the Government had ceased the construction of the terminal buildings at Port Moody. It has also been stated that negotiations have been proceeding between the C. P. R. Company and the Government for the purpose of stopping the construction of those buildings. If such is the case, and it is the intention of the Government that those buildings shall not be constructed at Port Moody, I think we can only look upon it as a breach of faith on the part of the Government with the people, and more particularly with those who invested their money at Port Moody. I think, therefore, it would be very satisfactory to have the assurance of the Government in this House that no buildings will be constructed beyond the terminus and that the buildings promised to be constructed at Port Moody as a terminus will be constructed.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL— I can give no promise that would be more obligatory than the promise which the hon. gentleman quotes. The Government undertook to put up the buildings at Port Moody. There is the undertaking. If the hon. gentleman desires to ask any question on that subject, if he will give me notice, and an opportunity to consult with the Minister of Railways, I will be very glad to reply to him. In the meantime, I can say nothing stronger than the Government has already said, that the buildings are to go up there.

HON. MR. NELSON—There is a rumor that negotiations have been going on for the stoppage of the work on those buildings, and that the construction of the buildings has been stopped in consequence of those negotiations. My position is totally different from that of my two colleagues. I own not one dollar's worth of property at Port Moody.

HON. MR. MACDONALD (B.C.)— You can buy now easily.

HON. MR. NELSON—I think that this House, and the public, generally, would be satisfied with having some assurance

that the terminal buildings are to be constructed at Port Moody.

HON. MR. POWER—It is to be regretted, perhaps, that this matter has been introduced to this House by a gentleman who has a personal interest in it, but I do not see that those gentlemen who are interested in it are open to any rebuke. The hon. member from New Westminster stated clearly and distinctly, when he first spoke about the matter, that he was personally interested in it, and the hon. gentleman from Lunenburg made the same statement with regard to himself.

HON. MR. MCINNES—I forgot to mention to the House that while I am interested at Port Moody, I am interested to an equal extent down near English Bay and Coal Harbor, and was interested there years before the selection of the terminus; but the explanation I make is this, that I am not moving in this matter purely on pecuniary grounds, but to save my word, my honor, and that of the Government of the country, which should be considered above suspicion.

HON. MR. POWER—The hon. gentleman is safe as far as his personal interest is concerned.

HON. MR. MCINNES—I am, but no thanks to the Government.

HON. MR. POWER—I do not think there is any rule of Parliament which prevents a member from taking part in a discussion on a matter in which he is interested. I think the general rule is that where a member is personally interested he makes his statement, and then retires from the Chamber or declines to vote; and I must say that that is a rule which is not observed quite as carefully as it should be either in this House or in the other House. Gentlemen have interests that are not avowed, on matters before the House, on which they vote. An hon. gentleman has taken the ground that there is a certain amount of impropriety in introducing this discussion in connection with this Bill. I fail to see that there is any impropriety in it. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company come to us and ask us to advance them \$5,000,000 and to make

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