

Amherst has quoted from the Act, there can be no possible doubt on the question.

HON. MR. POWER—Under the circumstances I beg leave to withdraw the amendment.

By the consent of the House the amendment was withdrawn.

THE SPEAKER—The motion is now on the third reading of the Bill.

HON. MR. MCINNES moved that the Bill be not now read the third time, but that the said Bill be amended by adding to it the following clause:—

CLAUSE A.—“In case the company, by any extension of its main line, or by the construction of any branch line or lines, or by any agreement for acquiring or leasing the line or lines of any other railway company or companies, or by any agreement for running powers over the line or lines of any other railway company or companies, or by traffic arrangements with any other railway company or companies, or by any other means or device, establish (or purpose to establish) a terminus on the Pacific coast at any point other than Port Moody, then the Government of Canada shall not construct or establish any such terminus, nor along the line or lines of railway whereby the Canadian Pacific Railway is connected or proposed to be connected with such terminus, the engine house, station buildings and water service, which, by contract and agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company approved and ratified by the Act passed in the forty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign, Chaptered One, the Government is bound to construct, establish and convey to the company, upon the completion of the Eastern and Central Sections of the Canadian Pacific Railway; but the said engine house, station buildings and water service shall be constructed and established at Port Moody, notwithstanding the establishment or proposed establishment of any other terminus.”

This is substantially the same motion that I moved in the Committee yesterday, and as that motion was pretty fully discussed, I do not propose taking up any more of the time of the House. As far as the Bill itself is concerned, I thought of entering into a discussion and refuting what appeared to my mind to be a great number of erroneous and wild statements that have been made to-day; but perhaps enough has been said on that subject, and I only hope that the sanguine expectations

expressed here by a great number of hon. gentlemen will be realized. That is my sincere hope. You will see by this amendment that I ask for nothing but what is perfectly fair and legitimate—what was promised by the Government, promised by Order-in-Council, promised by Act of Parliament, and promised by and contained in the agreement with the Pacific Railway. Nearly all the terminal facilities are at Port Moody now with the water service. We have had large storehouses built by the Government there: we have a station house that will serve a very good purpose for a number of years, and I appeal to this House once more that the Government shall go to work and build the ten-stall engine house for which they called for tenders on two or three different occasions—at least twice to my knowledge. I ask for that, and in doing so I ask for nothing but what the Government are in duty bound to give to keep faith with the people who invested on the strength of the solemn promises and pledges made by the government to the country.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I hope that I may be able to persuade the hon. gentleman from New Westminster to withdraw this amendment. It is really suggesting that the Government is about to do or can do an illegal thing. It is asking the House, if the House is of the same opinion as the hon. gentleman, to vote on the supposition that the Government can do and will do an illegal thing. The Government had a contract with the Pacific Railway Company to build the road to the Pacific coast. They ultimately selected Port Moody as the point on the Pacific to which the railway was to extend. They are bound by that. They have no right to go beyond that. They have no right to spend a dollar of the public money beyond that point in terminal buildings, and why it is assumed that they are going to put up buildings illegally without authority, and the House to be asked in advance of this illegal thing to say that they shall not do it, is a matter I cannot understand. No Government with any self-respect would submit to be placed in such a position—that they intend to do illegal things. No government in Canada will set to work to do such a thing. The Government has no legal right to do so.