

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): They run in entirely different directions.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Then the map I have must be wrong, because it shows they will be parallel. That is one of the conditions we complain about; we do not know what information we are getting. The minister says the information on this map is wrong. All we can do is take this map and from it the railways seem to be running in a parallel direction. Now the minister says that is not correct, that they will not parallel each other.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): One line runs from northeast of the province proper, and the other runs to the southeast corner of the province.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I would invite my hon. friend to look at the map. It is a pretty small map but it shows the railways as running in a parallel direction. I will show this to the Chairman so that he can see what I say is correct. The Chairman objects; I do not know where we are going to land unless somebody will take a look at it. If my hon. friend will look at the map he will find I am correct in my statement. Perhaps the Minister of Justice will glance at the map and see whether it does not show that the two lines parallel each other.

Mr. GRAHAM: I brought over some maps but I suppose they have all disappeared. I will ask my deputy to provide some better maps before we get through these bills. I think, probably, we shall have some other maps to-morrow.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: What is the idea of the minister? Will this vote stand until we have a map to see whether this railway is running east or west, or north or south, or where, or whether the Minister of Defence or the map is right?

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): This map is on too small a scale entirely. I quite agree we ought to have a much better map in the case of each one of these propositions.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Perhaps the Minister of Defence will go further and acknowledge that on this map the lines apparently are parallel?

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): I know the locality as every hon. gentleman from the province of Nova Scotia knows it and, as I say, the present line of railway skirts the northern coast of our province and finishes at Mulgrave so far as the province proper is concerned at what is practically the north-east corner of Nova Scotia. The new line

of railway projected will run to the south-east corner of the province. That is the situation, and as I have already stated instead of the new line paralleling the other it will run at an angle of between thirty-five and forty-five degrees from the existing railway.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I am not quarrelling with my hon. friend's superior knowledge of geography. I simply ask him if the railways, according to this map do not parallel each other?

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): The scale of this map is too small.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Do not the lines run parallel?

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): No I will not say that. What is the scale of that map?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I cannot find out. Perhaps the minister can tell us to what scale the map is drawn. Does not the Minister of Railways know what the scale is?

Mr. GRAHAM: I do not. I have told my hon. friend that I shall order better maps.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: There is certain information we ought to have in connection with fish shipments. We desire to know what the business situation is. The hon. member for the county (Mr. McIsaac) has advanced a point—and I think it is a good one if it is well founded—in connection with fish shipments. I am going to ask my hon. friend if he can tell me the distance between the terminus of this line and the next point at which fish shipments are now being collected?

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): The one is at the head of the bay and the other is at the mouth.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: What will be the mileage, what is the distance? Before this matter comes up again one thing that seems to be really material can be ascertained; we can find out just what the distances will be in connection with this railway. Perhaps my hon. friend will let us have that information.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): Yes.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Then there is another thing, we ought to have information as to the number of points where fresh fish is now picked up on the coast?

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): It is brought by small steamers to Canso and Mulgrave.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Before getting to that I was asking a question as to railway points. I observe that right along from