

and have brought this matter before the House. I have shown these reports, and these facts, when they become known, I trust will produce very good results. There is another point, before I resume my seat, to which I must refer. It is well known to hon. gentlemen present that there has been a syndicate formed in Nova Scotia for the purpose of building a line of railway from the Straits of Canso to the eastern part of that poor Island of Cape Breton, which has not been blessed with railways. Now, with regard to the proposed railway, and also the other railways of the opposite section of the Island of Cape Breton, the great American Short Line Railway, which I had the honor of introducing to this House, I am informed, and I believe it is a fact, that these very lines over which the railways are to run, have already been surveyed under the direction of the Geological Survey. These maps, if published, would they not have been of great service at this juncture when these railways are being constructed? Would they not be of great value? We know they are in existence, but they are completely buried in the archives of the Geological Survey. It may be that they will be published within the next two or three years, after the railway has been, I hope, located, when they will be, to some extent, useless."

A year has elapsed, yet these maps seem to be no nearer the "hands of the engraver" than before, and in the meantime the survey of the remainder of Inverness and Victoria has been finished and is quite ready for publication. The value of a geological report accompanied by the maps of the counties of Victoria, Inverness and Richmond, of which no maps exist, must be very great and needs not to be pointed out, and their immediate importance in view of prospective railway extension into Cape Breton is manifest. These maps should not be published on a smaller scale than the maps of Cape Breton County, to save a few dollars to the Geological Survey; as by reducing the scale the usefulness of the maps would be impaired. My desire in seeking to obtain the publication of these reports and maps, is to let capitalists all over the world know the immense mineral wealth which lies undeveloped on the north-west coast of Cape Breton. Copper mines exist in Inverness. Gold exists in the bed of Middle River, Victoria County, which is evidently washed down the mountains of an unexplored territory in the counties of Victoria and Inverness. It is an unfortunate fact that, in that region, there are large tracts of unexplored land which, it is believed, is of excellent quality and contains immense mineral wealth. Along the coast of Inverness, from Chimney Corner to Long Point, a distance of about fifty miles, there are immense deposits of coal, which cannot be developed without facilities which that county does not yet possess. Besides coal there are iron, gypsum, marble freestone and other mineral wealth, which cannot be exported from that county unless further facilities are afforded. My object in asking for this report is in order that capitalists all over the world may obtain copies of it, and be induced to invest money in developing the enormous resources which lie in that region. With that view, Sir, I move for an Order of the House for copies of the geological reports made by Mr. Hugh Fletcher, of the counties of Victoria, Inverness and Richmond, with the maps accompanying the same.

Motion agreed to.

WESTHAVER'S POINT.

Mr. KEEFLE moved for copies of all correspondence, reports and petitions in connection with the erection of a lighthouse at Westhaver's Point, entrance of Hubbard's Cove, in the county of Lunenburg, and all instructions issued to the commander of the steamship *Newfield*, or any other officer of the Government, in reference to the location of said lighthouse, under which he acted on the 10th day of June last, and any report on the same; also, a copy of the agreement for the purchase of the land for said lighthouse entered into on behalf of the Government by C. E. Kaulbach, Esq., M.P., within ten days of the last General Election. He said: Petitions were presented to this House in 1879 for the erection of a lighthouse at Westhaver's Point, in the county of Lunenburg; but nothing more was heard of the matter until the 10th of June, 1882, ten days prior to the last Gen-

Mr. CAMERON (Inverness).

eral Election, when the steamer *Newfield*, having Mr. Kaulbach, the Conservative candidate, and my opponent, on board, came to anchor off Westhaver's Point. The steamer landed some of her crew, who staked off a site for a lighthouse; and Mr. Kaulbach made a bargain for the land necessary, the price to be paid, I believe, being \$800; but that is the last which, as far as I am aware, was done in the matter. At least, I have examined the Estimates for this year, and I find nothing in them for Nova Scotia for the building of a lighthouse at this point, which would be useful for the fishermen. It certainly looks suspicious that this steamer, so close to the time of the General Election, should come to this place; and that this project, after lingering in abeyance for four years, should be raked up within a few days of the General Election. The fact resulted, however, that where I expected to have a majority, my opponent had quite a majority. Now, I do not wish to say that the Government was in collusion with the action of the steamer and of Mr. Kaulbach in regard to this matter, I would be very sorry to do so; but I, nevertheless, think that the transaction requires a little explanation; and I think it due to myself and to the House, that this explanation should be given.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN, I am very sorry that we could not hear the hon. gentleman on this side of the House, excepting as to the last sentence or two. I think he said that he had not received several votes which he expected to have at a certain place. I am very sorry for the hon. gentleman, but it is evident he did not require those votes to elect him to this House. I suppose that he now wants a lighthouse to throw a great deal of light over this subject; and though I could not hear the hon. gentleman he may be sure that we will bring down the papers, when I hope he will see that everything is right as far as the Government is concerned.

Mr. ROBERTSON (Shelburne). I understand that the objections raised by the hon. gentleman are these: that the steamer *Newfield* appeared off Westhaver's Point on the 10th of June, a few days prior to the last General Elections; that among the passengers on board of this vessel, a Government steamer, was the Conservative candidate for the county of Lunenburg, who, assisted by the officers of the boat, had a site marked out for a lighthouse; that a bargain was made with the owner of the land for the purchase of the site on behalf of the Government; and as I further understand from the objections of the hon. gentleman, that no provision is this year made in the Estimates for the erection of this lighthouse. While I think that the proper course for the Government to pursue in this matter is to make provision for the erection of a lighthouse—and if the officers of the *Newfield* were the parties who assisted the Conservative candidate for the county, I think that the Government should reprimand them—I do not believe that the Government would allow the officers of this steamer to assist any candidate favorable to themselves in any way like that. I could not fancy such a thing, and I, therefore, trust that the Government will see to it that they make provision in the Estimates for the erection of this lighthouse this year.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The House will, perhaps, allow me, in answer to the hon. gentleman, to say this: it is impossible for both of the hon. gentlemen to say that this lighthouse is not to be provided for in the Estimates, because, if I am rightly informed, when the vote is brought down, this is done in one sum, and then the hon. Minister, when the item comes before the House, explains what is to be done with the amount, so that the hon. gentleman can still hope that provision for this lighthouse may be found in the Estimates. I, therefore, hope that he will allow this hope to linger until then, and perhaps he may then be satis-