

HON. MR. DICKEY—The fact that they called for tenders supports the view which the Minister has laid before the House, that the Government claim no right whatever to build that round house or any other buildings beyond Port Moody. Another matter that I wish to have some information about is why did the Government give up this land? We have got an answer upon that point also. It occurred to me that there could only be one answer, and that is that the line, so far as the Government is concerned, proceeded no further than Port Moody, otherwise there would be no justification for their giving up the land between English Bay and Port Moody. They took power, not knowing where the terminus was to be originally, to have the reservation extend further than was absolutely necessary, because by their own order-in-council and by the act which has been read to us, the terminus was ultimately fixed, not at English Bay but at Port Moody; and therefore the land between those two points they claim to have nothing to do with whatever, and they tell us now that they have nothing to do with that land, and how it has got into the hands of the company, or by what sort of process is a matter, though it may require some explanation if it were necessary for us to inquire into it, we need not trouble our heads about, because after all it has really very little to do with this question. There is another matter that I would like to have some information about; that is, it has been stated to us that it is the intention of the company to extend this line to English Bay. I should like to know by what authority they do that—what authority there is for it in the Act, or in the contract, or what other authority there is? Because there may be some local law or authority for that purpose. That is a point upon which we have as yet no information; but it is quite clear, as far as the Government is concerned, they have given us a distinct assurance that no terminal buildings are to be built by them beyond the limits of the contract, which stopped at Port Moody. With regard to the other point, as to giving money for this purpose, I think we must be satisfied that this is a loan which will be collected. Whether it will ever be paid or not is perhaps a matter of some consid-

erable uncertainty. At all events it is not a grant; it is certainly a loan; at the same time I quite agree with my hon. friend, that this large amount may or may not be a part of that \$5,000,000, but I do not think it ought to enter into the question, because the great point, to which we should desire, as a legislative body, to direct our attention, is, do the Government propose to go beyond the limits of the powers which have been given to them by Parliament, and I do not see at present, as far as the matter has been presented to my mind, that they have; and therefore the amendment of the hon. member from New Westminster is unnecessary, after the assurance that has been given that the Government do not propose to take any powers greater than those given to them by the Act of 1881 and the contract that was made in consequence of that Act.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—The power which the hon. gentleman refers to is given in the Act itself, which enables them to extend the main line if they see fit. It is at the end of clause 15. I think it is under that they are constructing this extension. I do not know that they have got any power from the Local Legislature.

HON. MR. MACDONALD (B.C.)—They have an agreement only so far.

HON. MR. DICKEY—Then, if that is done, will not this lien which the Government have by those preferential bonds extend over the whole of that line?

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—Yes it will, because the lien is over the whole of the Pacific Railway, and this clause says it shall only construct such a portion of the Pacific Railway.

HON. MR. NELSON—I think, Port Moody having been declared the terminus of the Pacific Railway, and it having been stated publicly by the Minister of Railways that it was to be the terminus, that not only should we look to the leader of the House for an assurance that no buildings would be constructed by the Government beyond the terminus of the Pacific Railway; but we should also look to the leader of the Government for the assurance that