

journal until Wednesday the second day of July next, providing Parliament be then in Session ; and that the said Committee have leave to adjourn from place to place.

The Honorable Mr. *Dorion* (*Napierville*) moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "on the second day of April last, the Honorable Mr. *Huntington*, a Member of this House, made in his place the Statement, that in anticipation of the Legislation of last Session, as to the *Pacific* Railway, an agreement was made between Sir *Hugh Allan*, acting for himself, and certain other *Canadian* promoters, and *G. W. McMullen*, acting for certain *United States* Capitalists, whereby the latter agreed to furnish all the funds necessary for the construction of the contemplated Railway, and to give the former a certain per centage of interest, in consideration of their interest and position, the scheme agreed on being ostensibly that of a *Canadian* Company with Sir *Hugh Allan* at its head,—

"That the Government were aware that negotiations were pending between these parties,—

"That subsequently, an understanding was come to between the Government and Sir *Hugh Allan* and Mr. *Abbott*, M.P.,—that Sir *Hugh Allan* and his friends should advance a large sum of money for the purpose of aiding the Elections of Ministers and their supporters at the ensuing General Election,—and that he and his friends should receive the contract for the construction of the Railway,—

"That accordingly Sir *Hugh Allan* did advance a large sum of money for the purpose mentioned, and at the solicitation, and under the pressing instances of Ministers,—

"That part of the monies, expended by Sir *Hugh Allan* in connection with the obtaining of the Act of incorporation and Charter were paid to him by the said *United States* Capitalists under the agreement with him,—which statement was followed by a motion for a Committee to investigate the said charges ;—That this motion having been negatived, on motion of the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Committee was appointed on the 8th of April, last, to investigate the said charges ; That on the 17th of April, last, the Committee recommended the passing of a Law to enable the Committee to examine Witnesses on oath, which recommendation was acted upon by the introduction of a Bill to that effect on the 18th of April, last, and finally past on the 21st ; That on the 23rd April it was read the first time in the Senate, where it was passed on the 29th of April, and was assented to on Saturday, the 3rd of May, instant ;—That on Monday, the fifth instant, the Committee having obtained leave to hear Witnesses under oath, met pursuant to adjournment, and demand being made that Sir *Francis Hincks*, the first witness summoned, and who was in attendance, be called to give evidence, and before any other proceedings were had, on the application of the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, on behalf of the Government, the majority of the Committee, resolved on the motion of Honorable Mr. *McDonald* (*Pictou*), That in view of the absence of Sir *George E. Cartier* and the Honorable *J. J. C. Abbott*, two Members of the House of Commons, from *Canada*, and the impossibility of the investigation with which the Committee is charged being either carried on or completed in a proper or satisfactory manner without an opportunity being afforded them of being present and hearing the testimony addressed before the Committee, it is advisable that the Committee should adjourn until Wednesday the Second day of July next, if the Parliament be then in Session ; and rejected the motion in amendment : "That Sir *Francis Hincks*, who is first on the list of Witnesses summoned to appear before the Committee, and who is now in attendance, be called and sworn as a Witness to give his evidence concerning the charges referred to the Committee,"—That since the appointment of the Committee, when the unanimous feeling of the House was that the enquiry should be actively prosecuted during the present Session, nothing had occurred to justify the proposed adjournment of the Committee to the 2nd of July : but on the contrary the interest of the County imperatively demand that the enquiry should be prosecuted without further delay," inserted instead thereof ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;