

test against the action of the Company, but instead of applying to the Minister of Railways they appealed to the Governor-General himself. They had lost all faith in the promises made by the Government and especially the Minister of Railways, and eschewed him altogether. They sent a telegram directly to the Governor-General, a copy of which I will read to the House, and also the reply :—

"PORT MOODY, April 19th, 1897.

"To His Excellency, the Governor-General of Canada :

"Iron Piles belonging to Government now being moved from Port Moody to Vancouver in violation of Your Excellency's representation and implied pledge to us of 13th September, 1885. This Government division of Railway not yet handed over to Canadian Pacific Railway syndicate.

(Signed) JOHN T. SCOTT,
JAMES A. CLARK,
JOHN T. CORDUROY."

I may explain to the House the reason why they have inserted in that telegram that that portion of the Railway was not handed over to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was this : when the local Government assessed the Canadian Pacific Railway Company property last year the Company objected to being assessed for it, and actually escaped the assessment levied on similar property under the plea that the Government section from Kamloops to Port Moody was not accepted by them or handed over to them, and consequently they were not liable for the taxes. The reply to that telegram was sent on the 28th April and was as follows :—

GENTLEMEN,—I am desired by His Excellency the Governor-General to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 19th inst. relative to the removal of iron piles belonging to the Government from Port Moody to Vancouver. His Excellency having caused the above telegram to be referred to his Minister of Railways and Canals for report has been informed that the wharf at Port Moody has been set on iron piles and is in good condition for traffic. There are some spare iron piles, but one third has been given the C. P. R. to remove them.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY STREETFIELD."

To J. T. Scott and J. T. Corduroy.

This reply is very misleading to say the least of it. It is only partially true.

HON. MR. MCINNES.

It was only one third of that wharf that was in a good condition for traffic, and he conceals the fact that two-thirds of the wharf is allowed to fall into decay and thus there is a tacit understanding that the Canadian Pacific Railway are to have the unused piles. If the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have taken possession of those iron piles and ripped up the planks of the remainder of the wharf and are shipping them down to Vancouver without the sanction or authority of the Government, it is only another evidence,—if any more evidence were necessary—to show this House and the country that the Government is under the control of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company—in fact that they are using the Government like so many toys. Not only that, but I may mention in this connection that instead of the Government paying due respect to their Orders-in-Council and the pledges they have made on the floor of Parliament, they have allowed every pledge to be violated by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Not only are the Company removing the iron piles and the planking of the wharf, but, I am informed, they have taken up three of the six railway tracks laid at Port Moody, and I ask in all fairness are the Government of the country doing justice in view of their solemn pledges and the contract they have entered into with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and private individuals, in allowing the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to act in a manner calculated to ruin every private individual or every private or public enterprise that stands in their way? I think it is high time that this rapacious Company should be stayed in some way, and if they have acted without any authority in taking those iron piles and other material in connection with that wharf away from Port Moody down to Vancouver—if they override the Statutes and disregard the Orders of Parliament, I think it is high time that some means be devised by which they shall be made amenable to the law and well understood will of the people.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—If my hon. friend had made a motion on