

bear in mind that the money so raised is to be applied on the road.

HON. MR. POWER—But there is the position; that while the Algoma branch is of no great value, the Government hold the first lien on it. If such circumstances as the Minister of Justice indicates take place, the road will then become of great value because if the connection which is spoken of is made, the branch from Sault St. Marie to Sudbury will be the most valuable portion of the Pacific Railway, and then the country will have only a second mortgage on that road when it becomes valuable.

HON. MR. McMILLAN—It is better than a first mortgage on a road which is good for nothing.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL.—The money that will be raised will be spent upon the road.

HON. MR. POWER—I am not saying this of the present more than of any other administration, but a Government, dealing with a corporation like the Pacific Railway Company, is always at a disadvantage. The representations of the directors are hard to resist, and there is generally no one present who is interested in opposing those representations and solicitations; so I take it that saying that “the Governor in Council may in his discretion,” is practically equivalent to saying that “the Governor in Council shall,” and I think it is an objectionable provision. As regards that Algoma branch, my impression is that it would really be better for the Government to advance a little money themselves than to give up their lien on the road, because there is no portion of the Pacific Railway which will be better security for money advanced on it than that section. There is nothing said in this Bill to prevent the company from going outside of the provisions of their charter, and there is an amendment which I think is desirable should be moved as to the western terminus of the road. I suppose it is not necessary to give notice of the amendment now, but if it is, I give notice that I am prepared, when the Bill is at its third reading, to move an amendment

with respect to the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—It is quite reasonable, if this Algoma Branch is now, in its incomplete state, comparatively worthless, as my hon. friend admits it is, that anyone advancing money upon it to make it valuable should have a first lien for money so advanced. Those who make it valuable should have some right to get their money back.

HON. MR. POWER—An unfinished road, as a rule, is not very valuable.

HON. MR. McINNES (B.C.)—Before this Bill is reported, I desire to move that the following clause be added to the Bill :—

*Clause A.*

“In case the company, by any extension of its main line, or by the construction of any branch line or lines, or by any agreement for acquiring or leasing the line or lines of any other railway company or companies, or by any agreement for running powers over the line or lines of any other railway company or companies, or by traffic arrangements with any other railway company or companies, or by any other means or device, establish (or purpose to establish) a Terminus on the Pacific coast at any point other than Port Moody, then the Government of Canada shall not construct or establish any such terminus, nor along the line or lines of railway (whereby the Canadian Pacific Railway is connected or proposed to be connected with such terminus,) the engine house, station buildings, and water service, which, by contract and agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company approved and ratified by the Act passed in the Forty-Fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter One, the Government is bound to construct, establish and convey to the company, upon the completion of the Eastern and Central Section of the Canadian Pacific Railway; but the said engine house, station buildings and water service shall be constructed and established at Port Moody, notwithstanding the establishment, or proposed establishment, of any other terminus.”

This is the amendment that I gave notice of some days ago when I was discussing the terminus question, but before entering upon the merits of it to-day I desire to make a personal explanation which slipped my memory upon that occasion. My hon. friend from Lunenburg and myself, have been accused of speculating in Port Moody property, and in consequence of