

red Syenitic escarpment of Smoky Cape, capped with the cloud, from which it derives its name, with many lofty head-lands in the background, and the peak of the Sugarloaf Mountain just peeping above the far distant horizon. On the western coast, from Cape St. Lawrence to Margarie, scenery of a similar character occurs; but it is the setting, not the rising sun, reveals all its hidden beauties." As great ignorance prevailed on this fine island, he (Mr. B.) would recommend his hon. friends to read this book, which would induce them, he was certain, to visit it, and which, as they would find, was not only attractive on account of its great resources, but possessing those natural beauties rarely to be met with on this continent. The hon. gentleman concluded by moving in accordance with previous notice, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the report of Mr. Perley, C.E., on the enlargement of the St. Peter's Canal.

HON. MR. LETELLIER expressed some astonishment at the tone of the hon. gentleman just sat down. For six years he was in office, and the hon. gentleman beside him (Mr. Bourinot) was constantly asking money to enlarge this canal; but nothing was done in that time. Suddenly, however, that he was in Opposition, his eyes were opened, and he saw the value of this work at the moment the present Government were proposing a vote for it. His Government neglected the matter for years, while the moment the present assumed office, it decided to see to this improvement. The hon. leader of the Opposition had discovered very late the advantages and wants of that region. The engineers are now at work, and the improvement will be effected as they recommend. He agreed to the Motion.

HON. MR. CAMPBELL admitted no actual work was done by the late Government in this direction, but it was but fair to say they sent down an engineer to examine into the possibility of enlarging the canal. Difficulties in the way were reported, owing to the character of the stone forming the banks of the canal, and it was

found necessary to examine into that matter before asking the Legislature for money. So the hon. gentleman was mistaken in saying nothing was done. He (Mr. C.) presumed it was upon the report of Mr. Perley, the engineer mentioned, that the present Government were about to take action. But, from whatever party action came, with a view to this improvement, he (Mr. C.) should be very glad, and he hoped his hon. friends would be glad to see the work accomplished—one that would give such great facilities to the trade of the country. (Hear, hear.)

HON. MR. MILLER was happy to find the interest shown by the leaders of the Government and Opposition in the St. Peter's Canal. He was glad to find that they were both now alive to the importance of finishing the canal, and he believed he had contributed something by his advocacy of the measure during the last few years to produce that result. He had frequently brought the question before Parliament, and would continue to do so until the end desired was attained. His hon. friend from Cape Breton had always been an advocate of every measure that might promote the prosperity of the Island, and he was glad to see him discussing the question. He was also much pleased to find the able advocacy of the hon. leader of the Opposition enlisted on their side; as he had visited the canal a few years ago, and could speak from personal experience, his remarks were entitled to special weight. The late Government had sent an engineer to inspect the canal and make a report as to required improvements, but shortly afterwards they went out of office. He (Mr. Miller) was well pleased now to find that the present Government were determined to forward the work, and he was satisfied with the assurance his hon. friend (Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just) had given him a few days ago as to the intention of the Government. He trusted there would be no further unnecessary delay. Many hon. members from the Upper Provinces did not realize the importance of many of the public works in the maritime provinces. A visit to the sea side would, perhaps, do as much for some of them as it had done for the hon. gentleman.