

the Table of the House a full statement of all expenditure made by the Government, about \$700,000, and the statement of the payment of that claim by the Company to the Government. It would have been embraced here but for the fact that it had been dealt with in a specific return, and I will be very glad to supplement that return if the hon. gentleman finds any point in it in which there is not the fullest information.

Mr. MACKENZIE. I have not seen it.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I may say that I am not particularly proud of that portion of the work which was carried on under my charge, and throw the blame a good deal on hon. gentleman opposite—

Mr. MACKENZIE. Of course.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Who were very stringent in the means that were placed at my service for the construction of any portion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and I was compelled, under the difficulties of the position, to fall back upon adopting through the prairie, another class of road; and I am afraid that the contrast between the operations of the Company and my own, in regard to the construction of the railway through the prairie section, is one certainly that I do not consider particularly flattering to myself, so that the hon. gentleman will excuse me if I do not dilate quite as fully upon that branch of the subject as I might otherwise have been tempted to do. Now, I may say that, assuming that seventy-nine miles is to be saved—and Major Rogers seems to be very sanguine that he will obtain a saving of seventy-nine miles—if it be not saved of course these figures will have to be changed—but I assume that it will be saved, and we shall then stand in this position: That from Montreal to Port Moody by the Canadian Pacific Railway the distance will be 2,850 miles; from New York to Port Moody, *via* the Canadian Pacific Railway and Montreal, the distance will be only 3,260 miles; from New York to Port Moody, by the Canadian Pacific Railway and Brockville, the shortest means by which they can reach the point, the distance will be 3,140 miles. Now, Sir, from New York to San Francisco which is some 500 or 600 miles further to the south than Victoria, *via* the Central and Union Pacific Railways, and the shortest connecting lines in the United States, the distance will be 3,330 miles, whereas from Montreal to Port Moody it is only 2,850, and from New York to Port Moody by our road is a shorter distance than it is from New York to San Francisco, showing that for all through traffic we ought to be able, with our shorter distances, with our better line, with our better grades and curves, and