

Moody. It is very difficult to understand the amendment, but with such understanding as I have, the Government do not propose to do that; the Government have no power, as far as I can see, to erect buildings or to extend the road beyond Port Moody or except upon the Pacific Railway proper, and that extension will not be part of it. There is no difficulty about that, and if this Bill proposed anything of the kind I would say that the hon. gentleman is right and let it be amended; but it does not propose anything of the kind. Supposing one terminus of this road is at Montreal, at it is at this moment, is there any power in the Bill to go beyond Montreal? None whatever and we could not build a mile of railway, without additional legislative power, on the other side of Montreal. The power must be given by Parliament, and no power has been given to extend this line of railway beyond Port Moody, and we have no land and no money to extend it beyond Port Moody. The hon. gentleman is led astray by the position he is placed in, and I regret it. He is led astray by the belief that there are powers in the Bill which are not in the Bill, and by the belief that the Government are doing what they cannot do without legislative authority, and that the money to be raised by the Company is the money of the Government, and has to be expended as government money. These are great mistakes. The Bill is simply for the purpose of raising the money, and changing the relative positions of the Company and the Government in regard to money transactions; and that we should incorporate into it an unnecessary provision bearing upon a different subject, bearing upon the terminus at Port Moody and the expenditure of money at that terminus, is to me a most unreasonable thing, and I cannot but think that the House will reject it without any difficulty whatever.

HON. MR. DICKEY—I sympathize naturally with the two hon. members who are concerned in this matter; but I think we ought to consider this matter entirely apart from any feeling which might influence us in consequence of that consideration. We therefore had better disembarrass the question entirely of that feature, and perhaps my hon.

friend from New Westminster would have done wisely if he had not introduced that so prominently into this debate. At the same time we must all give him credit for candor in stating to the House the relation in which he stood to this matter. I think also, for the purpose of getting a right conception of this question, which the House perhaps has not yet got, we ought to consider it entirely apart from the question as to what is to be done with this \$5,000,000. It has been stated to us just now that this \$5,000,000 is a loan. It is not a gift or grant of money to the Company for any purpose, and therefore it is hardly worth while embarrassing this question with any consideration as to that; but there are one or two points upon which I should like to have some little information. I think we have had some very clear and distinct information given to us with regard to one of the questions that I was about to ask, and that was, what right or authority have the Government to erect railway buildings 12 miles beyond Port Moody? That was the suggestion which arose from the line of argument pursued by the hon. gentleman who has offered this amendment. We have now a distinct answer from the Minister of Justice that the Government claim no power whatever to expend money to make terminal buildings beyond Port Moody.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—None whatever.

HON. MR. DICKEY—There was a question the other day that there was to be a round house built beyond Port Moody, and I confess that I was anxious to get some information and some assurance on that point, because I could not see how the Government could undertake to expend money 12 miles beyond the terminus of the Pacific Railway for such a purpose as that; but I have got the assurance now that no money is to be expended for that purpose by the Government.

HON. MR. MCINNES—The Government called for tenders time and again for the erection of this round house at Port Moody; if they carry out that work I am satisfied, but they have abandoned it.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL.