

the Charter place the entire settlement of that vast Territory in the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company; that immigrants will not be induced to pass by the cheap lands and free homesteads offered them in the Eastern and Central Provinces of the Dominion and in the United States, to proceed hundreds of miles further from market to purchase lands at excessive prices; that the minimum price of \$2 50 an acre, fixed by the charter, is excessive; that by such a condition or bargain the Government gives its sanction and authority to a fictitious value of the lands; that such sanction is well calculated to mislead capitalists and enable the railway company to use it for the purposes of financial operations, raising money for the repayment of which the lands may be held to be pledged, leading to future embarrassment to and charges of bad faith against the Government of the Dominion.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Honorable House the immediate abrogation of the charter granted to Sir Hugh Allan and others, incorporating them as the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is essential to the successful and advantageous carrying out of the great undertaking, at which the faith of the Dominion is solemnly pledged.

Resolved, That with a view to the early commencement of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and in order to keep faith with British Columbia, and to carry out the conditions agreed upon at the union of that Province with *Canada*, and to ensure the certain and early uniting together by railway of all the Provinces of the Dominion, the government should forthwith determine the terminal points of the line on the *Pacific* coast and East of the Rocky Mountains, and should at once commence and proceed with the construction of the railway through the Department of Public Works, or by a Board of competent commissioners appointed for that purpose.

Resolved, That simultaneously with commencing the construction of the railway steps should be taken by the government to obtain a thorough accurate exploration, and complete survey of the whole line between the terminal points on the *Pacific* coast and on the south side of Lake *Nipissing*, to ascertain the features and physical formation of the country, to determine the alignment and grades of the railway, and to procure a close estimate of its cost for the information of Parliament and of the country.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said he thought the House would desire to dispose of the resolutions as a whole. Unless my hon.

friend opposite is particularly anxious on the subject, it would be more satisfactory to the House, inasmuch as the earlier resolutions turn upon the last one or two. It would be better to move the whole as one proposition so that everybody may see what is agreed to, and particularly as the mover has found it convenient to discuss them all.

Hon. Mr. MACPHERSON—I think it would be more convenient to take a vote upon each. Some gentlemen might approve of some while disapproving of others, such as the amount of bonds to be hypothecated, the manner of doing so, and other matters. I don't see how it is possible, if the land resolution is put by itself, for any gentleman to vote against it.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—I think I shall ask the House, then to deal with the question as a whole; but as it is now so late, I think it as well not to discuss it at present. I think it due also, to my hon. friend opposite, to show every attention to the remarks he has made; and that I may have a full opportunity of doing so, I shall move the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was carried, and the resumption of the debate was made the first order of the day for Friday.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT seconded the motion.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL the debate was adjourned.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Hon. Mr. SIMPSON, the first order for the consideration of the second report of the Joint Committee on Printing was discharged.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE moved the second reading of the bill amending the Beaver and United Fire Insurance Companies Act. He said the object was to secure harmony with the bill passed by the Ontario Legislature last session. Carried.

MARTIN'S RELIEF BILL.

On motion of Hon. Mr. DICKEY, Richard Martin was called to the bar of the House and sworn. A number of questions were then put to him, to all of which he read replies, after which the Senator's motion for a second reading of Martin's relief bill and its reference to a select committee was carried.

COMMONS.

A number of bills transmitted from the Commons were read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL the House adjourned till Friday at three o'clock.