

down the documents in our possession and endeavor to obtain such further information as we do not possess.

Motion agreed to.

RAILWAY WORK BETWEEN SAVONA'S FERRY AND PORT MOODY.

Mr. BLAKE, in moving for copies of advertisements, specifications, conditions, tenders, correspondence, Orders in Council, and all other papers relative to the letting of the railway work between Savona's Ferry and Port Moody, British Columbia, said: I am not aware whether a formal contract has yet been signed in connection with this work; I, therefore, have included it, though it may not be necessary, because I presume it will be laid on the Table of the House. I have asked for those things which it is proper to ask for, even in advance of the execution of the contract, and which I hope, therefore, will be brought down at an early day.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I would ask the hon. gentleman if he does not mean Emory's Bar and Port Moody, because all other correspondence relating to the contract has been brought down.

Mr. BLAKE. Emory's Bar, of course.

Motion agreed to.

VOLUNTEER DISCIPLINE.

Mr. MACKENZIE moved for copies of all reports from General Luard, and from any other officer or court of enquiry, relative to matters connected with the command or discipline observed in the 27th Battalion of Volunteer Militia; and also of any departmental order made in relation to the same, and copies of all complaints or representation from any officer of the said battalion, or other correspondence.

Mr. CARON. I must state that it is quite unusual that any papers having reference to matters of discipline should be brought down and laid on the Table. However, under the circumstances, I have no objection that these be brought down, and they will be brought down as soon as possible.

Mr. MACKENZIE. As the hon. gentleman has consented to bring down the papers, I shall not at present make the remarks I intended to offer. The matter is so serious as to require the attention of the House, and no mere usage of any sort will prevent us discussing intelligently the condition of the volunteer force.

Motion agreed to.

INTERCOLONIAL ROLLING STOCK.

Mr. ANGLIN moved for a return showing what number of locomotives, passenger, freight, and coal cars, and other rolling stock were purchased or contracted for or built at the Government workshops during the year ending December 31st, 1881, distinguishing those that were purchased, those that were obtained under contract, and those that were built in the Government workshops, and showing how, in each case, the locomotives, cars and other stock purchased were purchased, whether by tender or by private arrangement with the Department of Railways and Canals, or through an agent; if by tender, whether tenders were invited by public advertisement or by circular; if by circular, to what parties or firms such circulars were addressed, and where the persons to whom they were addressed reside or do business; if through an agent or agents, the name or names of such agent or agents, and the amount of commission paid in each case; whether any locomotives or other rolling stock, purchased elsewhere than in Canada, paid Customs duties; the class, diameter, size and power of each locomotive purchased, and the price paid for each, the amount of Customs duties paid on each, and all the charges adding to

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the cost; how tenders for any locomotives, cars, or other rolling stock contracted for were invited in each case, if by circular, the names and descriptions of the persons or firms to whom they were addressed, and a copy of the circular; the prices paid for any locomotives, cars, or other rolling stock obtained under such contract, or to be paid for such locomotives or other rolling stock as had not been delivered on December 31st, 1881; whether if, in any case, such locomotives or other rolling stock were built or are to be built out of Canada, the contractors paid or are to pay duties of customs on such rolling stock, and all other charges up to the time of delivery on any road in Canada belonging to the Government; the size, power and character of each locomotive delivered or to be delivered under any contract; the names, descriptions and place of business of all persons or firms from whom locomotives or other rolling stock were purchased, or with whom contracts for locomotives or other rolling stock were made, and the names of places or establishments in which the rolling stock purchased or contracted for were built or are to be built. He said: I do not know that we have any right to object that the works of the Province of Quebec have been used for a purpose of this kind; but we cannot forget that the Dominion Government has very large works at Moncton, which, I believe, are not fully occupied, and if an arrangement of that kind were made, an opportunity of that kind should be afforded to mechanics and contractors throughout the Dominion to build those cars at Moncton if they chose to do so, obtaining the same facilities in the Dominion Government workshops there that are said to have been afforded in the workshops of the Province of Quebec. With respect to all these matters the reports are entirely silent. Going through the Public Accounts carefully I could not find there anything that would afford the information to which I think this House and the country are fully entitled upon all these points. I do not at all insinuate that there is any intention to suppress any information, but there is certainly incorrect information in these reports which it would be well to have corrected.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I will say, in answer to the hon. gentleman, that no time shall be lost in bringing down all the information that is sought for in this paper; but as he has chosen to make a few remarks in introducing this resolution, I am glad to be able to relieve his mind at once upon two or three important points. In the first place, no rolling stock has been obtained by private arrangement with the Department; no rolling stock has been purchased except by Orders in Council, stating all the facts relating to it. Secondly, no agent has been employed, and, consequently, no commissions have been paid to any person. In the third place, I may say that no rolling stock has been obtained out of Canada that could be obtained in it. I think it is right that I should state that no time will be lost in giving the hon. gentleman the information. I am glad he concluded his remarks by saying that he did not wish to insinuate that there was any desire to suppress information, because I think he will find the report is quite as full in relation to all these matters as has been customary under previous Administrations. It is quite impossible, in a report of this kind, to answer every possible anticipation, and to deal with it in the voluminous manner we otherwise would in dealing with a subject presented to the consideration of this House.

Motion agreed to.

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS.

The following motions for returns were severally agreed to:—

Return showing the number of claims referred to the Official Arbitrators from the 30th June, 1880, to the 1st day of February, 1882, the name of each claimant, the nature of