

that the Chairman had not falsified the report in the way of tampering with it after it was prepared. What he did say, however, was that the report as prepared did certainly convey an impression the very opposite of what the Committee intended. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. RYKERT asked the Commissioner of Public Works to withdraw the charge.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said he thought the hon. member should be satisfied with what had been already said. The Minister of Public Works said he did not charge the hon. member with having falsified the report in the sense of having altered it or tampered with it. The members of the Committee, or at least two of them, said that the report meant something which they had never intended it should mean, and would not have agreed to had they thought so. The hon. member for Lincoln was exculpated from having tampered with the report after it was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. CURRIE said it appeared there was no draft report, and that the report was made up of the resolutions adopted by the Committee, which had been copied verbatim. The report was in the handwriting of Mr. H. S. Macdonald, with the exception of the 10th clause, which was in fact written on the back of the 9th clause, and did not appear to have been initialled by the Chairman of the Committee. The clause did not seem to have answered the question of Mr. Blake, but he thought the hon. member for Lincoln had been entirely exculpated from having altered the report after it was adopted.

Mr. CAMERON complained that the Commissioner of Public Works had not entirely and unreservedly withdrawn his statement, which reflected very seriously upon the honour of a member of this House. He said he had no doubt whatever of the guilt of the Government in that case, and contended that the report was framed in as mild language as possible; in fact, in his opinion, in language too mild. He was proceeding to discuss the question elaborately when

Hon. Mr. FRASER called him to order, reminding him that he had stopped the hon. member for Essex for doing the same thing.

Hon. Mr. MCKELLAR said he thought he did withdraw the charge he made against the hon. gentleman. He believed he had at first said that the hon. gentleman had altered the report. He found afterwards that the hon. gentleman did not falsify it by changing it from what other members of the Committee agreed to, but he found that the report, as it was presented to the House, conveyed a meaning and an interpretation which the members of the Committee did not intend, and which was not sustained by the evidence. He was quite prepared to discuss the Proton question with hon. gentlemen opposite whenever they chose, and was glad they had nothing else to charge against him. There was one thing of which hon. gentlemen opposite had forgotten to tell the House and the country in connection with this question, and that was that it had cost \$300

intention to introduce a measure during the present Session, having for its object the formation of new Counties for the re-arranging of existing electoral divisions.

Mr. Boulton—On Friday next—Resolution that in the opinion of this House the scale of salaries paid to officials in the Dominion should be taken as the rule for the guidance of this House, there being no parity between the cases, but that some proper system should be at once devised whereby the salaries paid under the authority of this Legislature shall be placed on a proper basis, and the present inequalities adjusted and the present injustice remedied.

Also—On Friday next—Resolution that this House cannot avoid expressing its regret that His Excellency has not thought fit to advise this House, while material alterations are being made respecting aid to railways, to give effect by legislation to some scheme which will relieve the country of the burden of paying \$100,000 a year for twenty years, and provide for this sum being capitalized and paid out of the present surplus funds in hand.

Also—On Friday next—Resolution that in the opinion of this House, any Orders in Council granting aid to railways should be laid before the Legislature at least a fortnight before the House is called on to pass upon such Orders, so that sufficient time may be afforded to the members of the Legislature to intelligently comprehend the scope of the same.

Mr. Currie—On Friday next—Bill entitled an Act respecting limitations and suits relating to mortgage sales, and to provide a mode to conduct future mortgage sales.