

Mr. LAUDER was sorry to hear any gentleman occupying the position of Minister of the Crown stating that he questioned whether the privileges Canada now enjoyed under Responsible Government, were equal to those had under the less popular form of Government which prevailed long in the early history of the Province. He (Mr. Lauder) was astonished to hear such a statement from the Treasury Benches. (Hear hear). That a gentleman in that position should have made statements showing his desire to return to the old Star Chamber system of the Government, being constituted by a Governor in Council in secret chamber.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said he had been misstated—what he said was that it was questioned whether the present form of government, with all its expensive machinery, was better than the system of governing by a Governor in Council, with men having the interests of the country at heart. (Oh! oh!)

Mr. LAUDER did not think the hon. gentleman made so much of his explanation as he could have wished. (Hear, hear.) It was certainly a most astonishing thing to find a member of the Cabinet expressing a preference for a system which had been tried and condemned as leading to tyranny and corruption in their worst forms. (Cheers.) Mr. Lauder, in closing, said he would vote for the resolution.

Mr. FERGUSON did not see that the claim was just, and would not support it. He objected to going back to liquidate debts, as there would be no end to such claims.

Hon. Mr. RICHARDS said the service in question was rendered by Mr. Mackenzie and the expenses of his time alone would amount to a very large sum. Again, there was no man in political life in this country whose services dated farther back or were more pure, self-denying and patriotic. (Hear, hear) He (Mr. Richards) had in 1852 suggested to Mr. Hincks that Mr. Mackenzie should be appointed to the Postmastership of Toronto. Mr. Hincks assented; the offer was made, (when the office was worth £500 or £600 a year); but it was flatly refused on the ground that it might be construed into an attempt to buy him off. He continued in the Legislature and died in poverty. (Hear). Now, in all the history of Canada, he did not know of any such deserving claim as this preferred here; and, entertaining this view, he had listened with extreme pleasure to the very handsome, noble sentiments of the member for Ottawa that evening. (Cheers). He (Mr. Richards) would vote for the resolution.

Mr. CRAIG (Glengarry) did not see that if he voted for this sum he could satisfactorily account to his constituents for voting this sum, asked in this way, as a legal right. He would suggest that the motion be withdrawn.

The question was then put and carried. Yeas, 35; Nays, 31. The following was the division:—

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Baxter, Beatty, Blake, Christie, Olemens, Cockburn, Crosby, Evans, Ferrier, Finlayson, Fraser, Galbraith, Gow, Lauder, Leung, McDougall, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, McMurrich, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Perry, Richards, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Smith (Middlesex), Trow, Williams (Hamilton)—35.

NAYS—Messrs. Boulter, Cameron, Carling, Carnegie, Colquhoun, Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glengarry), Craig (Russell), Currie, Ferguson, Fitzsimmons, Graham (Hastings), Gzame (York), Hays, Hooper, Luton, Lyon, Matchett, Monteith, McCall (Norfolk), McColl (Eggle), Rykert, Shaw, Strange, Supple, Wallis, Wigle, Williams (Durham), Wilson, Wood—31.

THE PROROGATION.

On motion of Hon. J. S. McDONALD, it was resolved that when the House adjourns, it stand adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock, when His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor would come down to assent to the bills passed and prorogue the House.

The House adjourned at midnight.