

Mr. RYKERT said the Government did not hold a lash over him. He would tell the Government this, that if they did not propound a policy in regard to the Municipal Loan Fund, by next election, they would soon find themselves on the other side of the House.

Mr BLAKE enquired what was the meaning of the resolution the member for Lincoln had on the paper?

Mr. RYKERT said that it was to the effect that the older constituencies should receive consideration in the distribution of the surplus. (Hear, hear.) He maintained that these constituencies, which had expended large sums of money for public purposes, were entitled to consideration in the distribution of the surplus.

Mr. TROW said that his county was in the same condition as that of the hon. member for Lincoln, and he thought the amendment would do it more justice than the resolution, and he consequently should support it. With reference to the argument that the principle of distribution by population would act unfairly, by giving the greater proportion to the older counties, he thought the contrary would be the result, since the new counties had not contributed so long nor to so great an extent as the inhabitants of the older counties.

Mr. MONTEITH briefly supported the Government propositions.

A division was then taken, with the following result:—

YEAS—Messrs Baxter, Blake, Boyd, Christie, Clemens, Cook, Crosby, Finlayson, Fraser, Gow, McDougall, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, McMurrich, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Perry, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Middlesex), Springer, Trow, Williams (Hamilton)—25.

NAYS—Messrs Anderson, Beatty, Boulter, Calvin, Cameron, Carling (London), Carling (Huron), Carnegie, Cockburn, Code, Colquhoun, Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glenegary), Craig (Russell), Cumberland, Currie, Evans, Eyre, Ferguson Ferrier, Fitzsimmons, Galbraith, Graham (Hastings), Grahame (York), Hooper, Lauder, Lount, Lyon, Macdonald, McCoil (Elgin), McGill, Matchett, Monteith, Murray, Read, Richards, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Smith (Kent), Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Strange, Swinarton, Tett, Wallis, Wigle, Williams, (Durham), Wilson, Wood—51.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD moved the House into committee—Mr. Lyon in the chair—on the resolutions.

The committee adopted the resolutions, and the reception of the report was fixed for to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 12:30.