

necessary for him to return to the same source to have his memory refreshed in reference to the manner in which he should perform his duties.

Mr. RICHARDS repeated the old story that the Commissioner of Crown Lands was the paid agent of the lumbermen, and added that it was now stated that he had received \$13,000. He appealed to the Premier whether that sum could have been given properly for services done at Quebec. He gave notice that he would move for a Committee to investigate this charge.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said he was surprised

at the remarks made by the honourable member for Niagara in reference to the Commissioner of Crown Lands. In the first place there was no shadow of truth in the statement which had been made that so large a sum of money as \$13,000 had been paid to his honourable friend for services to the lumbermen; and nothing could be more ridiculous than to assume, as the member for Niagara had done indirectly, that the Commissioner had been influenced in effecting the recent sale of timber licenses by reason of any transactions which that honourable gentleman had previously had with the lumbermen. It had not been pretended during the debate that such had been the case. (Hear, hear.) None of the lumbermen for whom the member for Niagara had said the Commissioner had been counsel at a previous time were purchasers at the recent sale, and by placing these timber limits in the market the timber held by these lumbermen was actually diminished in value, and the assumption that the sale was in their interest was altogether erroneous. (Hear, hear.) A reference to that subject, therefore, was not only entirely irrelevant to the question before the House, but ridiculous. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. SCOTT remarked that it was exceedingly embarrassing for him to have to again reply to such statements as the hon. member for Niagara had just made, for he thought every gentleman on both sides of the House was satisfied with what he had said on previous occasions. But as that honourable gentleman had returned to the subject he would once more explain the matter to which reference had been made, though he felt it rather a delicate one to bring up in public. It did so happen that for the past twenty years he had been rather a prominent individual in the Ottawa valley, and had held many positions conferred upon him by the people of that section. He had in the years '53, '60, and '61 rendered services in court to lumbermen so far as their trade was concerned. In 1867, however, there was remaining unpaid a portion of the expenses incurred in his election, and a few private friends of his own determined to present him with a testimonial for his services on behalf of his section of the country. At his own suggestion, instead of a presentation of silver plate, as had been proposed, the money raised went towards wiping off the ugly reminiscences of the election contest in the shape of debts. There was no preconceived arrangement—no promises of any kind were asked from him. It was exceedingly delicate for these matters to be referred to and very unfair for honourable gentlemen to accuse him of any partiality in the administration of affairs connected with the Crown Lands Department. The sum contributed by his friends was not of the magnitude stated—nothing like half that sum. (Hear, hear.)

The House then divided on Mr. Lauder's amendment, which was lost; Yeas, 18; Nays, 53.

Yeas—Cameron, Macdonald, Ferguson, Meridith, Merrick, Boulter, Rykert, Lauder, Grange, Williams (Durham), Richards, Hamilton, Corby, Gifford, Read, Calvin, Tooley, McKim—18.

Nays—Mowat, Crooks, Scott (Ottawa), Pardee, McKellar, Gow, Smith, Fraser, Barber, Baxter, Clemens, Clarke (Wellington), Springer, Webb, Gibbons, Gibson, Farewell, Cook, Williams (Hamilton), Hodgins, McKim, Deroche, Oliver, Wilson, Striker, Crosby, Paxton, McCal, Deacon, Sexton, Wood (Victoria), McLeod, Clarke (Norfolk), Monk, Finlayson, Graham, Wood (Brant), Prince, McManus, Robinson, Waterworth, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Hancy, Harrington, Fitzsimmons, Code, Caldwell, Guest, Scott (Grey), Craig (Russell), Monteith—53.

The amendment was therefore declared lost.

Mr. WOOD (Brant) rose to move another amendment. Referring to the insinuation thrown out by the member for East Toronto, that he (Mr. Wood) had changed his views upon this question, and that "his wheels had been greased," he challenged him to point to a single word of inconsistency in his two speeches, and to prove his base

insinuation or for ever stand convicted of the infamy which should attach to a man who had basely attempted to take away his good reputation. Coming to the subject before the House, he criticised the speech of the hon. member for East Toronto, and concluded by moving in amendment to the proposed amendment of Mr. Wood (Victoria): That this House approves of the policy of the Crown Lands Department, set forth in the regulations of the Department made in 1859, that the Commissioner of Crown Lands, before granting any licenses for new timber berths in unsurveyed territory, shall as far as practicable cause the section of country where it is intended to allot such berths to be run out into townships, and each township, when so surveyed, shall constitute a timber berth; but the Commissioner of Crown Lands may cause such township to be subdivided into as many timber berths as he may think proper, and the timber berths or limits, when so set off, and all new berths in surveyed territories, shall be explored and valued, and then offered for sale by public auction at the upset price fixed by such valuation, at such time and place, and under such conditions, and by such officers, as the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall direct by public notice for that purpose, and shall be sold to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale.

Mr. CAMERON said the hon. member for South Brant had not been in order when he moved his amendment; and quoted from May.

Mr. WOOD said he had not spoken on the amendment of the member for South Victoria.

Mr. CAMERON said the hon. gentleman had spoken twice after replying to Mr. Wood's remarks respecting him. He went on to say that the amendment proposed gave to the Commissioner of Crown Lands power to sell all the remaining timber lands in the country.

Mr. RICHARDS criticized the former speech of the member for South Brant, and held that it was inconsistent with his later utterances. He contrasted the policy of the late Government with the course pursued by the present administration.

Mr. LAUDER contended that the sale was obnoxious to the country, though the Government might get a majority of the House to support it.

Mr. FRASER made some remarks with reference to the position of the member for North Leeds.

Mr. SINCLAIR, referring to a remark of the member for East Toronto, said he had no knowledge whether the amendment was acceptable to the Government or not. Certainly he had not consulted the Government when he consented to second the amendment.

Mr. MERNICK defended his own position in reply to the member for South Grenville.

The House then divided upon Mr. E. P. Wood's amendment, which was carried—Yeas 63, nays 5.

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Baxter, Boulter, Caldwell, Cameron, Christie, Clarke, (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Code, Cook, Corby, Craig (Russell), Crooks, Crosby, Deroche, Farewell, Ferguson, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibbons, Gibson, Gifford, Gow, Graham, Guest, Hamilton, Hancy, Harrington, Hodgins, Lauder, Macdonald, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, McKim, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, Monteith, Mowat, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Prince, Robinson, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Tooley, Waterworth, Webb, Williams (Durham), Williams (Hamilton), Wilson, Wood (Brant), Wood (Victoria)—63.

NAYS—Messrs. Calvin, Deroche, Grange, McCal, Read—5.

The amendment was therefore declared carried.

Mr. RYKERT moved his second resolution: That no license to cut timber on the wild lands of this Province shall be granted (except what is required for actual settlement and for local consumption) until the Order in Council relating to the same has been submitted to the House for its sanction.

Mr. WOOD (Brant) moved in amendment: That the Government having announced to the House that in view of the extensive territory now under license, and heretofore offered for license, it is not the intention of the Government to put any new territory under license for some years to come, except in such quantities as shall be required for actual settlement; and the Government having also announced its intention to bring down at the next session a measure