

Mr. MERRICK argued that the Opposition voted for the amendment to the amendment because it did not interfere with the principle of the amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER said that the House was under the impression that the word "that" was in the beginning of the amendment, therefore he should rule that it be so.

Mr. CAMERON contended that the word could not be inserted, as it was not in the amendment. There was no trick on the part of the Opposition, but rather on the part of the Government in endeavouring to substitute one amendment for another.

Mr. SPEAKER advised that the vote be rescinded, and the amendment put again.

Mr. MACDOUGALL (Simcoe) had not voted because he believed the amendment to the amendment was intended to be substituted for the amendment; and he supported Mr. Speaker in the ruling that the House was under the impression it was voting down the amendment.

Mr. BETHUNE thought the Speaker should not undertake to amend resolutions submitted to the House. The Opposition might have had the result in view all the time. If there was a misunderstanding it was far better that the whole rule should be rescinded rather than an amendment be made by the Speaker, as it might form a precedent to be deplored on some future occasion.

Mr. SPEAKER explained that it was customary to supply formal words to make sense when they had been omitted.

Mr. HODGINS said that when the amendments were being put the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Lauder) recommended the Speaker not to read the amendment, but to read the amendment to the amendment. When the vote was taken the House believed the word "that" to be in the amendment. He agreed with the hon. member for Stormont (Mr. Bethune) that it was not desirable, nor would it form a very safe precedent, for Mr. Speaker to supply the missing word.

It being six o'clock, the Speaker left the chair.

After recess,

Mr. SPEAKER, referring to the misunderstanding before recess, said that if any hon. member would state that he had voted for the amendment to the amendment under the impression that the amendment would not be eliminated as a whole it would be better to rescind the vote.

Mr. LAUDER stated that several of the Opposition members were aware that the amendment would not be nullified by the amendment to the amendment.

Mr. FRASER contended that the amendment to the amendment merely proposed to eliminate a portion of the amendment, and to add certain words to the resolution; therefore the contention of the Opposition was incorrect.

Mr. MERRICK thought the preamble would be added, too.

Mr. FRASER did not think so.

Mr. SPEAKER stated that the preamble would appear in the Votes and Proceedings, but not attached to the resolution.

Mr. ROSS said it was not becoming of party leaders to permit the House to vote under a misapprehension. It did not reflect creditably on the Opposition.

Mr. MEREDITH repudiated any unfair dealings on the part of the Opposition.

Mr. HODGINS contended that the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Lauder) had requested the Speaker not to read the amendment, so that hon. members did not know what they were voting on.

Mr. LAUDER denied that he had done so, and said that he merely requested Mr. Speaker to read the amendment to the amendment, as he desired to inform himself as to its contents.

Mr. HODGINS re-affirmed his statement, and would adhere to it. In the old Parliament of Canada it was the practice for the Speaker to conform motions to the terminology of the House, but such was not the case here.

Mr. SPEAKER ruled that the resolution would be amended by adding the words mentioned in the amendment to the amendment.

The discussion then dropped, and the item as amended was concurred in.

Mr. WOOD moved, "That the sum of \$59,025 be voted to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Justice."

Mr. MONK moved in amendment, "That the resolution be referred back to the Committee of Supply with instructions to reduce the amount by striking out the sum of \$5,000, for the Provincial Police at Clifton and Fort Erie."

Mr. BETHUNE wished to know if the Government were not about to discontinue this vote, because last year it was stated that the vote was only of a temporary nature.

Mr. MOWAT said there was no promise made last year that the amount should be discontinued at any particular time, although the Government always looked upon the vote as being of a temporary character. The Government were not in a position to say when the vote should be withdrawn, for there was no guarantee that if this course was adopted the old state of disorder in the locality of Clifton would not return.

Mr. MEREDITH thought the "flying squad" of police magistrates to be appointed after this session might be utilized for this purpose, and the present great expense saved to the Province.

Mr. HODGINS claimed that the vote was by statute, and not within the power of an ordinary vote of the Committee of Supply to increase, decrease, or even to vote. At Ottawa, the sums to be voted in the Committee of Supply and those to be voted by the House were placed in separate columns.

Mr. CAMERON said that the amendment was to reduce the resolution by so much and was not out of order.

Mr. HODGINS claimed that the sum and similar sums were fixed by statute.

Mr. BETHUNE thought the Government should consider the propriety of forcing Clifton to contribute a share of this expense.

Mr. BELL said it was proper that the municipality of Clifton should bear the expense of keeping order in its midst.

Mr. MEREDITH complained that Clifton was enjoying special privileges.

Mr. PATTERSON (Essex) argued that it was unfair to other municipalities that this vote should be continued.

The amendment was declared lost on the following division:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker, Barr, Bell, Boulter, Broder, Brown, Calvin, Cameron, Code, Coutts, Creighton, Deacon, Grange, Harkin, Kean, Lauder, Long, McDougall (Middlesex), McDougall (Simcoe), McGowan, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, Mostyn, O'Sullivan, Patterson (Essex), Richardson, Rosevear, Tooley, Wigle, Wills, Wilson—32.

NAYS.—Messrs. Appleby, Ballantyne, Baxter, Bethune, Bishop, Bonfield, Chisholm, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Cole, Crooks, Dawson, Deroche, Ferris, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibson, Graham, Haney, Hardy, Hargraft, Hay, Hodgins, Hunter, Lar. Lyon, McCraney, McMahon, Massie, Master, Mill, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Pardee, Paxton, Ross, Sexton, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, Widdifield, Williams, Wood.—45.

[The remainder of this report is held for want of space.]