

The amendment was put and declared lost on the following division:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker, Barr, Bell, Bonfield, Boulter, Broder, Cameron, Code, Coutts, Creighton, Deacon, Flesher, Grange, Harkin, Kean, Lauder, Long, McDougall (Middlesex), Macdougall (Simcoe), McGowan, Merrick, Monk, O'Donoghue, Patterson (Essex), Preston, Richardson, Scott, Tooley, Wigle, Wills—30.

NAYS.—Messrs. Appleby, Ballantyne, Baxter, Bethune, Chisholm, Clarke (Wellington), Cole, Currie, Deroche, Ferris, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibson, Graham, Grant, Hardy, Hargraft, Hay, Hodgins, Hunter, Lane, Lyon, McCraney, McMahon, Massie, Master, Miller, Mowat, Pardee, Patterson (York), Paxton, Robinson, Sexton, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, Widdifield, Williams, Wilson, Wood—43.

The resolution was received and adopted on the same division.

SUPPLY.

Mr. WOOD moved, "That the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply on the Supplementary Estimates."

Mr. CAMERON had had from time to time to complain against the manner in which the present Government interfered with the public purse contrary to constitutional law. Prof. McCandlish had been given without the sanction of the House \$1,500; \$5,000 were expended on the Agricultural College in 1874 without authority; \$1,000 on the pamphlet for the Sydney Exhibition. Public works had been let without tender, and now they were told that there would be a deficit this year. The result of deficits would at first lead to inroads on the surplus accumulated by the economy of John Sandfield Macdonald; and lastly to direct taxation. He concluded by moving the following amendment:—

"That all after the word 'That' to the end of the motion be left out, and the following substituted therefor: 'an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, representing that in the year 1874 the then Treasurer of the Province, now Minister of Education, authorized an overdraft of the account of the Province with the Bank of Commerce in respect of the Agricultural College at Guelph, without the constitutional sanction of an Order in Council or warrant of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for the sum of \$5,000, as appears by the statement of the present Treasurer and the Minister of Education, made in their places in this House; that the Treasurer also authorized and recommended the payment of the sum of \$1,000 to be made to Messrs. Barber & Ellis on account of a certain pamphlet, after the Minister of Education, while Treasurer, at the last session of this House, had assured this House such payment should not be made; that the Honourable Attorney-General, in the said year 1874, authorized the payment of the sum of \$1,500 by way of gratuity to Professor McCandlish, of the said Agricultural College at Guelph, without the authority of an Order in Council or the warrant of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thereby setting aside the checks and safeguards that have surrounded and protected the public money, and its unauthorized application; that His Honour's advisers have, at different times, in defiance of the Act respecting the Public Works, carried on extensive Public Works without inviting tenders by public advertisements; among others the following works:—Extensive alterations and additions to the Central Prison, the Agricultural College at Guelph, the Asylum at Hamilton, the fence around the Legislative Assembly and Departmental buildings, and other works involving the expenditure of large sums; that under the administration of the present Government the ordinary expenditure has been largely in excess of the expenditure of their predecessors in office—the amount of expenditure for the year 1871 having been \$1,386,246, while in 1877 the expenditure amounted to \$2,017,438, or an excess of \$631,192; that the expenditure in respect of Public Works under the administration of the Honourable John Sandfield Macdonald amounted to \$1,212,771, or an average of \$303,192, while for the six years ending in December, 1877, the expenditure was only \$2,025,413, or an average of \$337,562, not warranting the present staff and cost of the Public Works Department; that from the Treasurer's financial statements it appears the revenue of the year 1878 will be less than the estimated expenditure, leaving a deficiency to be made good by the sale or disposal of the securities held by the Province in respect of investments made by their predecessors in office; that the revenue of the Province is in part fixed, the remainder being liable to fluctuate, will diminish and is not likely to increase; that the result of expenditure over revenue, if persisted in, will lead in time to direct taxation, a consequence calculated to prove most detrimental to the public good, and the present Administration not having taken measures to confine their estimated expenditure within the annual revenue, this House would be failing in its duty if it did not express its disapprobation of the course pursued by His Honour's advisers in respect of the several matters hereinafter set forth, and that His Honour will be graciously pleased to reconsider the estimates he has recommended for the approval and sanction of this House, with a view to confining the estimated expenditure within the estimated revenue for the present year.'"

Mr. FRASER said it would only be necessary to say that the amendment was a direct vote of want of confidence in the Government. Whenever the Reform party were in opposition they always notified the Government of their intention to make such a motion; but such was not the course of the Opp-

sition to-day. (Cheers.) The amendment was but a lawyer's brief, intended to be printed at the expense of the Province; but both the House and the country would treat it as it deserved. (Cheers.) Upon that record the hon. gentlemen went to the country three years ago, and they were not sustained. No doubt the hon. leader of the Opposition had been occupying the whole of his spare hours during the season in preparing this statement, based upon the charges he had so frequently made; and as the Opposition organs had not printed the statements satisfactorily, it was to be done at the expense of the Province. (Cheers.) He contended that the Reform Government since it came into power had properly distributed and expended the people's money. He concluded by denying that any part of the work for the Hamilton Asylum had been let without public tenders. (Cheers.)

Mr. MACDOUGALL (Simcoe) made a violent attack upon the Government of Ontario and also upon the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec. The refrain of his speech was that the present Ontario Government had mismanaged the finances of the Provinces in such a manner that this year there was a deficit of \$140,000. (Opposition cheers.)

Mr. CURRIE said that the hon. member for East Toronto desired the Lieutenant-Governor to permit the House to reconsider the Estimates. He read the following figures, showing the amounts asked for in the Estimates, and the amounts objected to by the Opposition since 1872:—In 1872 the Government asked for \$2,692,000, and the Opposition objected to the paltry sum of \$5,000; in 1873 \$2,986,000 was asked for, and \$15,000 objected to; in 1874 \$2,612,000 was asked for, and \$24,000 objected to; in 1875 \$2,225,000 was asked for, and \$12,058 objected to; in 1876 \$2,337,000 was asked for, and \$16,590 objected to; in 1877 \$2,600,000 was asked for, and \$14,548 objected to; and in 1878 the proportion was similar. During the whole seven years the House granted upwards of \$17,000,000 for the public expenses of the Province, and the Opposition objected to the comparatively paltry sum of \$180,000. (Cheers.) This showed the true spirit of economy displayed by hon. gentlemen opposite. He concluded by pronouncing a warm eulogy on the character and ability of the Commissioner of Public Works (Mr. Fraser).

After a few remarks by Mr. SCOTT, the amendment was then put and lost on the following division:—

YEAS.—Baker, Barr, Bell, Boulter, Broder, Calvin, Cameron, Code, Coutts, Creighton, Deacon, Flesher, Grange, Harkin, Kean, Lauder, Long, McDougall (Middlesex), Macdougall (Simcoe), McGowan, Merrick, Monk, Patterson (Essex), Preston, Richardson, Scott, Tooley—29.

NAYS.—Appleby, Ballantyne, Baxter, Bethune, Bonfield, Chisholm, Clarke (Wellington), Cole, Currie, Dawson, Deroche, Ferris, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibson, Graham, Grange, Grant, Hardy, Hargraft, Hay, Hodgins, Hunter, Lane, Lyon, McCraney, McMahon, Massie, Miller, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Pardee, Patterson (York), Paxton, Robinson, Ross, Sexton, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, Widdifield, Williams, Wilson, Wood—46.

Before the House went into Committee,

Mr. FRASER replied to an attack made upon him by the hon. member for South Simcoe in the course of his speech. It was not for that hon. gentleman to charge the Government side of the House with disorganization. They were not so disorganized that their leader deserted them in the midst of a session, and they were not so well drilled that at the tinkle of a bell they could march out of the House in a body. (Loud cheers.) The hon. gentleman talked of appealing to the country—of appealing to the people. What country and what people would he appeal to? (Cheers and laughter.) He was unable to be elected for a single constituency in this Province unless by the endorsement of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Cameron) who sat beside him. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He ventured to say that although the hon. member had been elected for South Simcoe he would not be elected again unless he went on his knees and declared himself to be a member in good standing. But a little bird had whispered that he was not going to