

London and one at Toronto—the Normal School, the Deaf and Dumb Institution, and the Reformatory. In addition to these, there were now the asylums at Hamilton, Orillia, and Kingston, the Central Prison, the Agricultural College, the Institute for the Blind, and the School of Practical Science. There was something then to account for the increase in the expenditure from \$120,000 to \$420,000 in eight years. (Hear, hear.) Would any hon. gentleman opposite say that we could dispense with a single one of these institutions? If they could not do that, how did they propose to reduce the expenditure upon them? The officials of these institutions were not receiving large salaries; they were mostly receiving small ones. He believed that the *per capita* expenditure was less to-day than it was in 1871, although the existence of these institutions involved a great increase of work in all departments. There must of necessity be an increase in the annual expenditure, and the only question was, Was the increase reasonable? The only test he could apply in answer to that question was the test supplied by hon. gentlemen opposite, and he had shown that the expenditure had not been really attacked by them. (Hear, hear.) Referring to the motion made by the hon. member for South Simcoe (Mr. Parkhill), he remarked that it bore on its face that it never came from South Simcoe. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) It had evidently been concocted by the heads of the Opposition in their councils on Saturday. Were he outside the House he would call this proceeding treachery. The motion was made in a House which granted the increased indemnity without a dissenting vote, and mainly by the efforts of hon. gentlemen sitting opposite.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS—No, no!

Mr. FRASER said the round-robin could be produced. (Cheers.) And then this honourable, this worthy motion was brought forward at a time when, if made at all, it was improper to make it. (Cheers.) It was a piece of the kind of opposition they had become accustomed to in this House. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) This was simply an attempt on the part of the originators of this motion to entrap their fellow-members. Every man in this House had endorsed the increase, with the exception of the new members; and now, after it had existed for three sessions without one word of complaint, was it fair-minded, honourable, or dealing justly, to ask the House to vote want of confidence in the Government on such a ground?

Mr. LAUDER rose to a point of order. Had the hon. member the right to attack the House in this manner? (Laughter.) The member for South Simcoe had made his motion on his own responsibility.

Mr. PARKHILL—I make it to carry out a pledge to my constituency.

Mr. FRASER (examining the paper on which the motion was written) said he perceived that it was first marked to be made by the hon. member for Peterborough, and afterwards by the hon. member for West Toronto, but the names of both of these gentlemen had been marked out. (Cheers and laughter.)

Mr. BELL—I may state for the information of the hon. gentleman that I never saw the document, and further, I am going to vote with the Government on this question. (Cheers.)

Mr. FRASER was glad to find that his hon. friend was manly enough to take that course, and he trusted there were others among the Opposition who would do the same. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He thought he was not using too strong terms in condemning this motion. At the time the increase in the indemnity of members and in the salaries of Ministers was made, the leader of the Opposition rose in his place and said that he thought the increase was not too much. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Macdougall said the same thing; and he (Mr. Fraser) did not doubt that he could find among the Opposition a dozen who had spoken in the same strain. And yet the very men who favoured these increases now sought a condemnation of what they had approved, in order to entrap their fellow-members, if possible, into voting for a want of confidence in the Government, who, if it carried, would be compelled to retire from their places or appeal to the country. He

was ready to accept his full responsibility before the country for the increased indemnity. (Hear, hear.) He was willing to say that, so far as this House and its members were concerned, the indemnity was not too much, and that if the value of services was the consideration they were as well entitled to \$800 as any member of the Dominion Parliament was entitled to \$1,000—(cheers)—or that they were even as much entitled to \$1,000 here as the members at Ottawa were entitled to \$1,000 there. The present was not the time to discuss that matter; but when the time did come to discuss it, hon. members of this House should stand by one another in a matter for which they were equally responsible (hear, hear, and cheers), and the discussion should be conducted in such a way that neither side of the House would gain any advantage from it. (Hear, hear.) Hon. gentlemen might meet him during the coming recess, but if they did they should never find him endeavouring to make capital against themselves or any body else on this ground. He could not help saying that he was amazed that his hon. friend, the member for London, could have given in the slightest sense his countenance to this motion. (Hear, hear.) He was amazed that that gentleman did not rise to his feet at once and say, "No matter how far I am in favour of economy, this is not the time to discuss these increases, because we all assented to them, and the Government is no more to be condemned for them than we, and if we are to meet the Government in a fair and manly way we must do so at another time." He was only doing the hon. gentleman justice in expecting him to take that position, and he would be surprised now if the hon. gentleman did not see the unfair advantage which he and his friends were endeavouring to gain over the Government, and recede from the position which he had taken. The unfairness of that position appeared from the fact that during three long sessions there was not a voice or a vote against the increases, but rather a vote in their favour. (Hear, hear.) He saw a good many men before him who had been outspoken in this matter, and who had not hesitated to express their opinion in the lobbies, and could speak out now. Let them raise their voices now in the House, when such a motion was being put forward to throw disrepute, discredit, and dishonour upon the House. (Hear, hear.) What party would be worthy of the confidence of the House and the country if they did succeed in carrying a resolution in such terms? This hoisting of the black flag always to his mind indicated treachery, and whatever might be their feelings in their political antagonisms, there was one thing which in fair manliness they were bound to do, and that was to stand fairly by each other in any matter to which the whole House was committed.

Mr. LAUDER—What about the motion of your colleague?

Mr. FRASER—That was a fair motion, and it was made when the House was in Committee, and when no votes could be recorded upon it.

Mr. MEREDITH said that one of the hon. gentleman's colleagues had listened to a statement made by a gentleman at a meeting at Yorkville that that motion was voted down by the Opposition members of the House.

Mr. FRASER said that the gentleman must have got his authority for the statement from the columns of the *Mail*, for it was the only paper that published what professed to be an exact record of the vote—a record which must have been furnished to the paper by one of its friends in the House, for certainly no member of the Government side of the House would have furnished the *Mail* with such a statement. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) What he did declaim against was any member of this House seeking to prejudice any other member before his constituents by a reference to this matter, and he did not think his hon. friend the leader of the Opposition would be disposed to sanction such a course.

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

The House adjourned at 7:45.

After recess,

Mr. FRASER said that there were some other things to which he wished to refer, but not feeling well enough to continue the debate, he would move the adjournment of the House.

Mr. MEREDITH consented to an adjourn-