

travagance among the municipalities benefited. The money should have been used in extending railways in the back country, so as to give a good standing to the frontier towns. He strongly condemned the Government for not dealing promptly with the exemptions question, expressing his suspicion that they were putting it off in view of the approaching elections. While taxable property in Toronto had increased to the extent of \$700,000 in value, exempted property had increased to the extent of \$600,000, and it would not do for the Government to ignore such an important constituency. With regard to education, he advocated the application of voting by ballot to the election of school trustees, the granting to income voters of the privilege of voting for school trustees, and the holding of their election at the same time and places as the municipal elections. The Address mentioned the Reformatory for Women, and he noticed that the Government had dropped the name of the "Mercer Reformatory," indicating that they were hardly sure that they had possession of the money coming from the Mercer estate. He closed with a compliment to the hon. member for East Toronto.

Mr. COUTTS thought that when the people demanded a reduction in the indemnity they, as servants of the people, should comply. He therefore intended to vote for the amendment to the amendment.

Mr. MERRICK rose to his feet.

Mr. MILLER moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. LAUDER—The hon. gentleman is out of order; he has spoken before.

Mr. MASSIE—I will move the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. LAUDER—I rise to a point of order. The hon. member for South Leeds has the floor, and no motion can be made while he has the floor.

Mr. SPEAKER suggested that the hon. member for South Leeds had better himself move the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. MERRICK—I move the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. MEREDITH and Mr. LAUDER—No, no.

The members were then called in and the motion was put, when only two or three members voted for it. It was therefore, amid much laughter, declared lost.

Mr. MERRICK then proceeded with his speech. He said it hardly came gracefully from the party which had been proven guilty of dishonest acts to accuse the Opposition of double dealing in the indemnity question. He claimed that the present Government had not followed in any particular the policy laid down by Mr. Edward Blake when he occupied the position of leader of the Opposition. In proof of this he claimed that the grants to railways in the first session under Reform rule had been voted *en bloc*; further, that under the Sandfield Macdonald Government 79,600 emigrants had been brought into the country at a cost of \$1.18 per head. In five years the Reform Government had brought in 133,000 people and the cost had been \$1 per head. He pointed out the great proportion of legal gentlemen occupying seats in the Cabinet, which was contrary to Mr. Blake's policy in forming his Cabinet. The arbitration had been delayed for a long time, and the Government were not entitled to much credit for having concluded the matter after so long a time. With regard to the pamphlet of Senator Macpherson, some hon. gentlemen on the other side of the House had found fault with it on the score of its incorrectness, but he challenged any gentleman to prove that any item in it was not substantially correct, and not found in the public accounts.

A vote was then taken on the amendment to the amendment with the following result:—

YEAS—Messrs. Barr, Bell, Boulter, Broderick, Brown, Calvin, Code, Coutts, Creighton, Deacon, Flesher, Grange, Harkin, Kean, Lauder, Long, McDougall, McGowan, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, Morris, Mestyn, Parkhill, Preston, Richardson, Scott, Tooley, White, Wigle, Wills—31.

NAYS—Messrs. Appleby, Ballantyne, Bishop, Bonfield, Chisholm, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Cole, Crooks, Deroche, Ferris, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibson, Graham, Grant, Harcourt, Hardy, Hay, Hunter, Lane, Lyon (Algoma), Lyon (Halton), McCraney, McLaws, McLeod, McMahon, Massie, Master, Millier, Mowat, O'Donohue, Patterson, Paxton, Robinson, Ross, Sexton, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, Williams, Wilson, Wood—46.

Mr. WIDDIFIELD then moved, in amendment to the amendment:—

"That all the words after the word 'that' in the amendment to the clause now before the House be struck out, and there be added to the third Paragraph of the Address the following words:—'And we beg to assure Your Honour that, having regard to the efficiency and proper administration of the public service, this House will use its best endeavours towards keeping the actual expenditure on Provincial affairs within the revenue.'"

Mr. MEREDITH submitted that the amendment just proposed was materially the same as that of the member for East Grey.

Mr. FRASER said the hon. leader of the Opposition was mistaken. This amendment proposed to strike out and replace certain words, whereas the amendment of the member for East Grey was simply an addition.

Mr. SPEAKER ruled that the amendment just submitted was in order.

A vote was taken, and the amendment declared to be carried unanimously.

Mr. MEREDITH—I am glad that the hon. gentlemen opposite have been placed in such a position that they have been forced to vote want of confidence in themselves. The leader of the Government is compelled to take up to His Excellency the resolution that this House desires that the expenditure shall be kept within the revenue.

Mr. MOWAT—We always have kept the annual expenditure within the revenue, and we will tell His Excellency that what we have hitherto done we will continue to do for the future. (Cheers.)

The consideration of the Address was then proceeded with clause by clause, each passing without comment until the 12th was reached, when

Mr. MEREDITH stated that some hon. gentlemen

would probably desire to address the House upon some of the points touched upon in the concluding clauses of the Address. There would be very little to do to-morrow, and all that was desired was the time to offer a few observations, not with a view to moving an amendment. He therefore asked for an adjournment.

The House accordingly adjourned at 12:45.