

an injurious question so long before the country. He did not doubt that they were a respectable class of men, but they had been actuated by wrong counsel in this matter. The fact, he believed, would be apparent that the whole of this agitation was for political purposes. He was sorry to see his friend Parkhill take consolation to himself for being one of the promoters of a Bill keeping up an agitation so injurious to the country, and merely to advance a political party.

**Mr. PARKHILL**—I say distinctly before this Committee that there is no politics about it. (Loud and derisive laughter.)

**Mr. BRODER** claimed that the responsibility of any harmful agitation arising from the Bill was to be borne by those who opposed it. As to the occurrences in Montreal, the people opposing this Bill should have been the last to refer to them, as it was, he believed, largely through their policy here that those sad events had been brought about. He referred briefly to the provisions of the Bill as to property, and favoured its passage. In his opinion this Committee were not endowed with authority to say what body should or should not exist, and if the Orange body desired incorporation the Committee's duty was plainly to grant their petition.

**Mr. SINCLAIR** thought it a great pity that this matter could not be discussed in Committee on its merits and without feeling. The Orangemen of the country were never tired of praising the conduct of the previous Government in this connection, but he claimed they as well as the present Government had endeavoured to keep down the Orange body. When it was endeavoured to pass a Bill incorporating the Society of Oddfellows, it had been opposed by the Sandfield Macdonald Government on the ground that it would open the way to the incorporation of the Orange and other Societies.

A vote was then taken upon the question of whether the preamble should be adopted or not, resulting as follows:—

**YEAS.**—Messrs. Baker, Broder, Calvin, Code, Deacon, Lauder, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, Morris, Mostyn, Parkhill, Preston, Rosevear, Scott, Tooley—16.

**NAYS.**—Messrs. Baxter, Clarke (Norfolk), Cole, Currie, Finlayson, Gibson, Graham, Grant, Hardy, Harkin, Hay, McLaws, McMahon, Massie, O'Donoghue, Pardee, Patterson, Paxton, Ross, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Springer, Watterworth, Widdifield, Wilson—25.

The Bill was therefore thrown out, the costs, less the expense of printing, being remitted.

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