

because their offence was a political one. And that, it is clear, is the reason no demand has been made by the Dominion Government, because they fully recognize the fact that the offence was a political one. I don't doubt that in the North-west to-day amongst the Halfbreed population, just as in Lower Canada, among the French Canadians, there is a warm and enthusiastic feeling over the memory of Riel however misguided it may be. My hon. friend, the member for Russell (Mr. Robillard), will bear me out in this matter that in Quebec and the North-west, no matter how much we may denounce him here, that these people, in their hearts and in their feelings, cherish his memory very warmly and will do for many a long day. And that brings me also to the reflection that this Province, the foremost in the Dominion for wealth and influence, and which represents the largest Protestant population in the Dominion, might fitly have asked clemency for these misguided men without doing anything to bring up harsh or unpleasant feelings. I say to the member for North Essex that it would be a far wiser thing for all concerned in the matter if he looks to the interests—the true and proper interests—of those who are kin in race, blood, and religion, with him if he had not insisted upon bringing into his amendment expressions which were calculated to arouse harsh criticisms with respect to his own people. If he were only seeking for clemency, and desirous of gaining his end in the way it would be best accomplished, he would have left out the proposition which has brought out this discussion. At all events, if this work had to be done it would have been better had it been undertaken by other hands. I will not detain the House any longer, but move my amendment to the amendment.

That this paragraph of the main motion now under consideration and the proposed amendment thereto express no opinion with respect to the cause or occasion of the recent disturbances or rebellion in the North-west Territory. That any expression of opinion thereon or in respect of any of the matters or proceedings subsequent thereto, and arising thereon, or connected or bearing upon any executive governmental administration or other actions of the Federal authorities in the premises on the part of this House, would be an unwise and unwarranted intrusion upon the proper domain in that behalf of the Dominion Parliament. That this House consequently refuses to express or commit itself to any opinion bearing upon or having reference to any such matter or proceeding save to the extent and as set forth in the said paragraph, and said proposed amendment when amended as hereafter proposed, and therefore this House resolves that the said proposed amendment to the said paragraph be amended only in this respect, namely, by adding thereto the following:—And this House now hopefully trusts that peace and tranquillity having been fully restored it may be found consistent with the public interests to extend the merciful consideration of the Crown to those who are now undergoing imprisonment for offences connected with or arising out of the rebellion.

Mr. MEREDITH spoke strongly against the amendment to the amendment moved by Mr. Fraser.

A division was then taken on Mr. Fraser's amendment, with the result that it was carried by 47 to 31. Following is the list:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Awrey, Balfour, Ballantyne, Baxter, Bishop, Blezard, Cascaden, Chisholm, Conmee, Cook, Dill, Dowling, Drury, Dryden, Ferguson, Ferris, Fraser, Freeman, Gibson (Huron), Gillies, Gould, Hagar, Harcourt, Hardy, Hart, Hawley, Laidlaw, Lyon, McLatyre, MacKenzie, McKim, McLaughlin, McMahon, Master, Morin, Mowat, Neelon, O'Connor, Pardee, Phelps, Rayside, Ross (Huron), Ross (Middlesex), Sills, Snider, Waters, Young—47.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baskerville, Blythe, Brereton, Clancy, Creighton, Devison, Ermatinger, Fell, French, Gray, Hammell, Hess, Hudson, Kerns, Kerr, Lees, McColman, McGhee, McKay, Meredith, Merrick, Metcalfe, Monk, Morgan, Morris, Mulholland, Robillard, Ross (Cornwall), White, Wilmot, Wood—31.

Mr. MORRIS asked if the reference in the Address to the new Parliament Buildings contemplated any extra vote of money more than already voted.

Hon. C. E. FRASER said that there was no intention of asking for an additional vote. He would, however, make a statement about the building in a short time.

Mr. MEREDITH said he should not move an amendment at the present time, but on a future occasion he would take some such means of joining issue on the timber policy of the Government.

The Address was then passed as amended, and an engrossed copy was ordered to be forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Hon. O. MOWAT moved the appointment of a special committee to strike the standing committees as follows:—Messrs. Awrey, Baxter, Creighton, Ferris, Fraser, Gibson, Hardy, Monk, Meredith, Morris, Merrick, A. M. Ross. Carried.

#### SUPPLY.

Hon. A. M. ROSS gave notice that on Monday he would move that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

#### WAYS AND MEANS.

Hon. A. M. ROSS gave notice that on Monday he would move that the House resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

The House adjourned at 11:30.