

that so long as we lived under monarchical government it was the true system of government. He would infinitely prefer the election of officials by the whole people to placing it in the hands of County Councils, which did not represent the people, and in some cases did not represent one-half of the people.

Messrs. Matheson, McNichol, Mutrie, Gurd, St. John and Chapple also spoke to the motion. Major Mutrie gave the result of his observation of the appointment of valuers for the County of Wellington. In each case ex-Reeves or ex-Wardens were appointed, men whose ability they knew from experience, and the same principle, which was a good one, applied to the appointment of ex-members of Parliament to office. Mr. McNichol said that he was compelled by one of the planks in the Patron platform to oppose the motion.

The division resulted as follows:—

Yeas—Beatty (Leeds), Brower, Bush, Carnegie, Crawford, Dynes, Fallis, Gamey, Gurd, Haggerty, Haycock, Hiscott, Howland, Kerns, Kidd, Langford, Little, McCallum, McDonald, McNeil, McNichol, Magwood, Marter, Matheson, Meacham, Preston, Reid (Addington), Reid (Durham), Ryerson, St. John, Shore, Tucker, Whitney, Willoughby—34.

Nays—Auld, Barr, Baxter, Beatty (Parry Sound), Bennett, Biggar, Blezard, Burt, Campbell, Carpenter, Caven, Chapple, Charlton, Cleland, Conmee, Craig, Currie, Dana, Davis, Dickenson, Dryden, Farwell, Ferguson, Field, Flatt, German, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Harcourt, Hardy, Harty, Hobbs, Macnish, McKay (Oxford), McKay (Victoria), McKee, McLean, McPherson, Middleton, Mutrie, O'Keefe, Pardo, Paton, Pattullo, Richardson, Robertson, Robillard, Ross, Smith, Stratton, Taylor, Truax—52.

The following members were paired:—Mr. Bronson and Mr. Miscampbell, Mr. Garrow and Mr. McLaren, Mr. Moore and Mr. McNaughton. Messrs. Loughrin and Dana no pairs.

#### THIS WAS A WATERLOO.

Scarcely had the applause with which the result of the division was greeted died away when Mr. Haycock moved:—“That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing Registrars, Sheriffs and other county officials is unsatisfactory. That the elective system of electing such officials should be given at least a trial. That a favorable opportunity of making a test is afforded by the vacancy now existing in the Registrarship of Ontario County. That provisions should therefore be made for the immediate election of a Registrar for said county by those qualified to vote at municipal elections. And, further, in order that the elective system may receive a still fuller and fairer trial, this House is of opinion that the same elective system should be applied to all vacancies occurring in the offices of Registrars during the next five years.”

He replied at some length to the Attorney-General's charge of inconsistency. He again pointed out that the clause in the speech from the throne in dispute referred not only to the payment of officials but to the method of appointment. If the Government took the ground that the evidence and report of the commission did not warrant a change in the mode of appointment, there was nothing inconsistent in the attitude of the Government. The Patrons, however, had been consistent to the views expressed by them.

The Speaker said the motion, as presented, was out of order, the House having negatived the first sentence on the last division. It was changed to take out the first sentence and read:—“That the elective system of electing Sheriffs and other county officials should be given,” etc. Mr. Whitney rose and said the Opposition could not consistently or conscientiously support the motion. A division was called on the amended motion with the following result:—

Yeas—Bennett, Caven, Currie, Dynes, Gamey, Gurd, Haycock, Kidd, McCallum, McDonald, McLaren, McNaughton, McNeil, McNichol, McPherson, Reid (Durham), Shore, Tucker—18.

Nays—Auld, Barr, Baxter, Beatty (Leeds), Beatty (Parry Sound), Biggar, Blezard, Brower, Burt, Bush, Campbell, Carnegie, Carpenter, Chapple, Charlton, Cleland, Conmee, Craig, Crawford, Dana, Davis, Dickenson, Dryden, Fallis, Farwell, Ferguson, Field, Flatt, German, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Haggerty, Harcourt, Hardy, Harty, Hiscott, Hobbs, Howland, Kerns,

Lang, Little, Macmillan, McKee (Victoria), McLean, Magwood, Marter, Matheson, Middleton, Mutrie, O'Keefe, Pardo, Paton, Pattullo, Preston, Reid (Addington), Richardson, Robertson, Robillard, Ross, Ryerson, St. John, Smith, Stratton, Taylor, Truax, Whitney, Willoughby—70.

The House adjourned at 10.50 o'clock.