

Negated by 37 to 60, several other amendments were also put on and negated.
The Bill was read a third time.
FRIDAY, June 18.

Mr. FROST put in an affidavit excusing himself for being absent from the Quebec Election Committee, on the ground of being detained at a distance by public and private business.
Mr. FELLOWS moved that the House, having heard the affidavit of the hon. member, do excuse him for his absence.
Agreed to.
Hon. Mr. CAYLEY then moved that the House do go into Committee of Supply to consider the estimates for the present year. He said that, in making this motion, he proposed to review the revenue and expenditure of the year 1857, to go over more particularly those heads of expenditure on which there had been an excess of expenditure over the appropriation, and to explain, so far as he could, the causes which had led to a serious diminution of the revenue of that year, in order that he might place before the House all the information necessary to enable them to form an accurate and distinct view of the condition of our finances. In undertaking this task he must draw on the forbearance of the House while he endeavoured, to the best of his ability, to discharge a duty at all times full of responsibility and very onerous, and the difficulty of which had much increased in consequence of the trying period through which Canada, in common with other countries had passed; but this was not the only difficulty which he had to contend. He had to attempt what was almost an impossible thing, to remove from the public mind misconceptions which had been long, carefully and insidiously instilled into the public mind. He had to contend against a long tissue of misrepresentations of facts connected with the finances of the country. Not one single statement connected with the finances he might say, ungarbled with falsehood. He had also to contend against personal attacks, misrepresentations, calumnies and falsehoods to an extent unparalleled for ferocity and brutality in the annals of political warfare.
Before he proceeded he would make this assertion, that there was not a single thing in the Public Accounts that was not strictly accurate so far as he was aware. He had altered none of the documents prepared by the public officers, who were the guardians of the Public Accounts. He might demand further information, but after their statements he never did. He would next call attention to the Estimates of the expenditure for the ordinary services of 1857, and under the head of ordinary services he included everything except interest on the Public Debt, and upon loans; the Sinking Fund; and the cost of new Public Works. He found the estimate he had made of the ordinary annual service last year, deducting these sums, amounted to £908,550. The expenditure on account of these services, exclusive of new services, exceeded that amount by £74,956, to which, if he added £64,170, being part of the payments under unprovided items, which would appear on the accounts of this year, the whole excess would be £139,126, raising the total sum paid out for ordinary annual services to £1,047,676. The cost of new services, which in this calculation he deducted, was £27,693, and under the head of Works, for 1857, £196,642. The amount for interest on the public debt, and for the sinking fund was £354,036. To all this he had to add the chief features of the year 1857—the large amount paid out for interest on railroads and loans. The amount paid out for interest on the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railroads, £443,028, which included a part of the year '56. In addition to that £100,000 had been loaned to the Grand Trunk, which appeared in the Public Accounts, and which had since been repaid.
The interest on the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railroads amounted to £443,028; the loan to the Grand Trunk was £160,000; the Municipalities, £60,000; to cover a deficiency of revenue, £137,126, making in all £980,790. So that out of the whole deficiency in a year of unprecedented depression, the sum paid for the ordinary annual service was but £137,000—the rest had gone for Municipalities and Railroads. The loan to the Grand Trunk has since been repaid, and with a sum repaid by the Great Western, and the sum repaid by the Northern, and the sum repaid by the balance of the 1857 year no indications of what would come at all close. There were several modes of estimating the probable revenue on a coming year; one might take the income for several preceding years, or might take the first quarter of the year just commencing, comparing it with a similar quarter in the preceding year; or one might regard as an indication the quantity of goods in the bonded warehouses, at the commencement of the year, also as compared with the stock in the preceding year. Now, the amount of duty collected in the first quarter of the year 1854, 1855, and 1856, respectively, were £121,668 in '54; £127,338 in '55, and £140,304 in '56; and the first quarter ending April 1st of 1857 produced entries to the amount of £181,675, showing an excess on the three preceding years—on the largest year of upwards of £400,000, and on the smallest of £600,000. This, under ordinary circumstances, would justify the expectation, which he had entertained, though it had proved delusive, that the rest of the year would be as favourable as the beginning. But how did he stand with regard to the second half. The amount of goods in bond on the 1st of January in several years was as follows, viz:—In 1853, £297,026 representing a duty of £97,313; in 1854, £447,755, representing a duty of £116,683; in 1855, £661,713, representing a duty of £166,819; in 1856, £546,548, representing a duty of £117,673; and in 1857, £377,447 representing a duty of £68,125. Thus, the stock of goods in warehouses, at the beginning of the year was light, while the importations of the first quarter were larger than in any preceding period. Taking the third test, the quantities imported in four preceding years of articles used in general consumption, such as sugar, tea, wines, spirits, cotton, woollens, and hardware, he found that the averages in sugar collected in 1853 and 1854, averaged £130,245 and in 1855 and 1856 the average was £121,127. Seeing then that the duty on sugar for the last two years out of the four years was fully that of the two preceding years, and that it was an article of universal consumption the calculation would not be extravagant that the duty in the year 1857 might amount to £125,000. But in fact it fell down to £93,150, £30,000 below the average of the four preceding years, and £23,000 below the duties collected in 1852. Then on tea, the average duty for 1853 and 1854 was £63,836, and in 1855 and 1856 £54,000, but in 1857 it fell off to £39,489—upwards of £24,000 below the average of the four preceding years and £10,000 below the amount collected in 1851. He must go back five years to find our importations as little as that of 1857. Indeed in 1850 £4,000 more had been received than in 1857. In wine and spirits the average of duties for the first period was £95,000 and

for the second £102,000; being an increase of £14,000; but even this increase would give no ground to anticipate the result of 1857, when he found the duty had only reached £54,438, being £46,438, being £46,700 below the average of the preceding four years. He would shorten this calculation by taking together the other goods which he had mentioned and which he had paid ad valorem duties. They all paid the same rate of 15 per cent; and in 1853 and 1854 they averaged £438,098, and in 1855 and 1856, £360,417. Here again he had reason to expect that 1857 would give an improvement, especially as he had raised the duties from 12 1/2 per cent, to 15 per cent; but in 1857 he only got £414,447 from this source, and if he deducted the 2 1/2 per cent from that it would show only £345,304. He thought the year 1857 towards its close had given ample evidence of good and sufficient reasons for this diminution in our revenue. He would now, for a moment, turn to the estimate which he had printed of the public revenue and expenditure for this year. He expected the ordinary revenue and the ordinary expenditure would about balance, the one with the other. Last year, under the head of ordinary expenditure, he introduced the amount they had to pay of interest on account of the Grand Trunk and Northern Railroads. This year, not expecting to be able to defray that charge out of the ordinary revenue, he had estimated it apart by itself, following the other estimates, to indicate that he intended to ask the House to provide special ways and means to cover the outlay for the present year. It had been said that he took it out of the place which it occupied last year for the purpose of concealment, but he had in point of fact put it where it was, purposely to attract attention. The seven dead infants were picked up in different parts of New York city on Wednesday week.
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The first Order of the Day being called for the adjourned debate upon the Hon. Mr. Cameron's motion for the first reading of the Bill relative to Representation, and Hon. Mr. Cameron's amendment "that the Bill be read a first time this day three months."
Atty. Gen. MACDONALD moved that the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
Mr. BROWN—And that it be then the first Order of the Day.
Atty. Gen. MACDONALD at first declined adding this to his motion, but after some further conversation consented.
The motion was agreed to.
On motion of Mr. LANGEVILLE.
The Adjourned Debate on the Double Majority question was again adjourned till Wednesday, to be the second Order of the Day.
TUESDAY, June 22.
Hon. Mr. CAYLEY moved that the House do now go into Committee of Supply.
Mr. McGUIRE, in the absence of Mr. Dorion, rose to move a resolution on the subject of the State Government. He moved—that the House do not go into Committee, but that it be resolved, that the House has had no opportunity of expressing an opinion on the selection of the city of Ottawa for the State Government.
The SPEAKER ruled that, according to English practice, which should be followed when the House had no distinct rule of its own, Mr. McGUIRE's amendment was out of order, and could not be put.
Mr. BROWN thought the matter of such importance that he wished his vote recorded against the Speaker's decision, although he should stand alone.
The Speaker's decision, having been thus appealed from, was sustained by a vote of 69 to 29.
Mr. DORION said the motion now before the Chair was that for going into Committee of Supply, and the amendment by the hon. member for Toronto that the House do not go into Committee of Supply until the changes in the tariff proposed to be brought before Parliament are laid upon the table.
The passengers on the down train on the Northern Railroad had an exceedingly narrow escape yesterday morning. The Mad River Bridge near Summitville was discovered to be on fire about 7 30, and the train was due at that place about that hour. The train was so far compassed that the train in attempting to pass over it would have been precipitated into the river beneath. Fortunately a man named Cote, discovered the fire, and succeeded in stopping the train some fifty yards before it reached, what would have been otherwise a fatal chasm. Beyond the destruction of the bridge no harm was done. At the city despatch of Mr. Harrey, the conductor, the passengers were safely conveyed across and came down in the upward train. Workmen were immediately sent up, and by six o'clock last night the damage was repaired and the trains passed safely. The fire was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.—Globe.
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