

Fréchette,	Simard,
Frémont,	Stairs,
Geoffrion,	Stevenson,
Gibson,	Temple,
Gillies,	Thompson (Sir John),
Gillmor,	Tisdale,
Girouard (Jacques Cartier),	Tupper,
Girouard (Two Mountains),	Turotte,
Godbout,	Vaillancourt,
Haggart,	White, (Shelburne),
Hazen,	Wilmot, and
Hearn,	Wood (Westmorland).—132.

PAIRS:

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
Mr. Sproule,	Mr. Forbes,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Pope,
Mr. Ferguson (Leeds),	Mr. Cleveland,
Mr. Wood (Brockville),	Mr. Grandbois,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Guay,
Mr. Boyle,	Mr. Préfontaine,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Baker,

Motion negatived.

Mr. TAYLOR. The hon. member for Brockville and the hon. member for East Grey have not voted.

Mr. WOOD (Brockville). I am paired until tomorrow night with the hon. member for Temiscouata (Mr. Grandbois). Otherwise I should have voted for the second reading of the Bill.

Mr. SPROULE. I am paired with the hon. member for Queen's, N. S. (Mr. Forbes). Otherwise I should have voted for the Bill.

Mr. BRODEUR. The hon. member for North Oxford has not voted.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I am paired with the hon. member for Lévis (Mr. Desaulniers).

Mr. CHOQUETTE. (Translation.) Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Lotbinière has not voted.

Mr. RINFRET. (Translation.) I was not in the Speaker, when the motion was read, therefore I could not vote. If I could have voted it would have been against the second reading of the Bill.

Motion negatived.

Mr. BOYLE. I wish to say, Mr. Speaker, that I am paired with the hon. member for Chambly (Mr. Préfontaine) —

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. member is out of order, the question having been decided.

A CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT WASHINGTON.

House resumed adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. McCarthy respecting the appointment of a representative at Washington specially charged to watch, guard and represent the interests of Canada.

Mr. TUPPER. Mr. Speaker, when this debate was adjourned a few days ago, the general opinion expressed by those who took part in it was that the time had arrived in the history of this country when some fuller and more complete representation of its interests, political and commercial, abroad, should be had; and the difference of opinion which prevailed seemed chiefly to have reference to the mode in which that fuller representation could best be brought about. There became apparent during the debate a danger in the Mr. McCARTHY.

framing of the resolution as it stands, as indicated by a convergence of the views of the two parties who are opposed to each other on a very cardinal question in connection with the policy of this country. The hon. member for Bothwell (Mr. Mills), for instance, who had lately advocated in this House a step which the majority of the House apparently regarded as a departure in favour of the independence of Canada, and whose resolution in that direction was voted down, hailed with much pleasure a resolution coming from the hands of an hon. gentleman who not only was opposed to the resolution of the hon. member for Bothwell, but who is a well-known ardent advocate of the unity of the Empire.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). How do you know he is opposed? He never expressed himself.

Mr. TUPPER. I have no doubt, from the arguments expressed by the hon. member for North Simcoe, that he is as strongly opposed to the resolution of the hon. member for Bothwell, which was voted down, as I am myself; and I gather that, not only from the views which he has expressed in this House, but from the fact that in this very debate I saw no sign that he had been converted from his well-known position by anything which the hon. member for Bothwell had said. I do not wish to import into this discussion now a side issue, nor in the slightest degree to detract from its importance; but I merely advert to that fact for this reason, that if this resolution now in your hands can be read as having two different meanings, which I think are attributed to it by the hon. gentleman to whom I have referred, it is of the greatest importance that the Imperial Parliament and the Government of this Empire shall not be led astray nor be presented with a resolution in the slightest degree ambiguous. I take it that in that respect the hon. gentleman who placed the resolution in your hands, and myself are of the same mind, and I approach the question now with a sympathy for the general object in view, agreeing with all who have taken part in the debate that the more fully and completely our interests are represented abroad, and the more directly, the better, so long as we recollect that we are part and parcel of the British Empire, and that there is no desire on the part of the people of this country, or on the part of the members of this House to change that relation. I approach the question now merely to express my opinion of the manner in which this House should present it. It is beyond dispute that in taking a step in the direction of the views of the hon. mover of the resolution or of any other hon. gentleman who took part in the debate, we must have the cordial sympathy and approval and support of the mother country, and I suppose that in approaching the Parliament or the Government of Great Britain to court that co-operation, it would be well, if we desire to attain the end and aim of the resolution and of those gentlemen who advocate the general principle, that we should do so not only in a clear and unambiguous way, but that we should leave that Government in a free and unembarrassed position to deal with the question. If my memory serves me right, when it was desired to clothe the agent general in London with greater and more important powers and to advance his position there as the agent of this country, Parliament did not proceed to propound a reso-