

Hon. Mr. Holton made some remarks in reply to the leader of the Government on the motion for going into Committee on Supply—the rules of the House had prevented him from speaking a second time on his own amendment. He denied that he had sought to get a vote of want of confidence in the Government, or to bring about a Ministerial Crisis. When he made the motion, he meant business. He wished to get a vote of the House in support of retrenchment, and as the Government had not done their duty in that matter, he (Mr. Holton) had done his. He had brought up the motion now because if this session passed over without introducing the subject of the Governor's salary there was little prospect of its ever being carried. The estimable nobleman who now filled the office was soon to leave us, and next session we would probably find in the office someone else, and it would be represented that he had come out from England on the faith that for five years he would receive a salary of \$50,000 per annum, and that without breach of faith we could not touch it.

Mr. Rymal, in illustration of the vote given by the member for Norfolk (Mr. Lawson), read from a speech delivered by that gentleman on receiving the nomination as Liberal candidate for his riding. In that speech, speaking of the leading members of the Government he said that he could not believe the man who had been characterized by reckless extravagance in the past, could easily change to economical views—that it would be

as easy for an Ethiopian to change his colour at will as any such thing, and that the people, if they desired economy and retrenchment, should be very careful as to whom they sent to Parliament. He (Mr. Rymal) doubted very much if the member for Norfolk had exercised that care and caution which he had recommended to them. (Hear, hear).

The House then went into Committee of Supply, Mr. Gray in the Chair.

The item before the Committee being aid to the Nova Scotia railway.

Mr. E. M. McDonald referred to some returns which had been brought down, showing that immediately before Confederation the salaries of officials on that road had been raised by about \$40,000. This was done, he believed, to influence the elections. He thought a strict inquiry should be made into this matter.

Hon. Mr. McDougall said this Government was not responsible, as the increase had been made before they came into office. What were the motives which had led to the increase he could not say. He had been informed, however, that the salaries had been very low. He believed the increase had not been so great as the member for Lunenburg had stated.

The item was agreed to.

The Committee then rose and reported progress, and the House adjourned at half-past two o'clock.
