

plained that the submission of the correspondence had changed the whole current of the discussion. He knew nothing of the correspondence when he drew his resolution; but under the circumstances he agreed with the other members that the C. P. R. having tried to intimidate the Government, the House should back them up. Accordingly he would either withdraw his motion or he would support the amendment. The friends on the other side began to taunt him with backing down, but he said he had not done so. He accordingly asked to be allowed to withdraw his motion.

Mr. J. M. Robinson made a few explanations about his sharp turn. He too followed the track of the others and denounced the C. P. R. Their threats peremptorily shut off all possibility of the province leaving the Emerson line. After the threat the Government could only drop all negotiations.

Mr. Alexander also rose to make explanations. He said he had only supported Douglas' motion because he thought were it adopted it would lead to the extension of the branches. Although he had spent half an hour in reading the correspondence he didn't notice the threats contained in it, but under the circumstances he would support the amendment.

Mr. Greenway said it was flattering to see that the members of the Opposition had seen the errors of their ways and

were going to give the Government a unanimous support.

Mr. Leacock said the more he looked at the matter the more the correspondence seemed to be contempt and insolence to this House; and if Mr. Van Horne were within the jurisdiction of the House he would move that he be brought before the bar at the House to explain his actions and words.

Mr. C. P. R. Brown made a few timid remarks. He suggested that that the whole matter be allowed to drop in order to leave the government free to take any action they pleased in the matter; and immediately afterwards made a break for the door to escape voting in the division.

Mr. Douglas wanted to withdraw his motion, but that was not allowed; then he wanted to add something to it, but that was also refused. Thereupon he announced that he would support his motion, and a division was taken with the following result:

Ayes—Hon. Messrs. Prendergast, Martin, Greenway, Smart, Jones, Norquay, LaRiviere and Harrison; Messrs. Francie, Crawford, McKenzie, Luxton, Young, Jackson, Martin, Gellay, Roblin, Macdonell, McLean, Thompson (Cypress), Thompson (Norfolk), Smith, Robinson, Alexander, Leacock, Marion, Gillies and Drewry—23.

Nays—Mr. Douglas—1.