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to be expended in that way. The Government should come down every year with an estimate of the sum required for that year and get a vote of Parliament.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS: That proposition is too absurd.

Hon. Mr. WOOD: Then why not at once pass an Act to provide that the Government of the day may, by Order-in-Council, expend the entire revenue of the country? If his proposition were absurd the whole system of parliamentary government was absurd. He would therefore move, seconded by **Mr. MILLS**, that the bill be recommitted in order to amend it so that so large a sum as thirty millions of money, and so large a quantity of land as fifty million acres, should not be disposed of by the Government of the day, but that the same should annually be disposed of by specific votes of

Parliament from time to time given, as should seem to Parliament proper and right, so that Parliament should not be divested of its most important constitutional function, namely, control over the public expenditure of the country.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON considered this amendment was the same in effect as that proposed by the hon. member for Lambton (**Hon. Mr. Mackenzie**).

The amendment was lost on a division. The report of the Committee of the Whole on the bill was received, and the third reading of the bill was fixed for tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at 12.20.