

Benoit,	Gaudet,	Pruyn,
Billy,	Grandbois,	Ray,
Blondeau,	Guilbault,	Robertson (Hastings),
Bourassa,	Harley,	Ross,
Bryson,	Hay,	Royal,
Burnham,	Hesson,	Scott,
Burns,	Hickey,	Somerville (Bruce),
Cameron (Middlesex),	Homer,	Springer,
Campbell (Renfrew),	Hurteau,	Sproule,
Catudal,	Jenkins,	Sutherland (Selkirk),
Chapleau,	King,	Taylor,
Cimon,	Kirk,	Trow,
Cochrane,	Kranz,	Tyrwhitt,
Cockburn,	Labrosse,	Watson,
Colby,	Landry (Kent),	White (Hastings),
Coughlin,	Mackintosh,	White (Renfrew),
Daly,	McCallum,	Wigle,
Dawson,	McCraney,	Wilson,
Desautniers (Mask'ngé),	McMillan (Vaudreuil),	Wright and
Dickinson,	McNeill,	Yeo.—84.

And that the Quorum of the said Committee do consist of Nine Members.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved that the said report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message as follows:—

LANSDOWNE.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a copy of a despatch which he has received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to a Joint Address to the Queen, expressing sympathy with Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 30th January, 1885.

(Copy—No. 57.)

The Earl of Derby to the Governor General, Canada.

DOWNING STREET, 1st May, 1884.

MY LORD.—I have received and laid before the Queen your Despatch (No. 65,) of the 9th ultimo, enclosing a Joint Address to Her Majesty from the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, expressing sympathy with Her Most Gracious Majesty on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany.

I am commanded by the Queen to request that you will convey Her Majesty's thanks to the Dominion Senate and House of Commons for this expression of their sympathy, which Her Majesty has received very gratefully.

I have, etc.,

DERBY.

Governor General
The Most Honorable
The Marquis of LANSDOWNE, G.O.M.G.
&c, &c., &c.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell) presented first report of the Committee appointed to supervise the official reporting of the Debates.

Mr. BLAKE. It would be convenient if the hon. member for Cardwell (Mr. White) would state when he proposes to ask the House to concur in the report of the Debates Committee which he has laid on the Table.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). I should like to do it to day. I have given the usual notice, but I will do it to-morrow if the House will consent.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE STATUTES.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD laid on the Table reports of the Commissioners appointed to consolidate and revise the Statutes of Canada. He said: There are two parts, and some tables are wanting to the second part. The whole of
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the revised Statutes are here, and the tables will be finished by the printers to-day or to-morrow. Then the whole will be distributed, with the tables. The French copies are not yet ready, but will be laid on the Table as soon as they are printed.

Mr. BLAKE. I think that, with a reasonable notice of that kind, the hon. gentleman might move it, because it obviously involves a double impression being made in the meantime.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I suppose the report will be printed in the Votes and Proceedings?

Mr. BLAKE. Yes, I suppose so.

ADVANCES TO PROVINCES.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 7) to amend the Act 37 Vic., cap. 17. He said: This is for the purpose of amending an Act which provides that the Dominion Government may, on application made by a Local Government, by Order in Council, advance to the Province or Provinces such sums of money as they may require for public works, out of the debt account. The amendment of the Bill requires that that application shall have the assent of the Legislature.

Mr. BLAKE. Of both Legislatures?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. No; but, for instance, if an application should come from the Province of New Brunswick, the assent of the Legislature of that Province must be obtained to the proposal that the amount should be withdrawn from the debt account.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Does the hon. gentleman propose that this Government should have full power to refuse such application, or is the power to be given to the Provinces, as of course, to draw at any moment?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The law at the present moment is that this Government shall have the power to refuse any such application, but circumstances have occurred which have led the Government to believe that it is in the interest of all parties that the assent of the Legislature should be had to any such application.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. That is the only alteration?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Yes, that is the only alteration.

Mr. BLAKE. Of course it is quite competent for the Government, as an administrative act, to refuse to assent to the application of any Province unless it is backed by the assent of the Legislature. The Government is not under any compulsion to assent to any such application. It has power to say yea or nay; and, if at any time it thinks that the opinion of the Local Legislature, as well as that of the Local Executive should be given in regard to such an application, it has the power to say so.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. That is true, but the Government think it is well that no such responsibility should be thrown upon the Dominion Government, as, in refusing the application of a Provincial Government, it is at once brought into collision with that Government. We think that a vote of the Local Legislature should be obtained before any sum of money is withdrawn. Of course, no Government—either Dominion or Provincial—ought to use money without consent of Parliament. Hitherto, under the law which was introduced for a very good purpose by my hon. friend for East York (Mr. Mackenzie), the Provincial Government is enabled to apply for an advance out of the money at its credit for local purposes, but it does not appear on the face of the application whether there has been a vote of the Local Legislature or not; and this