

House he would follow with more confidence than Sir J. A. Macdonald. A short time ago he had followed that gentleman in voting for cutting off 12½ per cent from the salaries of members of this House. Now he was told by the same gentleman to vote in quite a different direction. Whatever respect he might feel for the Ministry and its leader, he was not going to eat up his own words, and would vote for the amendment. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Burpee supported the amendment. He thought the ministry were to be blamed for not having taken some action in the direction of retrenchment. This motion went in that direction, and he felt he was bound to support it.

Mr. A. P. McDonald said he was a member of the Contingencies Committee which had recommended a reduction of the salaries of employees of the House. They did so after a full investigation, but here they were called on to vote for a reduction of salaries without any investigation, without any report by a Committee. He had full confidence in the Government that they would do full justice both to the country and to the employees.

Mr. Walsh attacked Mr. Little for deserting the Government on this question.

Mr. Scatcherd supported the amendment. He could not see from the Civil Service Bill that Government proposed to effect any retrenchment. The Minister of Finance expressed himself very desirous of retrenchment. He remembered that gentleman's connection with the erection of these buildings, and had no confidence in his ideas as to economy.

The house then divided on Mr. Holton's amendment, which was negatived by 73 to 52, as follows:—

Yeas—Bechard, Blake, Bodwell, Bourassa, Bowman, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Cheval, Cimon, Coffin, Connel, Coupal, Dufresne, Ferris, Forbes, Godin, Holton, Huntington, Jones, Kierzkowski, Little, McDonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), Macfarlane, Mackenzie, McLellan, McMonies, Mills, Oliver, Paquet, Parker, Pinsonneault, Power, Pozer, Ray, Redford, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria), Rymal, Savary, Scatcherd, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Tremblay, Webb, Wells, White, Whitehead, Young—52.

Nays—Archambeault, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bolton, Bowell, Bown,

Burton, Caldwell, Cameron (Peel), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier, Cartwright, Casault, Cayley, Chamberlin, Chauveau, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Desaulnier, Dobbie, Drew, Fortin, Galt, Gaucher, Gendron, Grant, Gray, Grover, Howland, Huot, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Langlois, Lawson, Macdonald (Sir J. A.), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McCarthy, McDougall, McKeagney, McMillan, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, Perry, Pope, Pouliot, Rankin, Renaud, Robitaille, Rose, Ross (Champlain), Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Sproat, Stephenson, Tilley, Wallace, Walsh, Wilson, Wood and Wright—73.

Mr. Kempt said he had paired with Mr. Lapum.

Mr. Mackenzie made some remarks on the course which had been pursued by the Premier in the debate. He had charged gentlemen on his (Mr. Mackenzie's) side with desiring to embarrass the Government. He denied that this had been the case. They had given Government the fullest opportunity to proceed with their measures, and when now they put on record their views on retrenchment, he thought it was unjust to charge them with a desire to embarrass the Government. Last night, the Ministerial whip had been cracked by the Minister of Public Works, and the grand old Tories had been obliged to crouch under the whip flourished over their heads by the latest adherent the Minister of Justice had got from the Reform ranks. The honourable gentleman (Mr. William McDougall) had no followers of his own; and therefore he cracked the whip over the Tories in a style that had been a matter of so much complaint on the street and in the corridors of the House that he had not ventured to repeat it to-night. The members for Missisquoi and Peel had relieved him (Mr. McDougall) of that duty, and had appealed to their party to support the Government. He believed the motion would not have been defeated but for that appeal. He (Mr. Mackenzie) was not sorry that party lines should be drawn in such a connection. He and his friends were pleased to be identified as a party with the cause of retrenchment.

Mr. Chamberlin replied to the member for Lambton, claiming that the party with which he was identified was the Union party. All the Anti-Confederates in the House had voted for the amendment.