

not, in consequence of such alterations, the same Bill that had been presented to the House by the Hon. Minister of the Interior;

Mr. Speaker decided: "There is no doubt that the point of order is very important, and should be carefully decided, with a view to settle such questions in the future. It is true that a loose practice has prevailed in the House, and that Bills have been even allowed to be introduced in blank, without objection being taken. But the rule is absolute, and such a practice should not be permitted. It is also equally established that when a Bill is once in possession of the House, it becomes its property, and cannot be materially altered, except by the House itself. I think, since this point has been raised, it is best to follow the settled practice of the English House of Commons, and not to permit hereafter any change, except mere clerical alterations, in a Bill when it has been once regularly introduced. I, therefore, decide that the point of Order is well taken, and that the proper course, under the circumstances, is to discharge the Order, and re-introduce the Bill on the previous Order for leave."

*Ordered*, That the said Order be discharged.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be withdrawn; and that leave be given to present another Bill instead thereof.

Sir *John A. Macdonald* presented a Bill to re-adjust the Representation in the House of Commons, and for other purposes: And the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House again in the Committee of Supply;

Sir *Leonard Tilley* moved, seconded by Sir *Hector L. Langevin*, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Sir *Richard J. Cartwright* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Blake*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "the expenditure for the year 1878 was \$23,503,158;

"That the expenditure for 1881 was \$25,502,554;

"That the Estimates for the year ending 30th June, 1883, amount to \$27,999,483.86 cents, independent of several large amounts, proposed to be added to the annual expenditure, involving a further addition of \$410,000 more;

"That many of the items charged to Capital Account, are of a character which might more properly be charged to Income;

"That a very large proportion of this expenditure consists of fixed charges, or of charges of a permanent character, which when once created are either incapable, or very difficult of reduction;

"That recent legislation and the completion of existing engagements, will result in a steady increase of the fixed charges within a few years;

"That experience has shewn that the consequence of rapidly increasing the fixed charges, is to produce great embarrassment in the Public Finances;

"That this House views with regret the proposal of the Government to expend for the year 1883, \$2,906,927 more than the expenditure for 1881, and \$4,906,325 more than the expenditure for all purposes in 1878;" inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Anglin,*  
*Bain,*  
*Béchar,*  
*Blake,*  
*Borden,*

*Casgrain,*  
*Charlton,*  
*Cockburn,*  
*Coupal,*  
*Dumont,*

*Haddow,*  
*Irvine,*  
*Killam,*  
*King,*  
*McDonald (Vic. N.S.)*

*Rinfret,*  
*Robertson (Shelburne),*  
*Rogers,*  
*Ross (Middlesex),*  
*Rymal,*