

a money vote, could be entertained except when introduced by message. He would submit the point to the Speaker when he took the Chair.

Sir J. A. Macdonald explained that the estimates had already provided for a larger expenditure than any draw proposed.

The resolution was then put and carried on a division of 92 to 37.

Resolutions 8 to 17 were then agreed to.

On the 18th resolution providing for the increase of the Assistant Head Messenger's salary from \$900 to \$1,000.

Mr. Mackenzie moved that the resolution be struck out, being unable to understand the principle on which the salaries of able, and talented, and educated gentlemen were to be reduced, and that of any messenger increased from what had been a very high rate before.

Mr. Gibbs asked an explanation from some member of the Committee. The only one that suggested itself to him was a desire to place Mr. McCarthy on an equal footing with the Speaker of the House at Toronto. (Loud laughter.)

[Mr. McDonald (Antigonish).]

Mr. Ferguson said that Mr. McCarthy had been thought deserving of a salary more nearly approaching that of the Head Messenger than he had been receiving, and thought that \$100 was hardly worth while making such a fuss about.

Sir John A. Macdonald said that objection did not apply, because there was no increase of burdens on the people by this report. The changes were all reductions. Moreover, the Governor-General, by message, had recommended these appropriations in the estimates. Thirdly, the clause referred to had never been held to apply to the contingencies of the House.

Mr. McDonald (Antigonish) contended that the salaries fixed in the report were not reductions, but were all new salaries, created now for the first time.

The Speaker decided against the point of order.

The report was then adopted, and the House adjourned at one o'clock.