

YEAS :

Messieurs

Allen,	Desaulniers (Mask'gé),	Mills,
Amyot,	Edgar,	Mitchell,
Armstrong,	Fairbank,	Mulock,
Bain (Wentworth),	Fisher,	Paterson (Brant),
Bécharé,	Gaudet,	Platt,
Bergeron,	Gillmor,	Ray,
Bernier,	Glen,	Rinfret,
Blake,	Guay,	Robertson (Shelburne),
Bourassa,	Gunn,	Scriver,
Burpee,	Harley,	Somerville (Brant),
Cameron (Huron),	Innes,	Somerville (Bruce),
Cameron (Middlesex),	Irvine,	Springer,
Campbell (Renfrew),	Jackson,	Sutherland (Oxford),
Cartwright (Sir Rich'd),	King,	Trow,
Casey,	Kirk,	Vail,
Casgrain,	Landerkin,	Watson,
Charlton,	Lister,	Weidon,
Cockburn,	McCraney,	Wilson,
Cook,	McIntyre,	Woodworth.—59.
Davies,	McMullen,	

NAYS :

Messieurs

Bain (Soulanges),	Foster,	O'Brien,
Barker,	Gault,	Orton,
Barnard,	Gordon,	Paint,
Bell,	Grandbois,	Reid,
Benoit,	Guillet,	Riopel,
Bergin,	Hall,	Robertson (Hamilton),
Blondeau,	Hay,	Robertson (Hastings),
Bowell,	Hesson,	Royal,
Burnham,	Hickey,	Scott,
Burns,	Hilliard,	Shakespeare,
Cameron (Inverness),	Homer,	Shanly,
Campbell (Victoria),	Hurteau,	Small,
Carling,	Ives,	Sproule,
Caron (Sir Adolphe),	Jamieson,	Stairs,
Chapleau,	Jenkins,	Taschereau,
Cochrane,	Kilvert,	Tassé,
Costigan,	Kinney,	Taylor,
Coughlin,	Kranz,	Temple,
Curran,	Landry (Kent),	Thompson,
Outhbert,	Langevin (Sir Hector),	Townshend,
Daly,	Mackintosh,	Tyrwhitt,
Dawson,	Macmaster,	Wallace (Albert),
Dickinson,	Macmillan (Middlesex),	Wallace (York),
Dodd,	McCallum,	Ward,
Dundas,	McDougall (O. Breton),	White (Cardwell),
Everett,	McGreavy,	Wigle,
Farrow,	McLelan,	Wood (Brockville),
Ferguson (Welland),	McNeill,	Wood (Westm'nd).—88.
Fortin,	Moffat,	

Mr. CASEY. I observe that the member for Bonaventure (Mr. Riopel) has voted. I wish to ask whether he is a director of this company that is asking for a grant?

Mr. SPEAKER. If the hon. member has no direct pecuniary interest in the passage of the Bill, he has a right to vote. If he has an immediate interest in the passage of the Bill, he ought not to vote.

Mr. BLAKE. He is a director of the company.

Mr. SPEAKER. Has the hon. member a direct pecuniary interest in the passage of the Bill?

Mr. RIOPEL. I am a director in that company, but I have no direct pecuniary interest in it.

Mr. CASEY. I observed the hon. gentleman for West Toronto (Mr. Beaty), has not voted. I would like to ask why he has not voted.

Mr. BEATY. I just wish to be excused, that is all. I ask to be allowed not to vote.

Mr. SPEAKER. He can ask to be excused; the rule is that no person who has a direct pecuniary interest in the passage of the Bill is entitled to vote. If he votes, his vote is disallowed; but if a member is doubtful as to whether he has that interest he may ask to be excused.

Mr. CASEY. I object to his being excused unless he states that he has a direct pecuniary interest in the passage of this Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER. On what ground does the hon. gentleman ask to be excused?

Mr. BEATY. In consequence of the peculiar nature of this case, and the fact that I am president of the company, and a shareholder. And, of course, it is possible that some time or other, notwithstanding what has been said, I may have a pecuniary interest.

On the main motion,

Mr. MULOCK. During the progress of this debate, certain statements have been made by hon. members from their places in this House which, if established before the passage of this Bill, would, I think, materially affect the action of this House in dealing with this measure. The hon. member for King's, N. S. (Mr. Woodworth), in the course of his address at the opening of the debate, and during the progress of the debate, stated, if I may summarise his statements, to the following effect: He said that the hon. member for West Toronto (Mr. Beaty) had never made any honest attempt to build one foot of the line, had simply been endeavoring to sell the charter, and that this was still his sole and only object. He further stated that there was an agreement that the sum of \$50,000 was to be divided between certain of the directors of the road. He further stated that the member for West Toronto had endeavored to sell this charter, or to make a contract whereby the member for West Toronto might be able to place in his own pocket the sum of \$1,500 for every mile of road, or in all, the sum of \$675,000. The hon. member for Northumberland (Mr. Mitchell) also intimated that he had received information of a private character which disclosed to him matters that he intimated were of a very improper nature, and that, were an investigation had, evidence would be supplied whereby the judgment of this House in dealing with this measure would be very materially affected. Under these circumstances I would suggest whether we are not proceeding prematurely to-night in deciding finally how we will deal with this charter before disposing of those various charges. Hon. gentlemen have argued as if we had conclusive evidence, all the possible evidence as to those various charges. I ask the member for Richmond and Wolfe (Mr. Ives) what would his judgment be if those charges were established? I ask the Minister of the Interior, the trustee of the domain of Canada, what would his judgment be if those charges were established? If it is true that a large portion of the money that is to be the outcome of this public aid is to go into the pockets of members of the House, if the Government were aware of that fact before agreeing to the passage of this bill. I do not know the nature of the disclosures which the member for Northumberland is likely to make, but still it is due I think to an hon. member when he makes a grave charge of this kind that he should have an opportunity of making it good or having it displaced by evidence. I am surprised, and I express my surprise with the utmost regret, that of all Ministers of the Crown, the Minister of the Interior, who is specially charged with the custody of the public money and public property proposed to be transferred on this occasion, should be the first during the progress of this discussion to permit the handing over of this vast amount of property without proper investigation, when there is grave doubt cast on the *bond fides* of the whole transaction. The hon. member for West Toronto stated that recently a change in the directorate had taken place; that in the summer of 1885 several members of this House were placed on the directorate. If we look at the proceedings of the Government during the summer of 1885, what do we find? We find that on 29th July, 1885, an Order in Council was passed handing over to this company 2,880,000 acres of land belonging to the people of Canada for the purpose of constructing this road. We find that later on, in August, another Order in Council was passed on