

satisfied the measure would meet the approbation of the country.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said, in the case of New Brunswick, though the population of the different counties was very irregular, it was found that no change could be made without a complete readjustment throughout the province. It was considered desirable to retain the present county boundaries.

Mr. BOLTON asked whether a change would ever be made.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY did not say that; but mentioning certain counties, said it was very difficult to equalize the population at present with an entire change of boundaries. In the course of time a change might be found practicable.

Mr. SNIDER referred to the division of the county of Grey, which he did not consider fair or equal. He suggested changes in the arrangement of the townships which ought to be made to make the division equal. He would state his views more fully on a future occasion.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron South) suggested that a sketch should be appended to the bill showing the proposed division.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said any one could have reference to the railway maps.

The Bill was read a first time, and the second fixed for Monday.

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THE PACIFIC RAILWAY BILL

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER moved the third reading of the Pacific Railway Bill.

Hon. Mr. WOOD desired to have an expression of opinion recorded on the constitutional question he had brought forward on a previous occasion. In England, in cases of public works, estimates were brought down and votes asked each year, and so the House retained full control of the public expenditure. He thought the same principles should be adhered to in the present case, and moved, "that the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be forthwith referred back to a committee of the whole in order to amend the same so that so large a sum as \$30,000,000, and so large a quantity of land as 50,000 acres, shall not be at the disposition of the will of the Government of the day, and so that the said money and lands shall only be disposed of by specific annual votes of Parliament from time to time, given as shall seem to Parliament right and proper, and so that Parliament shall not be divested of its most important constitutional function, namely, control over the public expenditure of the country." He desired that the members should be placed in a proper light

before their constituents and should therefore press a division.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON said the amendment was an affirmation of the principle previously set forth by the member for Lambton (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie) but with it was blended crudities and crotchets of the member for Brant South (Hon. Mr. Wood), which rendered it impossible for him to vote for it, and it ought not to be so presented to the House.

The members were called in and the amendment declared lost on the following division: —Yeas, 33; Nays, 100.

(Division No. 27)

YEAS

Members

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| Blake | Bourassa |
| Bowman | Cameron (Huron South) |
| Carmichael | Cheval |
| Coupal | Delorme (Saint-Hyacinthe) |
| Fortier | Fournier |
| Geoffrion | Godin |
| Joly | Jones (Leeds North and Grenville North) |
| Kempt | Magill |
| McConkey | Metcalfe |
| Mills | Oliver |
| Pelletier | Power |
| Pozer | Redford |
| Ross (Prince Edward) | Ross (Wellington Centre) |
| Scatcherd | Snider |
| Stirton | Thompson (Ontario North) |
| Wells | Wood |
| Young-33 | |

NAYS

Members

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| Abbott | Anglin |
| Ault | Barthe |
| Beaty | Beaubien |
| Bécharde | Bellerose |
| Benoit | Bertrand |
| Blanchet | Bolton |
| Bowell | Bown |
| Brown | Cameron (Inverness) |
| Carling | Caron |
| Carter | Cartier (Sir George-É.) |
| Cartwright | Cayley |
| Chauveau | Cimon |
| Coffin | Connell |
| Costigan | Crawford (Brockville) |
| Crawford (Leeds South) | Daoust |
| De Cosmos | Delorme (Provencher) |
| Dobbie | Dorion |
| Drew | Dugas |
| Ferguson | Ferris |
| Forbes | Fortin |
| Gaucher | Gaudet |
| Gendron | Grant |
| Gray | Grover |
| Heath | Hincks (Sir Francis) |