

Confederation was to be so great a boon as it was represented, and to raise us to our position as a third power, he thought that the trifling disadvantages suffered by these gentlemen were more than compensated by the success which had resulted. Referring to the Dual representation, he hoped that the Local Legislatures would set their foot on Coalitions between the Local and the General Governments. Men could not sit and act concertedly in this Legislature, and then go away to the Local Legislatures, and act independently of party issues raised here.

**Hon. Sandfield Macdonald** thought that his honourable friend, Mr. Mackenzie, should have come to him, and found whether his statements were correct, before making them in the House. He (Mr. Macdonald) still stood by the declaration he made last session, that Confederation being an accomplished fact, he was prepared to give it a fair support. The member for Welland knew perfectly well that there was no intrigue, but an honest understanding between parties. He (Sandfield) was simply asked whether he would accept his present position. If he went to Upper Canada it was simply to defend himself from the misrepresenting of the *Globe*, and that he was successful was, he thought, shown by the small following of the member for Lambton. He had undertaken to form a Government for Ontario, and there he would defend himself. He had never defended the Minister of Justice in his peregrinations through the country. When asked as to the conduct of the Conservatives, he referred the people to the journals of the House. When enquired of respecting Reformers he defended them. He could show as clear a record as any one on this side of the Atlantic. He was always in favour of liberal views and was so still.

**Sir John A. Macdonald** corroborated Sandfield's statement respecting the formation of the Local Government. He (Sandfield) would accept of no interferences.

**Hon. Mr. Howe** thought the wisest way was to bury past party differences. Let them press the Ministry to bring down their measures as fast as they can. If, upon fair trial, they were found wanting, an Opposition would soon spring up. (Hear, hear).

**Mr. Mackenzie** was glad the honourable member for Hants had adopted the policy of burying the past. He hoped he would not impose a policy on Ontario which he would repudiate for himself, but that he would now bury the past and accept the situation. He proceeded to reply to the speech of the member for Cornwall. He was, he must say, with all his experience of that honourable gentleman, astonished to hear him denounce the Coalition of 1864 as unholy, and to hear the small part he (Mr. Mackenzie) had in the formation of that Coalition. When he had formed a Coalition with the same parties himself in 1867, the gentlemen he had allied himself with were the most devoted followers of the honourable gentleman opposite. But as regarded the Coalition of 1864, it was not true that he (Mr. Mackenzie) had urged its formation. He had opposed it. He had moved that the Reform party support the Government outside, in their measures to settle the constitutional difficulties, and had only consented to support the Coalition when overborne by a large majority of his party, and it was the member for Cornwall who himself moved that Reformers should enter the Coalition, which he now declared as unholy.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

**Sir John A. Macdonald**—That on the second reading of the Act respecting the Commercial Bank of Canada, he will move that the 62nd rule of the House be suspended with regard to said Bill.

**Mr. Bodwell**—Enquiry whether it is the intention of Government in the Bill respecting patents of invention to extend to citizens of the United States the same facilities for obtaining patents in Canada, that is afforded to citizens of this Dominion, and whether the privileges under patents now enjoyed by citizens of the United States in the Province of New Brunswick, are to be extended to other parts of the Dominion.

**Mr. D. A. McDonald**—Address for a statement showing the quantity of water leased on the Lachine Canal, to whom and at what rate leased, the amount in arrears, and the names of the party or parties so in arrears.

The House adjourned at a quarter to one o'clock.