

of this topic which must be indulged in must prove injurious to the Union, and he trusted it would be withdrawn.

Mr. Ferguson said if the honourable gentleman was in earnest, he ought to have used his influence with the member for Centre Wellington to prevent the motion coming up. Besides all the harm that could be done by the discussion had been done.

Hon. Mr. Holton said he had consented to the withdrawal at the suggestion of the Minister of Militia, but if the House desired it he would not object to the postponement.

Dr. Parker said he had intended to accept the proposal of the Minister of Militia and withdraw the motion, and was not, therefore, responsible for the subsequent debate and pressing the motion to a division.

Mr. Galt said on many grounds it was desirable there should be a withdrawal.

Mr. Chauveau said nothing could be gained by the renewal of the debate, and he hoped the motion would be withdrawn.

Hon. J. S. Macdonald took the same view. He thought it best to leave the affairs of Nova Scotia in the hands of its people. They had not, he believed, sought the intervention of voters' members in their affairs in this way, and he hoped the amendment would, therefore, be withdrawn.

Mr. D. A. McDonald objected to the discussion being prolonged.

Mr. Ferguson said he would consent to the withdrawal if the matter were not to come up again in a substantive motion to the same effect.

Dr. Parker said he would not bring the subject up again, if he were allowed to withdraw his motion, as that was the desire of the House.

The amendment was withdrawn and the original motion carried.

Sir John A. Macdonald, in accordance with a requisition sent to him, signed by a majority of the members, moved that when the House adjourned at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening next, it stand adjourned till half-past seven o'clock p.m. on the following Tuesday. Carried.

The House adjourned at five minutes past two.

MOTIONS

Mr. Morrison, Wednesday, that the petition of George T. Denison, of Toronto, praying compensation for alleged damages sustained by detention of the propeller GEORGIAN in 1865, be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Fortier—Copies of reports of the medical men examined in the Provencher-Bois-claire case, with their names, and the amounts paid them.
