

**Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD** said the hon. member had asserted time and again that we had not the means of constructing the road, yet he proposed to take away the most necessary means at the command of Government. It was an insidious attempt to destroy the road. The proposition was to put a tax upon the people of the older provinces in order to let the emigration of the world go into the North-West and enjoy a country we have opened up. There was plenty of land open for free settlement beyond the twenty-mile belt along the line of railway. It was preposterous to ask the people of Canada to pay for constructing a road past the doors of future settlers in the North-West.

**Mr. YOUNG** considered this the most objectionable part of the whole scheme. The American Congress, in granting aid to railways, never agreed to hold alternate blocks for sale only. He would prefer that a larger money grant should be given the company. The free-grant system had been tried with older provinces and proved successful. The practical result of this large land grant and reserve would be to prevent the free-grant system being adopted in the North-West.

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** said his object was to have the North-West rapidly settled. Now, we were not paying the money. We were borrowing it, and every man settling in the North-West would aid in paying off the debt. His object was rapid settlement and consequently the rapid payment of the debt. All his resolution provided for was that the company should not prevent the settlement of the lands. He desired that the right of pre-emption should obtain alike over the company's and over the Government lands, and it was advisable to provide that nothing in the Act should prevent the Government from making provision for free-grants either in the alternate blocks they reserved or elsewhere.

**Hon. Sir A.T. GALT** opposed the amendment on the ground that it was an interference with the lands granted to the company and so far as it related to the Government lands, it was entirely unnecessary. There was nothing in the bill binding the Government in giving these lands to settlers as free grants. He would oppose the resolution, because he believed it unfair to the company undertaking the construction of the road.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** contended that if the course proposed by the member for Lambton (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie) were adopted, they would have to borrow \$100,000,000 which would involve an annual charge upon the revenue of \$5,000,000 which would have to be met by increased taxation.

The House divided on **Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE'S** amendment:—Yeas, 33; Nays, 101.

(Division No. 26)

YEAS

Members

Blake  
Bowman  
Cheval

Bourassa  
Carmichael  
Coupal

Delorme (Saint-Hyacinthe)  
Fortier  
Godin  
Joly  
Mackenzie  
McConkey  
Mills  
Oliver  
Pelletier  
Rymal  
Snider  
Thompson (Haldimand)  
Whitehead  
Young—33

Dorion  
Fournier  
Holton  
Kempt  
Magill  
Metcalfe  
Morrison (Victoria North)  
Pâquet  
Ross (Wellington Centre)  
Scatcherd  
Stirton  
White (Halton)  
Wood

NAYS

Members

Abbott  
Archambault  
Barthe  
Beaubien  
Benoit  
Blanchet  
Bowell  
Cameron (Inverness)  
Carling  
Carter  
Cartwright  
Cimon  
Costigan  
Crawford (Leeds South)  
Currier  
Delorme (Provencher)  
Drew  
Ferguson  
Fortin  
Gaucher  
Gendron  
Gray  
Hagar  
Jackson  
Kirkpatrick  
Langevin  
Lawson  
Macdonald (Sir John A.)  
Masson (Soulanges)  
McCallum  
McDougall (Trois-Rivières)  
Merritt  
Morrison (Niagara)  
Nathan  
O'Connor  
Pinsonneault  
Pouliot  
Renaud  
Ross (Champlain)  
Ross (Prince Edward)  
Ryan (King's, N. B.)  
Scriver  
Simard  
Sproat  
Street  
Tilley  
Tremblay  
Wallace (Albert)  
Walsh  
White (Hastings East)  
Workman—101

Anglin  
Ault  
Beaty  
Bellerose  
Bertrand  
Bolton  
Burpee  
Campbell  
Caron  
Cartier (Sir George-É.)  
Chauveau  
Colby  
Crawford (Brockville)  
Cumberland  
De Cosmos  
Dobbie  
Dugas  
Forbes  
Galt (Sir A.T.)  
Gaudet  
Grant  
Grover  
Hincks (Sir Francis)  
Keeler  
Lacerte  
Lapum  
Little  
McDonald (Middlesex West)  
Masson (Terrebonne)  
McDougall (Lanark North)  
McGreevy  
Morris  
Munroe  
Nelson  
Perry  
Pope  
Pozer  
Robitaille  
Ross (Dundas)  
Ross (Victoria, N. S.)  
Ryan (Montreal West)  
Shanly  
Smith (Selkirk)  
Stephenson  
Thompson (Cariboo)  
Tourangeau  
Tupper  
Wallace (Vancouver Island)  
Webb  
Willson

**Hon. Mr. WOOD** said one of the main functions of Parliament was to control the public expenditure and by an annual vote the power of Parliament in this respect was shown; therefore no scheme should be presented to the House requiring Parliament to divest itself of this power over expenditure, and no scheme that did so, however excellent in other respects, could be acceptable security because it was one of the most pointed and violent breaches that could be made of the constitution of the House. In the proposition before the House the enormous sum of thirty millions was proposed