

member for Victoria District and he must say he was more satisfied with the government scheme now than he was before. He thought the basis proposed by the hon. member for Victoria District defective. We should not deprecate our colony. He thought we were on the eve of prosperity and should Canada gain by our prosperity, we would derive a proportion of that gain.

Mr DeCosmo said he had heard nothing to disturb the solid foundation of his scheme. The whole was a matter of expediency. His scheme gave \$165,000 per annum more than the government scheme. He proposed to reduce the internal revenue to \$50,000 and increase the subsidies from the Dominion. The hon. member for New Westminster says 'I have made an enormous stride.' He had made no stride at all; he asked \$200,000. And that pivot he had been revolving and that was the sum which he now proposed by his present scheme. He would therefore move:

That the Council recommend to His Excellency the Governor the following resolutions for his consideration:

2. The population of British Columbia shall be estimated at 40,000.

3. The following sums shall be paid semi-annually by Canada to British Columbia for the support of the Local Government and Legislature, to wit:—An annual grant of \$80,000 and a further sum of 80 cents a head per annum of the population, both payable half-yearly in advance, the population of British Columbia being estimated as aforesaid. Such grant of 80 cents per head to be augmented till the population shall be shown to be One Million, at which number it shall thereafter remain. Canada shall also pay to British Columbia, in semi-annual advances, the sum of \$150,000 per annum, which shall from time to time be reduced in proportion as the population may exceed 40,000.

Mr Alton said he would support the Government terms, and he would also support any reasonable amendment. He thought the terms should be based on a real population. He would go for a large subsidy, for he thought in a few years, in consequence of the increase in our revenue, Canada would have very little to pay.

Mr Barnard said he would support the basis of population as adopted by the government. New Brunswick with a population of 250,000 was entitled to 15 members in the Commons of the Dominion and with 40,000 we would be entitled only to two. Eight members standing together could have a great influence in the Dominion Parliament. He thought the Indians were entitled to be represented as well as the white population. The resolution of Mr DeCosmo was put and lost by the following vote: Yeas—Drake, Humphreys, DeCosmo, Wood. Nays—Trutch, Hankin, O'Reilly, Saunders, Dewdney, Haskew, Barnard, Robinson, Heimken, Carroll, Aiston, Pemberton, Bushby, Hamley and Crease.

The amendment of Mr Drake was put and carried without a division.

WEDNESDAY, March 16th, 1870.

Council met at 1 p.m., with 100 members in attendance.

Motion of last meeting read and adopted.

MOTION OF MOTION.

Mr Holbech—To move that Indians receive the same protection from the Dominion as under this colony; and that the local government shall have power over its tariff.

Mr Dewdney—to bring in a bill restricting bulls and entire horses from roaming at large.

Mr Humphreys—to move that the Dominion Government maintain the truck roads and abolish tolls.

CONFIDENCE.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the Confederation Terms and passed clauses 4 & 5 & 7, when the Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to adjourn.

Council adjourned till one o'clock on Thursday.

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