

empty, shall have been calmly investigated by you, I feel confident that you will arrive at a just conclusion, and I trust I need not add that it is my earnest desire to meet you at this point.

I am not disposed to pursue an intricate policy—the opinions I entertain scarcely require an explanation.

I consider that to this young rising Province, character is of more intrinsic value than the cost of obtaining Specie for its Banks; for however attractive may be the soil, and healthy the climate which we here enjoy, yet in order to obtain capital, credit, and population from the Mother Country, it is necessary we should clearly demonstrate that in Upper Canada life and property are secure, that justice is inflexibly administered—that engagements are scrupulously fulfilled—and that a storm of commercial adversity, or of popular clamour, is but a signal to the Legislature to rally round this throne, which, dignified by the protection of our Gracious Sovereign, stands here the safeguard and defender of the public creditor.

By plain integrity of conduct the British Empire has amassed its wealth, and I feel confident that the people of Upper Canada, with this example before their minds, will perceive that it is not only their duty, but their interest, to adhere to that simple principle in the religion, as well as in the commercial policy of our ancestors, which nobly commands us “to be true and just in all our dealings.”

Mr. Prince, seconded by Mr. Gowan, moves

Motion that no business be entered upon but as referred to in the Speech. That no other business be moved or transacted during the present Session of Parliament (which has been specially convened) than those matters to which the Speech of His Excellency refers—save and except any matters relating to the privileges of Members, and the contingent expenses of this Session.

On which the yeas and nays being taken were as follows:—

Division.

Yeas 14.

YEAS—MESSIEURS *Attorney General, Cartwright, Dunlop, Gowan, Jarvis, Malloch, Mathewson, McCreagh, McDonnell*, of Northumberland, *McDonnell*, of Stormont, *McKay, Powell, Prince and Shade*—14.

Nays 30.

NAYS—MESSIEURS *Aikman, Armstrong, Bockus, Boulton, Caldwell, Chisholm*, of Halton, *Chisholm*, of Glengarry, *Dellor, Duncombe*, of Oxford, *Elliott, Ferrie, Gibson, Kearnes, Manahan, Marks, McIntosh, Merritt, Moore, Morrison, Murney, Parke, Richardson, Robinson, Ruttan, Rykert, Shaver, Sherwood, Thomson, Woodruff*—30.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of sixteen.

Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Aikman, moves,

Motion for referring part of Speech to Select Committee.

That that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the present state of the Monetary System of the Province be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise; and that the said Committee do consist of Messrs. Merritt, Thomson, Cartwright, Prince, Chisholm, of Halton, Rykert, Ferrie, Manahan, and Thorburn; and that the 29th rule of this House be dispensed with so far as relates to the same.

Amendment to foregoing.

In amendment, Mr. Prince, seconded by Mr. Gowan, moves that *Messieurs Attorney General, Robinson, Gibson, McKay, Dunlop, Parke, Bockus, Ruttan, and Sherwood*, be added to the said Committee, and that they be a Committee of Secresy.

Division.

Yeas 30.

On which the yeas and nays being taken were as follows:—

YEAS—MESSIEURS *Armstrong, Attorney General, Boulton, Caldwell, Cartwright, Chisholm*, of Halton, *Cornwall, Dunlop, Elliott, Ferrie, Gowan, Jarvis, Kearnes, Malloch, Manahan, Marks, Mathewson, McCreagh, McDonnell*, of Northumberland, *McDonnell*, of Stormont, *McKay, Murney, Powell, Prince, Robinson, Ruttan, Rykert, Sherwood, Thomson, and Woodruff*—30.

Nays 15.

NAYS—MESSIEURS *Aikman, Bockus, Chisholm*, of Glengarry, *Dellor, Duncombe*, of Oxford, *Gibson, McIntosh, McMicking, Merritt, Moore, Morrison, Parke, Richardson, Shade, and Shaver*—15.

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of fifteen.

The original question as amended was then put and carried.