

States. We cannot expect to settle those lands rapidly under the present regulations. Hon. gentlemen may impugn our patriotism as much as they please, but our object in bringing these resolutions before the House was to rectify a wrong. The hon. member for Cardwell (Mr. White) alluded to my having drawn the attention of the House to the disparity of growth between Canada and the United States, and he said I brought it up as a charge against the Government. I did nothing of the kind. I alluded to the fact in a spirit of sorrow. I said the object of these resolutions was to remedy the state of things which had led to such disproportionate growth on the part of the United States. The hon. the First Minister gave us some astonishing statistics in regard to emigration. He thinks that in ten years we will realise \$79,000,000 from the sale of public lands in the North-West.

Some HON. MEMBERS: No.

MR. CHARLTON: Did he not say so?

Some HON. MEMBERS: No, seventy millions.

MR. CHARLTON: Well, Sir, by a return lately brought down I see that the sale of lands in the North-West and in Manitoba for 1879, amounted to 247,315 acres. If these lands brought an average of \$3 per acre, the total amount would be less than \$750,000, and yet the sales in ten years are to amount to \$70,000,000. The right hon. gentleman estimates the emigration for last year at 25,000; the total sales of public lands last year were made to 882 purchasers. If these were all heads of families numbering five persons each, it would represent an immigration of less than 4,500, in place of 25,000. The hon. gentleman's calculations are preposterous. I hope they will be realised, but I have not the faintest idea that they will. The hon. gentleman bases his calculations of this revenue on the sale of land to settlers, and yet he tells us in his speech—I have his exact words—that we could not sell a single acre in the North-West if we made settlement a condition of sale to actual settlers.

Some HON. MEMBERS: No.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: That is not what I said.

MR. CHARLTON: If not, the hon.

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gentleman cannot object to the terms of the resolutions now proposed, which amount at keeping the lands out of the hands of speculators.

MR. DECOSMOS: I have only one remark to offer. It has been said that there was no railway line in the United States with land grants extending further than twenty miles on each side of it; now I believe that, if the hon. gentleman will refer to the Northern Pacific Railway land grant, he will find there that its lands extend forty miles on each side of the road.

MR. SMITH: One portion only.

MR. DECOSMOS: And that the pre-emption price is \$2.50 per acre.

Motion made and question proposed:

That the House do now go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—(See p. 1,051)—(Mr. Charlton.)

That all the words after the word "That" in the said motion be left out and the following substituted instead thereof:—"this House do now proceed to the Orders of the Day"—(Mr. Domville.)

That all the words after "That" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"the policy of the Government for the disposal of the public lands in Manitoba and the North-West is well calculated to promote the rapid settlement of that region, and to raise the moneys required for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway without further burthening the people, and that it deserves the support and approval of this House."—(Mr. White, Cardwell.)

House divided on the amendment to the amendment (Mr. White, Cardwell).—Yeas, 120; nays, 40.

#### YEAS:

#### Messieurs

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| Abbott                | Lane                     |
| Allison               | Largevin                 |
| Angers                | Little                   |
| Arkell                | Longley                  |
| Baby                  | Macdonald (Kings, PEI)   |
| Baker                 | Macdonald (Victoria, BC) |
| Bannerman             | McDonald (C. Breton)     |
| Barnard               | McDonald (Pictou)        |
| Benoit                | McDonald (Victoria, NS)  |
| Bergeron              | Macmillan                |
| Bill                  | McCallum                 |
| Bolduc                | McCuaig                  |
| Bourbeau              | Macdougall               |
| Bowell                | McGreevy                 |
| Brecken               | McInnes                  |
| Brooks                | McLennan                 |
| Bunster               | McLeod                   |
| Cameron (N. Victoria) | McQuade                  |
| Caron                 | McRory                   |
| Cimon                 | Masson                   |
| Colby                 | Massue                   |
| Connell               | Merner                   |