

May 31, 1872

A good deal had been said about the grades of the Canadian Pacific and he could state that the elevation of the Leather Head Pass was 3,760 feet, that of the Union Pacific Railway 8,260, and that of the Central Pacific 7,042 feet, the grades of the Central Pacific being as much as 66 1/2 feet to the mile in places. He would vote against the amendment of the member for Lambton (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie).

The House divided on **Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE'S** amendment:—Yeas, 52; Nays, 97.

(Division No. 25)

YEAS

Members

Anglin	Béchar
Blake	Bodwell
Bourassa	Bowman
Burpee	Cameron (Huron South)
Carmichael	Cartwright
Cheval	Coupal
Delorme (Saint-Hyacinthe)	Dorion
Ferris	Fortier
Fournier	Geoffrion
Godin	Hagar
Holton	Joly
Kempt	Mackenzie
Magill	McConkey
McMonies	Metcalfe
Mills	Morison (Victoria North)
Oliver	Paquet
Pelletier	Pozer
Redford	Ross (Dundas)
Ross (Prince Edward)	Ross (Wellington Centre)
Rymal	Scatcherd
Snider	Stirton
Thompson (Haldimand)	Thompson (Ontario North)
Wallace (Albert)	Wells
White (Halton)	Whitehead
Wood	Wright (Ottawa County)
Wright (York West)	Young—52

NAYS

Members

Abbott	Archambault
Ault	Beaty
Beaubien	Bellerose
Benoit	Bertrand
Blanchet	Bolton
Bowell	Bown
Cameron (Inverness)	Campbell
Carling	Caron
Carter	Cartier (Sir George-É.)
Chauveau	Cimon
Coffin	Colby
Costigan	Crawford (Brockville)
Crawford (Leeds South)	Cumberland
Currier	Daoust
De Cosmos	Delorme (Provencher)
Dobbie	Drew
Dugas	Ferguson
Forbes	Fortin

Galt (Sir A.T.)	Gaucher
Gaudet	Gendron
Grant	Gray
Grover	Hincks (Sir Francis)
Houghton	Irvine
Jackson	Keeler
Kirkpatrick	Lacerte
Langevin	Lapum
Lawson	Little
Macdonald (Sir John A.)	McDonald (Lunenburg)
McDonald (Middlesex West)	Masson (Soulanges)
Masson (Terrebonne)	McCallum
McDougall (Trois-Rivières)	McGreevy
Merritt	Morris
Morrison (Niagara)	Munroe
Nathan	Nelson
Perry	Pinsonneault
Pope	Pouliot
Ray	Renaud
Robitaille	Ross (Champlain)
Ross (Victoria, N. S.)	Ryan (King's, N. B.)
Ryan (Montreal West)	Schultz
Scriver	Simard
Smith (Selkirk)	Smith (Westmorland)
Sproat	Stephenson
Street	Thompson (Cariboo)
Tilley	Tourangeau
Tremblay	Tupper
Wallace (Vancouver Island)	Walsh
Webb	White (Hastings East)
Willson—97	

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said he desired to place his views on record with regard to the disposition of the public lands. The Minister of Militia (Hon. Sir George-É. Cartier) the other day did not feel himself at liberty to say they would sell Government lands at a price lower than that which the company would charge and he would not promise that any provision would be made whereby settlers should obtain free grant lands on the ground that it would injure the prospects of the companies selling their lands. It was very important to the country that settlers should be free to enter upon the possession of these lands whether they belonged to the company or the Government. Some grants were made in the United States where the terms of sale were embodied in the grant to the company, and in other cases the Government sold the lands and gave the proceeds to the company. Whatever scheme was arranged, he wished to provide that no possession by the company of tracts of land should entitle them in any way to shut up settlers from taking possession of any unsold or unoccupied lands.

He would therefore move, seconded by **Hon. Mr. DORION**, that the Bill be recommitted with instructions so to amend the same as to provide that actual settlers may enter upon any unsold or unoccupied lands belonging either to the company to be entrusted, with the construction of the railway, or to the Government in the alternate blocks reserved, on terms and conditions to be made, which terms and conditions should be subject to the approval of Parliament, and further to provide that nothing therein should prevent provision being made for setting apart the portions of the land reserved by Government, in the alternate blocks elsewhere, as free grants to actual settlers.