

Head of the Executive, they would be called into office (when the Council would, of course, immediately vote the Supplies to their fellow plotters) and they would be thus enabled to hold the reins of power against the will of the people for another twelve months; under one of two conditions :

- 1o. Either with a minority in the Assembly, under which they actually labor (which would be unconstitutional.)
- 2o. Or with the support of a sufficient defection from the Government side, to make up a nominal and temporary majority.

As the last of these conditions is the one upon which they probably most count, and as the names of certain hon. members, who have hitherto supported the Government, have been freely spoken of in public in the connection, it is well to here again recall and to let the electorate thoroughly understand that the following, among their representatives, voted, on motion of Mr. Gagnon, on the 2nd September, to affirm, among other things :—

" That this House has, during the present session, frequently given clear proofs of its confidence in the advisers of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and especially in voting the supplies demanded by them."

" That the said supplies have been voted to Her Majesty only because of the confidence reposed by this House in the said advisers, and that this House would not have voted the said supplies if His Honor had had advisers not enjoying the confidence of the Legislative Assembly."

" That this House would see with regret the said supplies put in the hands of advisers in whom it would not have expressed its confidence."

FOR :—Messrs. Blais, Boutilier, Boutin, Chauveau, Dupuis, Flynn, Fortin, Gagnon, Joly, Lafontaine [Shefford], Langelier, [Portneuf], Langelier, [Montmorency], Larose, Marchand, McShane, Meikle, Mercier, Molleur, Murphy, Poirier, Rinfret dit Malouin, Ross, Shehyn and Watts.—²⁴

Of the Government supporters, who had not paired off, Mr. Paquet, for Levis, was the only one who did not vote.

It will therefore be seen that, without personal stultification, as well renegation of the principles they then so solemnly and positively affirmed, none of the foregoing gentlemen can now consistently recede from the position they