

left the country. The Imperial policy was settled and wise, and could not be complained of.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** said any address of this kind ought to be carried, if carried at all, on a unanimous vote. The nature of the address proposed, however, was not in direct opposition to the Imperial policy, but only asked a garrison to be left at Quebec, and the Government had no objection to it. The Government had however done its best to retain as many troops as possible, but had failed, and very likely the present address would have no greater effect, and he would ask that the motion should, therefore, not be pressed.

**Mr. CARTWRIGHT** said the address was a mere endorsement of the Government Policy. He believed Canada should defend herself in quarrels of her own, but not in matters over which she had no control. Not only were the troops withdrawn, but stores and other material also, the want of which could not be supplied at once, and might prove very detrimental in case of a sudden attack. He however consented to withdraw the motion.

**Mr. MASSON (Terrebonne)** said the hon. member for Châteauguay had opposed entirely the vote for artillery, which was only necessary in consequence of the withdrawal of British troops,

and it therefore seemed that he did not think the fortifications should be sustained at all. He thought the House had a perfect right to approach the Imperial Government on the question.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** while opposing the artillery had intended to move an amendment embodying his views, and was only deterred from doing so because of the time of the session at which the militia estimates were discussed.

Motion withdrawn.

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### SUPPLY BILL

**Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS** moved the second reading of Bill No. 101, an Act granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial years ending respectively the 13th June, 1871, and the thirtieth June 1872; and for other purposes relating to the public service.—Carried.

At 5.40 the House adjourned till 1 o'clock Friday.