

**Hon. Mr. Rose** disputed Mr. Masson's assertion, and contended that the proposed duty of 20 per cent *ad valorem*, and 10 cents per gallon, rated wines according to their value much better than the old tariff.

**Mr. Mackenzie** moved to reduce the specific duty on green tea to six cents.

**Hon. Mr. McDougall** appealed to the House to sustain the Government on the measures they considered necessary to raise sufficient revenue. He hoped friends of the Government would show their confidence in the Government, and rise superior to the temptation to give a claptrap vote.

**Mr. Mackenzie** said the men of public works of course expected that no one behind the Treasury benches would dare to vote for his amendment, after this cracking of the whip over them. If they were so easily terrified they would not show that spirit which was characteristic of our people.

**Sir G. E. Cartier (in French)** appealed to his friends to vote down the amendment, which, he said, was moved in the interest of Ontario.

**Hon. Mr. Holton** rebuked the Minister of Militia for making a sectional appeal which, moreover, had no just foundation for green tea was just as commonly used in Lower as Upper Canada.

**Mr. D. A. McDonald** said he had never given a claptrap vote in his life, and hoped he never would. He advocated this reduction as a matter of justice.

**Sir J. A. Macdonald** opposed the amendment as being the withdrawal of a solemn pledge given to the Lower Provinces in the first part of the session, and then put on the statute book. The member for Glengarry then voted to sustain the Government in this tax. It would be unfair to unsettle the tariff then fixed.

**Mr. D. A. McDonald**—I supported you in the duty then put on flour, and you have taken it off since.

**Mr. Mackenzie** replied to the leader of the Government saying, he had never used a weaker argument. If laws once made were never to be altered, the world would still be in a state of barbarism. The Government in the first part of the session distinctly said that the tariff when introduced was a mere temporary make-shift—that there was to be a

complete revision of it in the latter part of the session. Why was it now submitted to them at all if the House was not to be at liberty to revise it?

**Mr. Gibbs**, as one friendly to the Government, wished to know if he made a suggestion for revision of the tariff, and the House sustained, whether Government were to turn round and declare it a vote of want of confidence. If the Minister of Public Works had before the last vote was taken, made the statement he did after it, he (Mr. Gibbs) would have voted against the amendment, and would have done so with all the more satisfaction because he looked upon green tea as a rank poison, (but those who used it did not think so) and he considered this reduction was a matter of justice to Ontario and Quebec, and having voted for the reduction to five cents, he would not now stultify himself by voting against the reduction to six cents.

**Mr. Bowell** said the Minister of Justice had not fairly represented the vote of the first part of the session. It was a vote not referring exclusively to green tea, but was a proposition to go into Committee to reduce the duties on tea, molasses, and a number of other articles. If the doctrine laid down by the Minister of Public Works were correct, the members might as well go home, and leave the Government to do the whole work of legislation. He (Mr. Bowell) was not going to change his vote on account of anything that had been said by the Minister of Public Works.

**Hon. Mr. Anglin** thought the rate of six cents on green tea was more in proportion to value, as compared with the duty on black tea, than the rate in these resolutions. He put it to the Ministry whether, for the sake of one cent, they should maintain an invidious distinction. He wished to have fair play all round.

The House then divided on Mr. Mackenzie's amendment which was lost. **Yeas, 45; Nays, 53.**

**Yeas**—Messrs. Anglin, Bechard, Bowell, Brown, Cameron (Inverness), Cheval, Coupal, Currier, Drew, Fortier, Gibbs, Godin, Holton, Huntington, Jones (Halifax), Kempt, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), Mackenzie, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McConkey, McLellan, Mills, Morison (Victoria, Ont.), Merritt, Oliver, Paquet, Parker, Pozer, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince