

be sustained. At this stage on the eve of the meeting of Parliament, when the decision was reached to stand or fall by the selection of Ottawa, the Hon. Mr. Sicotte refused to concur and resigned his office thus seriously endangering the Government policy.

The House was called for the 29th January, and the general anxiety as to what the meeting would evolve may be gathered from a few extracts from the *Globe* of 27th January. It first quotes from an extra of the *Ottawa Citizen* issued on 24th January:—

Mr. Scott arrived here on Friday last from Toronto. A caucus meeting was held on Saturday evening. It is known that the ministry are again peddling with the seat of government question. They want the unconditional support of all the Ottawa members, otherwise they declare they must be careful about that question.

The Speech from the Throne will not, it is rumoured, contain any reference to the question unless under certain conditions. A deputation headed by Mayor McGillivray went up to Prescott this morning to induce Mr. Patrick, M.P., to give an unqualified support to the ministry in all their measures in consideration of their recognizing the Queen's decision.

It was for the purpose of compelling the unconditional support of Mr. Papineau that Messrs. Powell, Fellowes and Scott got up the meeting at Aylmer the other day. The meeting failed in the object intended.

A like deputation has gone out to Carleton Place to convert Mr. Bell, M.P. Their success also is easy to conjecture.

The *Globe* editorially adds, a Prescott correspondent supplies some interesting particulars:—

Mr. Scott the ministerial emissary and suitable assistants convened a hole and corner meeting at Prescott on Monday with the view of influencing Mr. Patrick's course in the coming session. An interview was had with Mr. Patrick when it was urged that an unwavering support of the ministry during the coming session by the whole body of Ottawa representatives was the only condition on which ministers could carry out the Queen's decision. It is not difficult to determine the degree of success which has so far attended Mr. Scott's mission; that his overtures were treated by Mr. Patrick otherwise than as an insult to be resented contemptuously, no one acquainted with the member for Grenville can suppose.