

head shaved, that was no recommendation to those who might be called upon to follow in battle.

ALGOMA

Mr. Blake moved an address for copies of letters or circulars addressed by the late Commissioner of Crown Lands to the electors of the District of Algoma, prior to the recent general election. Carried.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Mr. Connell moved an address for returns showing the names of officers connected with Parliament or the Departmental Buildings, with the salaries paid, etc. Carried.

ISLE OF JESUS ROAD CO.

Mr. Bellerose moved that the Clerk do call upon the proper parties for a statement respecting the roads of the Isle of Jesus Turnpike Road Company.

Mr. Dunkin asked whether this was not a matter appertaining to the Local Legislature, with which the House had nothing to do.

Mr. Bellerose said the statement required would only have reference to roads possessed by the Company on the 1st July. Carried.

INTERFERENCE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ONTARIO

Dr. Parker moved an address for copies of instructions, correspondence and despatches from the Government of the Dominion to the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. He commented on the facts connected with the formation of the combination Government for the Province of Ontario, and contended that there had been improper interference by the Government of the Dominion. The member for Cornwall had been called on to form a Government at the request of the Premier of the Dominion, who gave him advice and assistance in the work he had in hand. After the formation of the Government, those two honourable gentlemen travelled through the country like mendicants to influence the elections then pending, and it was evidently an understanding between them that the powerful interests of both Governments should be turned into same channel, and that the Local Government should be made subservient to the success of the honourable and gallant knight at the head of the Government. This was the more extraordinary when it is

[Mr. Rymal (Wentworth South)]

remembered how hostile the relations of these honourable gentlemen had been prior to the consummation of Confederation—how bitterly the member for Cornwall had opposed the gallant knight and how the latter had made charges against the member for Cornwall, which affected even his honour as a public man. Now, he (Dr. Parker) referred to these facts and moved for this correspondence, because he believed the precedent was a dangerous one, and if carried out by future governments, would tend to destroy and overthrow the Government of the Dominion. In the Province of Quebec, a majority was allowed for that Government according to its own wishes; but in Ontario, a different course was pursued for the purpose of depriving the majority of its just rights. He protested against the application of one system in one Province and a different one in another. If the system of intrigue which characterized the formation of the Government and the recent elections in Ontario were to be pursued by future Governments of the Dominion, and like endeavours made to subvert the rights of majorities in the provinces, there would be a blow given to the constitution which would go far to overthrow it.

Sir John A. Macdonald asked whether the honourable member desired all the correspondence between the Lieutenant-Governor and the Government of the Dominion, or only that which referred to the formation of the Local Government of Ontario.

Dr. Parker said the whole correspondence could not be very extensive, and might be supplied, for there were several subjects of interest involved—the dispute for instance as to magistrate appointments. If the Government objected, however, he would only ask for the correspondence which had taken place up to the middle of August.

Sir John A. Macdonald replied humorously that the request of the honourable gentleman could be easily complied with, for the correspondence relative to the formation of the Government of Ontario was covered by a word of three letters—*nil*. There were no instructions to the Lieutenant-Governor—no despatches—no correspondence—and the only thing issued on the advice of the Government of the Dominion was the commission to General Stisted appointing him Lieutenant-Governor. But the honourable gentleman (Dr. Parker) desired to have a fling at the member for Cornwall and himself (Sir John A.), and had therefore brought this motion