

**Yeas**—Messrs. Ault, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowell, Bowman, Bown, Brown, Burpee, Caldwell, Cameron (Huron), Chamberlin, Colby, Connell, Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Dobbie, Drew, Dunkin, Ferris, Gibbs, Grover, Hagar, Heath, Howland, Hurdon, Jackson, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Kempt, Kirkpatrick, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Glengarry), Macdonald (Sir J.A.), McDonald (Middlesex), Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall, McLellan, McMonies, Merritt, Mills, Morris, Morison (Victoria), Morrison (Niagara), Munro, O'Connor, Oliver, Parker, Ray, Read, Redford, Rose, Ross (Dundas), Ross (P.E.), Ross (Victoria, N.B.), Ryan, Shanly, Snider, Sproat, Stephenson, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Wallace, Webb, Wells, White, Whitehead, Wilson, Wood, Workman, Young—78.

**Nays**—Messrs. Anglin, Archambeault, Beaubien, Bechard, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bourassa, Cameron (Inverness), Caron, Cartier, Casault, Cayley, Chauveau, Cheval, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), DeNiverville, Desaulnier, Dorion, Dufresne, Fortier, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Godin, Holton, Huot, Johnson, Kierzkowski, Langevin, Langlois, McDonald (Antigonish), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McCarthy, McGreevy, McKeagney, McMillan, Paquet, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Power, Pozer, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Ryan (Montreal), Senecal, Simard, Sylvain, Tremblay—57.

#### THE RATE OF INTEREST

**Mr. Godin** moved the second reading of the Bill to limit the rate of interest in the Dominion.

**Hon. Mr. Rose** alluded to the great diversity of opinion prevailing with reference to this question, and asked the honourable gentleman to consent to the adjournment of the debate in the assurance that the Government were going to introduce a Bill on the subject on Friday next.

**Mr. Godin** agreed to the suggestion of the Finance Minister.

**Hon. Mr. Rose** then moved the adjournment of the debate.

**Mr. Masson (Soulanges)** hoped the honourable member in charge of the measure would not continue to consent to the adjournment of

the debate. The Government knew very well honourable gentlemen on this side were their friends and supported them in their good measures, and sometimes their bad ones also, (laughter); and he asked the Government to allow the House to deal with this question at once.

**Hon. Mr. Dunkin** said that on every previous occasion when this motion was before the House, the Government refused to take it up, and he was glad the Government were now at last going to move in the matter. The law of Canada on this subject was disagreeably inconsistent, ambiguous, and altogether such as had long been a standing reproach to the country.

**Hon. Mr. Johnson** advocated free trade in money as in other articles, and maintained that it was folly and worse to restrict the rate of interest. (Kicking of desks and other noises here interrupted the honourable gentleman.). He would say there was a great deal more in some honourable gentlemen's desks than in their heads. (Laughter).

The debate was adjourned.

#### THE CROWN AND GOVERNMENT

On motion of **Sir John A. Macdonald**, the House went again into Committee on the Bill for the better security of the Crown and Government—**Mr. Cameron (Huron)** in the Chair.

The Bill was reported, and ordered to be read a third time tomorrow.

#### OFFENCES RELATING TO COINAGE

**Sir John A. Macdonald** moved the second reading of the Bill respecting offences relating to the coin. He said with reference to this and a number of Bills relating to the criminal law, that he would ask the House in a great measure to accept them on trust. They had been prepared with a great deal of care. He had also examined them carefully himself, they would be open to amendment in Committee; and in the Upper House, where he had asked the Postmaster-General to take charge of them, they would also be subjected to careful scrutiny.

The Bill was read a second time and referred to Committee of the Whole—**Mr. Cameron (Huron)** in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill, and it was ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.