

Mr. Burpee appealed to the Government as one who had supported Confederation, not to impose additional burdens on the people of New Brunswick. He believed the tariff would have a bad effect in creating hostility to Confederation; and, although he had confidence in Ministers, he was sorry they had consented to introduce a scheme which he feared would bear unjustly upon the people of the Dominion.

Mr. Anglin spoke at great length in opposition to the tariff, contending that notwithstanding it made certain reductions, it would on the whole largely increase the revenue to be contributed by the Lower Provinces. He estimated that the extra duties which under it would be paid in New Brunswick would amount to \$370,000, and the reduction to \$70,000, thus leaving \$300,000 as the net sum which would be paid by that Province over and above its revenue under the existing tariff.

Mr. Jones (Halifax) regretted that the Government had not had time to mature their plans, so that they would have been able to present a tariff which would be the tariff for the next five years, and recommended the postponement of the question until the adjourned session. He recommended reducing the tariff on some articles and putting a duty of 5 per cent upon some of the free articles.

Mr. Connell protested against the increase of duty on the necessaries of life, and recommended the Government to allow the matter to stand over.

Hon. Mr. Howe spoke briefly, charging the Government with sacrificing by their proposed tariff, the interests of Nova Scotia to Canadian interests.

Hon. Mr. Galt followed and urged the expediency of postponing the passage of the resolutions till next part of the session; then a permanent tariff might be arranged.

Mr. Fisher spoke in opposition to the resolutions, and thought if the question was postponed a more equitable tariff could be arranged. He was strongly opposed to the duty upon bread and other necessaries of life.

Mr. McMillan, though a supporter of Union, felt it his duty to oppose the resolutions. He thought the distribution of taxation was not equitable to New Brunswick.

Mr. Mackenzie had listened with great pain to the remarks of gentlemen from the

Lower Provinces. They seemed to be under the impression that Parliament had met together for the purpose of picking their pockets. He was not prepared at present to enter into a discussion of the subject to-night, but he could assure gentlemen from the Maritime Provinces that, if any items in the tariff would in his opinion bear oppressively and unjustly upon any section, he would use what power he had to oppose it. He was sorry to see a sectional spirit displayed to-night, and hoped that future questions of public importance would be discussed in a national spirit, and as far as possible free from sectional jealousies and bickerings.

Mr. McCallum expressed himself opposed to the export duties on lumber fixed in the resolutions, and said he would vote against the whole Bill, if they were not changed.

The Excise resolutions were then concurred in.

CUSTOMS

The Customs resolutions being moved, the first was agreed to.

The second being moved,

Mr. Fisher moved to refer it back to the Committee of Ways and Means, to reduce the duty proposed to be imposed on molasses, tea and several other articles. **Yeas, 43; Nays, 88.**

Mr. McDonald (Lunenburg) moved to put wheat and rye flour, corn and corn meal, on the free list. **Lost. Yeas, 51; Nays, 62.**

Hon. Mr. Holton called attention to American silver being left out of the free list, so that it would have to pay 15 per cent. He did not think so important a matter as this should be sprung on the House in this way, at so late an hour, and suggested that the discussion of it be adjourned.

Sir John A. Macdonald expressed his willingness to let this matter stand till to-morrow.

Mr. Redford hoped Government would not withdraw this. American silver had been a nuisance to the country for many years, and the Government would do well to get rid of it.

Sir John A. Macdonald moved that the debate on the customs resolutions be adjourned. **Carried.**

Hon. Mr. Rose introduced a Bill respecting Inland Revenue.

The house adjourned at a quarter to three o'clock, till to-morrow (Saturday), at 3 p.m.