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NAYS

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Benoit
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De Cosmos
Ferguson
Goucher
Gendron
Gray
Heath
Jones (Leeds North and Grenville North)
Lacerte
Lapum
Little
McDonald (Lunenburg)
Masson (Soulanges)
McCallum
McDougall (Lanark North)
McDougall (Trois-Rivières)
Morris
Nathan
Pope
Redford
Ross (Prince Edward)
Ryan (King's, N. B.)
Scatcherd
Scriven
Smith (Selkirk)
Thompson (Haldimand)
Tourangeau
Walsh
White (Hastings East)
Wright (Ottawa County)—75Bellerose
Blanchet
Bowell
Campbell
Carter
Cayley
Cimon
Colby
Currier
Drew
Fortin
Gaudet
Grant
Grover
Hincks (Sir Francis)
Keeler
Langevin
Lawson
Macdonald (Sir John A.)
Magill
Masson (Terrebonne)
McConkey
McDougall (Renfrew South)
Merritt
Morrison (Niagara)
O'Connor
Ray
Ross (Champlain)
Ross (Victoria, N. S.)
Ryan (Montreal West)
Schultz
Shanly
Street
Tilley
Tupper
White (Halton)
Willson

THE RECENT ABDUCTION AT LONDON

Hon. Mr. BLAKE asked the Government to convey to the House any information in their possession in reference to the statement contained in the press, to the effect that a person has been seized in open day in the City of London, Ontario, and carried to the American side; and whether communication had been had with the United States or Imperial Government in the matter.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD replied that a few days ago the Government was informed by telegraph of the arrest of the party in the manner mentioned in the newspapers, and instructions were at once given to send down the depositions, and a statement of facts and evidence. Those papers were received yesterday, and upon them a report had been prepared and submitted to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, in order that representations in the matter might be made to the United States Government, and a similar report had been prepared for the Imperial Government.

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MESSRS. BLAKE AND WOOD

Mr. FERGUSON rose to make a personal explanation. He said that in the course of the debate he had stated, among other things, that a note had been passed across the floor of the House at Toronto from the member for Durham West (Hon. Mr. Blake) to the member for South Brant (Hon. Mr. Wood) and that the hon. member for South Brant had contradicted that statement.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE rose to a point of order on the ground that they had no right to discuss an action which had taken place in the local legislature. The hon. gentleman should have brought the matter up when the member for Brant (Hon. Mr. Wood) was in his seat.

Mr. FERGUSON said the member for Brant (Hon. Mr. Wood) knew that he (Mr. Ferguson) intended to bring the matter up, as he had informed that gentleman of his intention to do so. He desired now simply to say that he held the note in his hand, and it was as follows: "You had better speak now—Edward Blake". He had been charged with having made an untruthful statement, but it had been his desire, and he had always endeavoured to speak the truth in any statement he had made on the floor of the House. He would hand the note to the hon. member for Durham West (Hon. Mr. Blake) and if that gentleman would say that it was not in his handwriting he (Mr. Ferguson) would very willingly withdraw it.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said that in the absence of the hon. member for South Brant (Hon. Mr. Wood) not on his own account, the hon. gentleman having delayed to make the statement he had just offered until the hon. member for Brant was absent, he (Hon. Mr. Blake) would perhaps be allowed to say a word or two which would be unnecessary if the hon. member for Brant were here. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Ferguson) was not correct in saying that, when he was interrupted he was making observations in course of debate in the ordinary sense. Somebody else was speaking upon a question

Concurrence was taken on various items, and it being six o'clock the House rose.

AFTER RECESS

EXPLANATION

Hon. Mr. CHAUVEAU wished to call the attention of the House to a statement which had been made by the member for Lambton (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie) and circulated through most of the newspapers. He was not in his seat when the statement was made, or he would then have taken the opportunity of putting himself and the Government right on that very important matter. The statement was that the resolution which he moved on the New Brunswick School Bill had been placed in his hands by the Government. He wished to deny that assertion. The resolution was initiated and prepared by several other members and himself, and not by the Government.