

Province if they had been united. He did not consider that the evidence given before the Commission substantiated the charges brought against the Administration. He regretted that the First Minister should be mixed up in a matter of this kind, and he did not believe that the gentleman did a dishonest or corrupt act for the purpose of benefitting himself in any way. He then went on to eulogize the right hon. gentleman.

He asserted that the charges were based upon information improperly obtained, and upon papers which had been stolen. He deprecated the means by which the Opposition had endeavoured to get into power. This struggle, he maintained, was not in the interest of the country, but was brought about by a desire to obtain power. He expressed his intention of supporting the Government and voting for the amendment to the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Pictou (Hon. Mr. McDonald).

Mr. DODGE referred to the independent position in which he came to the House, and afterwards spoke of the energy displayed by the Government in the policy they had pursued. When he came to the House he had decided to give the Government his hearty support, and that he should stand faithfully by that decision until he saw some good reason to change these views. He rose to protest against the action which had been taken in the Scandal. He thought it would do much to damage the fair name of Canada to the world, and he could not help thinking the Opposition knew not what they were doing. What had the Government done that they should be treated worse than murderers? Gentlemen might laugh, but if he were in the place of the members of the Government, he would rather be carried out to the scaffold and be hanged, than have such infamous charges brought against him. He would vote for the amendment of the member for Pictou (Hon. Mr. McDonald), as he believed the adoption of that motion would be for the best interests of his adopted country.

Mr. DAVIES thanked the mover of the Address for the handsome manner in which he referred to the admission of Prince Edward Island into the Confederation. He was the only one of the original confederates who had succeeded in obtaining a seat in the House. Dominion politics were very little discussed. He considered with reference to the terms granted Prince Edward Island, that the Dominion would receive quite as much from that Island as they would have to pay in the way of subsidy. He had no hesitation in saying that they would have supported the Ministry on the general policy until they became more acquainted with the affairs of the Dominion, but this great question having come up, they felt they would have to support the amendment of the hon. member for Lambton. He did not think the matter should have been taken out of the hands of the House, and delegated to a Royal Commission. The Minister of Justice (Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald), however, had admitted sufficient, in his mind, to prove the charge. With regard to the prorogation of the House, he said it was understood that the supporting of the Government was conditional on their exoneration from the charge made against them. He could not conscientiously vote for the Government, and he considered it was their duty to endeavour to stamp this corruption out.

The Opposition members were anxious for a division when,

Mr. DALY rose and moved the adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said he would like to know when the debate was likely to terminate.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said he had no doubt it would be closed tomorrow. There were several members on that side who desired to speak.

The House adjourned at 1.30 a.m.