

The work was commenced at once, and without calling the House together, without the permission of the members, fifteen days before the session, Mr. Gouin and his Ministers consented to give Mr. Pauze a second contract for an additional expenditure of \$810,000, and without consulting the House, engaged the credit of the Province for nearly one million dollars.

In the face of this scandalous state of things, on the 28th of May, 1909, Mr. Prevost, seconded by Mr. Bourassa, proposed the following motion :

PREVOST MOTION.

" The Honorable Mr. Prevost in amendment proposes, seconded by Mr. Bourassa :

" This House cannot concur in these resolutions, and blames the Government for having infringed upon the prerogatives of Parliament and overlooked in a flagrant manner the rights of the representatives of the people, by engaging the credit of this Province, on the eve of the opening of the House, for such a considerable amount destined to pay for the erection of a prison, excessively expensive for the district of Montreal, and in so depriving the representatives of the people of the right that is theirs, of being consulted with reference to the expenditure or the use of the public's money.

This amendment being put up for a vote, and the roll being called, the House is divided as follows :

Yeas.—Messrs. Bernard, Bourassa, Cousineau, D'Auteuil, Gault, Giard, Lavergne, Patenaude, Pennington, Plante, Sauve, Sylvestre and Tellier—14.

Nays.—Messrs. Bissonnet, Blouin, Carbonneau, Cardin, Caron (L'Islet), Daigneault, D'Anjou, Decarie, Delage, Delisle, Devlin, Dion, Dorris, Finnie, Francoeur, Galipeault, Gendron, Geoffrion, Godbout, Gosselin, Gouin, Kelly, Laferte, Lafontaine (Berthier), Leclerc, Lemieux, Letourneau, Levesque, Mackenzie, Marchand, Mercier, Morisset, Mousseau, Neault, Ouellette, Pilon, Reed, Robert, Roy, Seguin, Taschereau, Tessier, Theriault, Tourigny, Vilas, Walker and Weir—47.

(Votes and Proceedings, Leg. Ass., page 609.)

In spite of the above protestation of the real friends of the people, Mr. Gouin sneered at the electorate and did not desist.

Do you wish to form an idea as to the methods of this government (of so-called business-men) ? ! !—In 1907, Mr. Gouin tells us that the cost of the new jail will not exceed \$750,000, and immediately he gives out a contract calling for \$790,000.