

in its favour, the unequal state of the representation has caused a record to be made upon the Journals of Parliament, that the measure meets not the approbation of the people of Upper Canada.

*Appendix, A.*

3. The Bill to amend the Law of Libel, which passed the last Parliament by an unanimous vote, providing that a Defendant under the plea of Not Guilty may produce evidence that the alleged Libel was the truth and published from good motives and for justifiable purposes; and that if proof be given to the full satisfaction of the Jury they may return a verdict of acquittal; was thrown out during the present Session by the Speaker's casting vote. In favour of the passage of the Bill, voted the Counties of York, Lennox & Addington, Hastings, Durham, Northumberland, Lincoln, Leeds, Frontenac, Dundas, Prince Edward, and Carleton, containing a population of 110,000.

Vote on Libel Bill.

The towns of York, Niagara and Kingston; and the Counties of Kent, Haldimand, Stormont, Halton, Essex, Glengarry, Oxford, Simcoe, Wentworth, Grenville, Prescott & Russell, and Lanark, with a population of 85,000, voted to destroy the Bill. The majority in its favour out of doors was 25,000; notwithstanding which it was lost by the Speaker's casting vote.

4. The case of the Welland Canal Loan demonstrates that the people of Upper Canada may be forced into Debt without their consent, by a majority in the Assembly representing a minority of the population of the Colony. On Wednesday, February 23rd, on the question for reading and Canal the Welland Canal £50,000 Loan Bill a second time three months hence, every Member of the House being in his seat, 25 Members voted against the motion and 24 were for throwing out the Bill. Setting aside the votes of the Counties of Lincoln, York, Norfolk, Grenville, Stormont, Halton, and Hastings, the Members from which were equally divided in opinion regarding the measure before the House, we have in favour of the Loan, the Towns of York, Niagara, Kingston and Brockville, and the Counties of Kent, Essex, Middlesex, Wentworth, Haldimand, Oxford, Durham and Simcoe, containing a population of 52,000. Opposed to the Loan, were the Counties of Lanark, Carleton, Prescott & Russell, Lennox & Addington, Leeds, Northumberland, Dundas, Prince Edward, Frontenac, and Glengarry, numbering by the last census 79,000 souls. With a majority of 27,000 (the whole Province, inclusive) voting against the Loan by their representatives, the measure was nevertheless carried in both branches of the Legislature, and in the teeth of public opinion, thus constitutionally expressed, will, in all probability, become a Law.

Vote on Welland Canal Loan.