

On motion of Mr. Jones (*Leeds and Grenville*), seconded by Mr. Scatcherd,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Return giving the names of all persons who have tendered for contracts on the Intercolonial Railway since the 19th May, 1869; giving the gross amount of each tender, the rate per mile and sureties offered, also the names of all persons to whom contracts have been awarded since the above date, stating the gross amount and rate per mile at which each contract has been let, and the sureties given by each Contractor; also the whole extent of work performed by each Contractor since the 31st December, 1869, giving the monthly progress on each section, as well as the aggregate amount of work done and the estimated value of such work: also the names of all Engineers, Assistants, and Employees who have been dismissed or suspended on each section since the 31st December, 1869, giving the date of each dismissal or suspension, and the amount of salary or allowance payable to each person at the time of his dismissal or suspension; also the names of all persons who have been in any way employed by the Commissioners on each section since the last mentioned date, and the amount of their salaries or allowances; also the names of all persons at present employed by the Commissioners on each section, and the amount of salary or allowance payable to each, and the nature of his occupation or employment.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

Mr. Blake moved, seconded by Mr. Mackenzie, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence between the Canadian and Quebec Governments, and the Canadian and Ontario Governments touching the provincial arbitration and award; and a copy of the award, and an approximate statement of the result of the accounts, as between Canada and each Province, on the first day of February, 1871, adjusted on the footing of the award;

Mr. Godin moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Pâquet, That all the words after "copy of the award" to the end of the Question, be left out.

Mr. Fournier moved, in amendment to the said proposed amendment, seconded by Mr. Pozer, That the words "and that the following words be substituted instead thereof; "and representing to His Excellency, that in the opinion of this House the question "relative to the division of the debt between the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec having "been submitted to and adjudicated upon by two arbitrators only, one appointed by the "Dominion Government and the other by the Government of Ontario, in the absence "of the Arbitrator appointed by the Government of Quebec, the award is not binding on "the respective Provinces." be added at the end thereof.

And a Debate arising thereupon; And it being Six of the Clock: The House adjourned till To-morrow.

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Friday, 24th February, 1871.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. Crawford (*Leeds*),—The Petition of *H. J. Hubertus*, and others, of *Ottawa*.

By the Honorable Mr. Irvine,—The Petition of the Union Bank of *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. Workman,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Auxiliary Bible Society; and the Petition of the Dominion Board of Trade.