

have been dealt with in the negotiations resulting in the Treaty of Washington, and at the subsequent proposal of our Government that England should endorse a Canadian Loan as a price for our adoption of the Treaty and for our abandonment of the claims in respect of the Fenian Raids, which affect not merely our purse, but also our honour and our peace."

Subsequently at a time when the latest telegrams in the public press from London and Washington gave little hopes of a successful issue of the difficulties which have arisen as to the claims for consequential damages, Mr. Bodwell, a member of the opposition which Messrs. Blake and MacKenzie lead, moved in amendment on Mr. Blake's amendment that "having regard to the existing difficulties between the United States and Great Britain concerning the proceedings necessary to give effect to the Treaty of Washington, it is inexpedient to proceed further at this time upon the said Bill."

The Government opposed both amendments, defeating Mr. Bodwell by a majority of 75, and Mr. Blake by a majority of 72.

Immediately afterwards the division on the second reading of the Bill took place, which, as I have already said, was carried by a majority of 121 to 55.

4. I append an analysis of these divisions showing the numbers on either side in each of the six Provinces of the Dominion :—

ON MR. BODWELL'S AMENDMENT.

			Yeas.		Nays.		Government Majority.
Ontario	..	..	32	..	45	..	13
Quebec	..	..	13	..	48	..	35
Nova Scotia	..	..	2	..	13	..	11
New Brunswick	..	..	3	..	10	..	7
Manitoba	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
British Columbia	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
			50		125		75

ON MR. BLAKE'S AMENDMENT.

			Yeas.		Nays.		Government Majority.
Ontario	..	..	31	..	47	..	16
Quebec	..	..	15	..	47	..	32
Nova Scotia	..	..	3	..	12	..	9
New Brunswick	..	..	3	..	10	..	7
Manitoba	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
British Columbia	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
			52		125		73

SIR JOHN MACDONALD'S MOTION.

			Yeas.		Nays.		Government Majority.
Ontario	..	..	44	..	34	..	10
Quebec	..	..	45	..	16	..	29
Nova Scotia	..	..	13	..	2	..	11
New Brunswick	..	..	10	..	3	..	7
Manitoba	..	..	3	..	..	..	3
British Columbia	..	..	6	..	..	..	6
			121		55		66

Your Lordship will observe that the Government had a majority in every Province, and that on the division for the second reading of the Bill the three Provinces which are most directly interested in the fisheries, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, taken together, gave 68 votes for the Bill to 21 against it. The Provinces of British Columbia and Manitoba voted *en bloc* for the Bill. On the other hand in the important Province of Ontario which is far removed from the ocean, the Government majority was only 10, the numbers being 44 to 34.

5. In conclusion I may add that the Ministers have informed me that they do not anticipate any further opposition to the Bill, but that it will soon pass through the remaining stages.

I have, &c,
(Signed) LISGAR.