

Hon. Mr. Cartier hoped the member for Glengarry would not press his objection.

Hon. Mr. Fisher was satisfied a new spirit must animate the country, and that the general spirit of extravagance abroad must be checked. Sooner or later there must be economy. No country or Government could long be carried on, on the expensive scale which prevailed here.

Dr. Parker thought they were commencing on a scale altogether too extravagant. In regard to the Lieutenant-Governors, they ought clearly to have been appointed long before this. He would vote for every motion which could fairly be sustained on the ground of economy.

Mr. Abbott believed that efficiency was also an important consideration. The salary of the President of the United States had been cited as an example of economy, but in addition to his salary, see the large sum voted towards his house expenses. The item under the head of gas and house furnishing he found \$72,000, and for firewood \$8,000 or \$10,000; and in this way enormous sums were voted to the President.

Mr. Rymal thought that, as usual, if the matter came to a vote, he believed he would be found on opposite sides with the honourable member for Leeds and Grenville. That honourable gentleman had a very noticeable habit of frequently speaking one way and voting another. (Laughter).

Mr. Jones repudiated the idea, and maintained that his vote always went in accordance with his speech.

Mr. Rymal went on to say that undoubtedly they needed to practice all their economy in carrying on the affairs of the new Dominion, and they ought to do all that lay in their power to check the emigration of their young men to the States which was undoubtedly going on.

The item was then carried, as also the next item—\$4,957.80 additional to the late Governors of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIES

On the next item, \$8,370 for the Governor's Secretaries' offices—

Hon. Mr. Rose explained that that was not a larger amount than had been appropriated for the Civil List in the old Province of Canada.

Mr. Blake objected to keeping up expenses merely because there had been similar expenditures by the Province of Canada. If that was to be the principle, then the fears expressed, that the Dominion would prove a most extravagant piece of machinery would be found correct enough.

Sir J. A. Macdonald upheld the argument of the Finance Minister, and said that as large an appropriation was made for the Civil List years ago, when the service to be performed was not one-fourth what it was at present.

Hon. Mr. Smith said that the Governor's Secretary was here getting a salary of \$3,000, whereas the Judges in the Lower Provinces received but 600 pounds. Altogether this Dominion was, he feared, going to be too costly.

Mr. Mackenzie objected to the Secretary's salary as too large. The expense in this single department was almost in excess of that required for carrying on the whole Government of Ontario.

The item was carried.

Hon. Mr. Rose said that as it was late he would move that the Committee rise and report progress.

Mr. Mackenzie hoped that after this Government would be prepared to give full explanations in Committee of every item.

Hon. Mr. Holton said he had taken no part in the discussion as three-fourths of the money represented by these estimates had already been spent under the vote of credit obtained by the Government, but in a few days they would expect further estimates which he would discuss.

Mr. Mackenzie believed in neglecting no opportunity of discussing these matters.

The Committee rose, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at midnight.