

Population will not fill the belly ; so that, admitting that it would be an improvement in our machinery of Legislation, and supposing it attained, his [Mr. Buchanan's] practical question to the Grits is one which they have not practical talent enough to answer, viz., what practical measures they would carry by this new instrumentality to subserve the great question of the people's employment. [Great cheering.] Mr. Sandfield McDonald's views on Representation by Population are antipodal to those of Mr. Brown, so they must be a happy family. When the Brown-Dorion Government was formed, he was sent for into a committee room by the leaders to see what the old Reformers would do. He said "give us a more honest and patriotic policy than we have had, and we will cordially support you." They couldn't produce any policy whatever, and he told them plainly it was because they were mere fault-finders, and had *nothing practical in their composition*. [Much laughter.] He and his friends agreed to give them an adjournment of twenty-four hours, or a week, if they wanted it, but it was no go. *Out of nothing, nothing comes*. [Roars of laughter.] And as with the Brown-Dorion Administration, so with the Macdonald-Sicotte Cabinet ; he was well disposed towards them, inasmuch as through Mr. Sicotte and his Lower Canada colleagues there was some pledge that what he [Mr. Buchanan] considered the first question in Canadian politics, our provincial industry, would be conserved by a policy of importing the smallest possible quantity of foreign labour and the greatest possible quantity of labourers. He therefore was anxious to support the Government, and as a matter of fair play to them voted against the motion of want of confidence.* Well, they went to the country ; and what was his surprise when they came back to the House, to find they had changed their patriotic policy so soon as they had used it to carry the election. [Laughter.] They had a reversible cloak ; they stole with one side and

* Motion in amendment to the motion of Hon. L. V. Sicotte, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go again into Committee of Supply," moved by the Honorable John A. Macdonald in the Legislative Assembly, on May 1st, 1863, "that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be resolved, that the Administration, as at present constituted, does not deserve the confidence of this House." Vote taken on the 7th May ; yeas, 64 ; nays, 59.