

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Partelow,

The House resumed the consideration of the proposed Address in answer to the Speech; and

The eighth paragraph, which relates to—The Rail Road from the Gulf of Saint Lawrence to Saint John, was again before the House; when

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The original paragraph was expunged, and the following substituted in place thereof:—

“We feel gratified to learn that the construction of the European and North American Railway is progressing, and that Your Excellency has full confidence in the honor and resources of the Contractors for that undertaking. Entertaining similar sentiments, we confidently look forward to a speedy exploration and survey by them of the extension of the Branches to Miramichi and Fredericton, in order that measures may be taken to carry out the Law providing for that important part of the Contract.”

The House then having adopted several other paragraphs of the Address, had the thirteenth under their consideration, which relates to—The payment of the Debt funded in the year 1843; when

Mr. Johnson moved as an amendment—To expunge the whole thereof, and substitute as follows:—

“We are gratified to learn that the state of the Public Finances has enabled the Government to pay the Balance of the Debt funded in 1843, and due in this and the three following years, and thus relieve the Province from that liability without interfering with the usual appropriations for internal improvement and ordinary services.”

The question being taken upon the proposed amendment, the House divided as follows:—

YEAS.		NAYS.	
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Cutler,	Hon. Mr. Street,	Mr. Godard,
Harding,	Botsford,	Hon. Mr. Partelow,	Taylor,
Kerr,	M'Phelim,	Hon. Mr. Hayward,	Macpherson,
Pickard,	Smith,	Hon. Mr. Montgomery,	Ryan,
Connell,	English.	Hon. Mr. Wilmot,	Jordan,
Earle,		Mr. Read,	M'Leod,
		Scoullar,	Purdy,
		Lewis,	Thomson,
		Landry,	Hatheway,
		Williston,	Needham,
		Gordon,	Boyd,
		Rice,	Porter.
		Stiles,	

Whereupon it was decided in the negative.

The question being then put upon the original paragraph, the House again divided as follows:—

YEAS.		NAYS.	
Hon. Mr. Street,	Mr. Godard,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Earle,
Hon. Mr. Partelow,	Taylor,	Kerr,	Botsford,
Hon. Mr. Montgomery,	Macpherson,	Harding,	Cutler,
Hon. Mr. Wilmot,	Ryan,	Smith,	English,
Hon. Mr. Hayward,	Jordan,	Stiles,	M'Phelim.
Mr. Read,	Needham,	Connell,	
Scoullar,	Hatheway,		
Lewis,	Thomson,		
Landry,	Boyd,		
Williston,	Purdy,		
Gordon,	M'Leod,		
Rice,	Porter.		

And so it was carried in the affirmative, and this paragraph adopted.

The House then proceeded with the remaining paragraphs of the said Address, and agreed to the same.

The Address, as amended, being then adopted by the House—

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Resolved, That the Address be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and presented to His Excellency by the whole House; and

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