

had never before heard the doctrine laid down that correspondence affecting the monetary interests of the country between the Government and any monetary institution, should not be laid before Parliament. He did not see why the whole correspondence, which might take place with Baring's & Glyn's with respect to the loan for Intercolonial, should not be made public, unless there was an idea there was to be some corruption in the proceedings which it was desirable to conceal. In refusing information of this kind, the Government were assuming an autocratic power which did not belong to them. They might as well assume the whole legislative authority.

Hon. Mr. Galt expressed his concurrence in the view of the Government that they were not bound to give up the names of parties who tendered for stock, or to whom it was allotted. He could not imagine, however, that there was anything in the transaction with the Bank of Montreal which required to be concealed, and he thought the Minister of Finance might as well tell the House, without any return, whether the Bank of Montreal got any, or what amount of stock, and on what terms they got it.

Hon. Mr. Smith supported the motion. He considered that the Government held their places as servants of the people and to advance the interests of the people, and the people were entitled to be made acquainted with their public transactions.

Mr. Blake said the Minister of Justice had defended the refusal of the correspondence with the Bank of Montreal on the ground of its being confidential. The public ought to know whether the Bank had made anything in consequence of the advice which they gave in confidence.

Mr. Parker said if the banks withdrew their capital from carrying on the business of the country, to promote which they got their charters, and invested it in stock of this description, the country should know it. It was especially necessary that such information should be furnished with regard to the Bank of Montreal, on account of its being the financial agent of the country. There was an uneasy feeling in the country with reference to the connection between the Government and the Bank of Montreal; and when a demand on the Government for information was refused, and the refusal was coupled with the admission that there had been private correspondence on this matter and others between the Government and the Bank, the public would be likely to come to the

conclusion that there was something warranting great suspicion on this and other transactions which were taking place.

The question was then put, and the House divided, when the motion was lost. Yeas, 58; Nays, 92:

Yeas—Messrs. Anglin, Bechard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Burpee, Cameron, (Huron), Cameron (Inverness), Cheval, Coffin, Connell, Coupal, Currier, Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fisher, Forbes, Fortier, Geoffrion, Godin, Holton, Huntington, Kempt, Kierzkowski, McDonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), Macfarlane, Mackenzie, McConkey, McLellan, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Paquet, Parker, Ray, Redford, Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Rymal, Savary, Senecal, Smith, Snider, Sproat, Stirton, Thompson, (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Wells, White, Whitehead, Workman, Young.—58.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Caldwell, Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier, Cartwright, Cayley, Chamberlin, Chauveau, Cimon, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville, Crawford (Leeds), Daoust, De Niverville, Desaulnier, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Galt, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Harrison, Holmes, Howland, Huot, Hurdon, Irvine, Jones (Leeds Grenville), Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Langlois, Langevin, Lapum, Lawson, Little, Macdonald (Cornwall), Macdonald, Sir J. A. (Kingston), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson, (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne) McCallum, McCarthy, McDougall, McGee, McMillan (Vaudreuil), Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Rankin, Read, Renaud, Rose, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Scatcherd, Shanly, Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tremblay, Wallace, Walsh, Webb, Wilson, Wood,—92.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILROAD SURVEY

Mr. Jones (Leeds), moved an address for a statement of the expenses connected with the survey of the Intercolonial Railroad since the appointment of Mr. Sandford Fleming in 1863—Carried.

PRINCE OF WALES

Mr. Bown moved an address for copies of accounts rendered to the Department of