

to pay the travelling expenses of members from New Brunswick. He was afraid the Government was trying to be economical at the expense of New Brunswick members. He would move, in addition, that members of Government receive no sessional allowance nor mileage.

Hon. Mr. Cartier said that members of the Government always paid their own expenses when travelling on official duties. He hoped to see the day when the country would be wealthy enough to enable them to adopt the English principle—that is, for members of the House to receive no pay whatever for their services; but at present that was impossible.

Mr. Connell did not wish it to be understood that New Brunswick members desired any increase in the expenditure. At the same time, if there was a mileage, it should be so arranged as to give justice to all parties. He was of the same opinion as his friend from Northumberland, that though sixpence a mile might be sufficient to meet the travelling expenses of members from Ontario, it was not sufficient to meet the expenses of those from New Brunswick, many of whom had to travel a long distance after leaving the railway.

Mr. Blanchet said there were only two countries where members were not paid—England and Germany. We must not have wages, but only indemnity for expenses, and this indemnity must be the same for all members of the Dominion.

Mr. Fisher made some further remarks on the mileage question.

Mr. Blake, with reference to the second resolution, which provides a reduction of \$5 for each day a member is absent when the House sits, said he preferred the original Act, which provided for a reduction on each day a member was absent from the Seat of Government, whether the House sat or not. The original provision tended better to secure attendance on Monday, when the House adjourned from Friday till that day—being a check on those who availed themselves of that adjournment to go to their homes.

Mr. Cheval said he wished the indemnity per diem diminished every month—never being over \$630 per annum, instead of being so much per session. He believed, also, that Ministers' salaries were too high in proportion to that of members.

[Mr. Johnson (Northumberland)]

Mr. Dufresne expressed the opinion that perhaps the indemnity was too low and could be raised at least indirectly by making two sessions instead of adjourning.

The resolutions were then agreed to, with considerable amendment on the 5th and the blanks in the resolutions relating to the salaries of Speakers of the Senate and of the Commons being filled up with \$3,000 to each.

Hon. Sandfield Macdonald, in connection with the resolutions as to Speakers' salaries, commended the action of Speaker Cockburn in giving social entertainment to members, and said such reunions while he was himself Speaker had had a most happy effect in smoothing down asperities between the gentlemen on the opposite side of the House. He suggested that rooms should be fitted up in the House for giving such entertainments, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to provide a dinner service.

Mr. Mackenzie said if any one was to be entrusted with the duty suggested, he thought none could do it cheaper than the member for Cornwall. It was reported that he had bought up all the old chairs and tables in all the brokers' shops in Toronto, to fit up the Government buildings there. (Laughs). From his remarks to-night he presumed the honourable gentleman contemplated dining himself into a majority when the Local Legislature assembles at Toronto. He thought it would be premature, however, to take the honourable gentleman's proposition into consideration.

Sir John A. Macdonald said that if the proposition were to be carried out, he hoped his honourable friend from Cornwall would give his services to select the furniture. (Laughter). He concurred in the satisfaction expressed with the inauguration of a series of social reunions under the auspices of the Speaker.

The resolutions having been reported, were concurred in by the House.

Sir John A. Macdonald introduced a Bill founded on the same.

Sir John A. Macdonald then moved the formal resolutions necessary to constitute a Committee of Supply, and that the House will, on Friday, resolve itself into such Committee. Carried.

Hon. Mr. Connell (Carleton, N.B.) said that coming here as, he supposed, all honourable members came, a representative for the Dominion of Canada, he was surprised to