

cannot be provided for except in the Supplementary Estimates. This will doubtless be one of them. There will be no objectionable special tax, that I know of, proposed on this account. If there is, it will be time enough to oppose it when it comes. In the meantime you are asked simply to authorize the expenditure of a small sum of money for an object of infinite importance.

Hon. Mr. HUMPHREYS—There is a mighty curious dust kicked up by great opposites when they meet. I think we shall see some of these gentlemen hoisted on their own petards. I have a pretty good idea who the gentlemen are, and I do not think they represent the people, especially in the matter of Responsible Government. I believe the Governor will act fairly and honourably, but I think he will not select men who will be acceptable to the people. My opinion is, that the Hon. Chief Commissioner, the Hon. Member for Victoria, and the Hon. Attorney-General do not represent the people. Popular members will be untrue to themselves.

Hon. Mr. DEWDNEY—The Hon. Member has had his guess. I do not desire to mention names. I would merely suggest that His Excellency be requested to select one of the Delegates from the Mainland.

Hon. CHIEF COMMISSIONER—My views on Responsible Government have been so often expressed that there is no occasion to refer to them again, but I am astonished that after Hon. Members have told us that the people are a unit in favour of Responsible Government, they should be afraid to trust it to the people, or to the Council, which His Excellency has told you he will form after this Session. Why, then, are Hon. Members so desirous to weight down the terms? Are they afraid that the people will not be so unanimous at the polls in favour of Responsible Government? His Excellency has told you that, if allowed by Her Majesty's Government, he proposes to form a Council which will be representative. I, for one, have no doubt about the permission. The question will then be left to that Council. Why are Hon. Members afraid to leave this question to the representatives of the people?

Hon. Mr. HUMPHREYS—I will answer the Hon. Chief Commissioner: we are not afraid of putting the question before the people, but I am afraid that members of that delegation will misrepresent the opinions of the people to the Canadian Government; I fear the people will not be represented.

Hon. Mr. DRAKE—Mr. Chairman, I intend to oppose the resolution proposed by the Hon. Collector of Customs. I think that if Hon. Members examine this message in connection with His Excellency's speech, it is apparent that the resolutions were sent down complete. This House was not allowed to alter them. The recommendations of Hon. Members were voted down. I think it would be better to send the resolutions by post as the resolutions of Government; they are not the resolutions of this Committee.

Hon. CHIEF COMMISSIONER—They are the resolutions of this House.

Hon. Mr. DRAKE—No; only of the official majority. The expense is unnecessary; it is one which will be incurred to enforce the views of Government. His Excellency asks that he should be authorized to expend a sum of money for this special purpose. A special tax is asked for. If we accede to this message we are assuming the responsibility. I would like to ask this question: Is the Delegation to take powers from this House or from the Government?

Hon. CHIEF COMMISSIONER—I must reply without delay to one proposition. I would like the Hon. gentleman to point out any one example or suggestion which, if defeated, was not defeated by a majority of, so-called, popular members, with the exception of Responsible Government, in which there was a majority of, so-called, representative members. The Hon. gentleman's remarks fall to the ground.

Hon. Mr. HUMPHREYS—The mistake has been made at that end of the table. I think we are in duty bound to send Delegates and raise the money. My only objection is, that the names are withheld. I cannot understand why Hon. Members should vote against this message. I believe we are all agreed that Delegates should go, but if names are not sent down, I must vote against it.

Hon. Mr. DECOSMOS—Mr. Chairman, I scarcely expected a discussion upon this point; I should have supposed that this House would have voted the money at once. The question is whether this Delegation will be representative or not. I do not intend to offer any factious opposition. I am satisfied that the people will take means to send a people's delegation.

Hon. Mr. BARNARD—Current report names the gentlemen. The object of sending by delegates is that the terms may be modified if necessary. If unsatisfactory, will not the people have a right to say: "How could we expect anything better." Here are two members recent