

Hon. MR. ROBSON—The Hon. Member for Lillooet says that the Canadian policy will ruin the country and the Indians. I say, then, to be consistent, he must move an amendment that it shall not apply. To say that the Canadian policy will ruin the country shows simply ignorance.

Hon. MR. BARNARD—I am convinced that the Hon. Attorney-General is right.

Hon. MR. ALSTON—I must support the Hon. Member for New Westminster. I say there is no Indian policy here, and I am sure that the Canadian policy is good.

Hon. MR. ROBSON—I was induced to put an amendment because there is a resolution; otherwise I would not have interfered.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—My esteemed colleague the Hon. Registrar-General says we have no Indian policy. I say our policy has been, let the Indians alone. [Hon. Mr. Alston—"No, no!"]

Hon. MR. BARNARD—The reason I ask for the withdrawal of the resolution is that we cannot keep back from the Indians anything that happens here, and it will have a bad effect.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—As these words may go forth, I wish to state on behalf of the Government that the care of the Indians will be the first care of the Imperial Government and of the Local Government.

Hon. MR. HUMPHREYS—I do not apprehend any danger from any discussion in this House.

Hon. MR. ALSTON—I suggest the withdrawal of the resolution.

Hon. DR. CARRALL—I say that the Canadian policy has caused them to grow and prosper. I am at a loss to understand why Honourable Members should be afraid to trust to it.

Hon. DR. HELMCKEN—The Honourable Member for Cariboo seems to find it difficult to understand my position. I think it right to endeavour to get the best terms we can, and to point out difficulties. It is the duty of every man to do so. I am perfectly willing to sit here and make the best terms possible. When they come back from Canada it will be time enough for me to decide whether or not I shall support Confederation. I am now anti-Confederate, but I may become Confederate if the terms are good. I say if the Indians are to be stuck on Reservations there will be a disturbance. I think, Sir, that it will be well that there should be some opposition.

Hon. MR. ROBSON—I wish to state I will withdraw my amendment if the Honourable Member will withdraw his motion.

Hon. MR. HOLBROOK—I cannot do so consistently with my duty.

The amendment was withdrawn.

The resolution of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook was lost by a vote of 20 to 1.

Hon. MR. ROBSON moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking that Canada shall cause a Geological Survey of this Colony to be made, commencing within one year after Union. He said that a fund of \$100,000 had been set apart by the Canadian Government for the specific object of carrying out a systematic Geological Survey; that sum to be spread over a period of five years. Canada had the good fortune to possess a very efficient Geological staff. The Red River country had received the first year's survey under that arrangement, and would probably receive the second this year. British Columbia will possess a greater mineral interest than any other Province, and a thorough Geological Survey will be of the utmost importance to her, and reflexly to Canada, and it was not too much to expect such a survey to follow close upon Union.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I am sure no one can have the slightest objection to support a motion for a survey. I assure you it has not escaped the notice of the Government, but I regard it as a matter of certainty that British Columbia will come in for her share. I do not object to the consideration of the question between this Government and that of Canada, but I do object to inserting it in the terms. I think it may lead to the danger of the Canadian Government saying, when other things come to be considered: "You don't want this, it is not mentioned in the terms; had you really required this it would scarcely have been omitted in terms so full as these."

Hon. MR. ROBSON—In reply, I say that the Government has inserted a number of special things in the terms; and with reference to the Geological Survey, I believe Newfoundland got this very matter inserted under the direction of Governor Musgrave.