

Hon. MR. ROBSON—I express a hope that the Government will not press a Government vote.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I can inform Hon. Members that I feel perfectly satisfied that the Governor will not send down names. The Hon. Member who names the Delegates has better information than myself. The House having given unanimous adhesion to the terms, —[No, no, I was the exception,—Hon. Mr. DeCosmos.]—at all events it was passed by a majority, and so becomes the act of the Council,—we could not expect Canada to send Delegates here; they would be unable to refer to the Executive Council. It must injure the terms if in the debates of this House an expression of opinion goes forth to the world that the Governor has not Confederation truly at heart. The Hon. Member for New Westminster says that I am a convert, and that I represent Victoria. I am glad that the old idea that I leaned too much to New Westminster is exploded; I should be sorry that it should run in the other direction. The Hon. Member for New Westminster has told us if we cannot get Responsible Government, he would not consent to make it a *sine qua non*.

Hon. MR. ROBSON—I have never said that Confederation would be refused without Responsible Government.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I have no doubt—I am not speaking from positive knowledge—that the Delegates will be clothed with full power to discuss all the suggestions made on this matter. If Responsible Government is started by the Canadian Cabinet it will receive full consideration.

Hon. MR. HUMPHREYS—The people do not mistrust His Excellency, but they do think that if certain Members of the Government are sent on this Delegation they will endeavour to keep up the present system. I am satisfied that if the Hon. Members named are sent, Confederation is killed.

Hon. CHIEF COMMISSIONER said those who support Confederation are injuring the cause. I believe, Sir, that if a consistent supporter of Confederation from the Island, and one from British Columbia are sent as this Delegation, with one Member of the Government, such a Delegation would carry confidence even if the terms were modified. I propose to vote for this resolution. I hope the Delegates will be such as will give satisfaction. I contend that there are officials who would add weight to that Delegation, and I should not like to see official members left out.

On division the resolution was carried, only one vote being against it.

On motion of the Hon. Chief Commissioner, Committee rose and reported resolution passed. House adopted resolution.

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