

aware that these Resolutions have to be carried, there is no reason that we should not add recommendations. I think section 100 of the Act is better than our clause. I will move the addition of the word "pensions."

Hon. Mr. ROBSON—I cannot see that the application of section 100 would meet the case. It would be ineffectual because our Judges of the Admiralty Court are not paid by salaries; therefore it would be inoperative as regards British Columbia. Whilst I deem it quite desirable to make the change suggested, I do not think this is the time to make it. I should suggest postponing the discussion of the question as to the Admiralty Court until these Resolutions are settled.

Hon. Mr. TRUTCH—Why complicate the question? Why not bring it up in open House and discuss it?

Hon. Mr. WOOD—It could be done in three or four months. The Judges of the Admiralty Courts could be put upon salaries, and section 100 would then be applicable. We are upon the question of Judges, and why not decide it at once?

Hon. Mr. TRUTCH—I am not prepared to discuss this question, as to the Admiralty Court, now. If proper notice is given of its being brought up, I shall then be prepared to go fully into its merits.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—The principle is bad to pay Judges by fees.

Hon. Mr. RING—The question is: are the Judges of the Admiralty Court, Judges? Why should we not say clearly and unmistakeably what we mean? I shall support the recommendation of the Hon. Mr. Wood, and I hope the members of the Government will pause before they oppose it. Let them consider whether it is desirable to admit the principle that any person exercising the office of a Judge should be paid by fees. I say that the question is properly before us now, and the recommendation comes fairly and correctly in this place.

Hon. Mr. ALSTON—I agree with the Hon. Mr. Wood, as to the Constitution of the Admiralty Court, but should vote against the recommendation, and for the Resolution, because I do not think that this recommendation, or amendment, for it virtually amounts to that, if acted upon by the Executive, would effect the cure; the Judges would still take fees.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I shall be obliged to vote against this recommendation, if it is pressed, on account of the way in which it is brought up here. The friends of the alteration are those who are refusing to join in bringing it forward at this inopportune time. A vote taken now, would prevent free discussion of the subject. I recommend the Hon. Member to withdraw his amendment, and I invite full and free discussion of the subject of the Admiralty Courts upon a special day to be fixed.

Hon. Mr. TRUTCH—This discussion is inapposite at this time. If this side of the House were against the consideration of the payment of Admiralty Judges by fees, they could let it pass in Committee, and kill it in the House; then, under our Standing Orders, it could not be brought up again, but we do not intend to do so. I shall vote against it.

The Hon. Mr. Wood, with the permission of the Council, withdrew his recommendation, on the understanding that it was to be brought up at a future day as a distinct motion.

The Hon. Mr. Drake's recommendation as to Pensions was put, and lost.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—It is treating the recommendations of non-official members with contempt and disrespect to find the Government Members voting them down. ["No, no," from the Attorney-General.] ["Yes, yes," from Mr. Drake.] Let us have an opportunity of putting our opinion upon record. This Government vote operates as a wet blanket upon all occasions.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—It is the common sense of the House, which says that recommendations which are against the basis of the Resolutions should not pass.

Hon. Mr. HUMPHREYS—If what we do is not to meet the eye of the Executive, it is of no use being here. I never felt so mean. Our position in this Council is nugatory; utterly futile and contemptible. If all the elected members felt as I do, we should leave the Council in a body, and have nothing more to do with it. ["Hear, hear," from Mr. DeCosmos.] I find it difficult to speak of the Government conduct of business in this House with patience.

Hon. Mr. TRUTCH—I should really like to know what this is all about. One Hon. Member says that the course is disrespectful, because the sense of the Council was against him. The Hon. Member for Lillooet indulges in a species of harangue which is peculiar to him; when he is at a loss for an argument he shakes the red flag of officialdom before him, lowers his head,