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in another report which I received since, and which is the same as that laid before the Canadian Legislature, the action taken by the House of Commons in 1874.

"24. The local Legislature of each Province may from time to time alter the Electoral Districts for the purpose of Representation in such Legislature, and such alteration may be made in such Legislature in any manner such Legislature may see fit."

Now, Sir, this is a very material alteration in a very important principle of the Constitution, and I think I should now place before you in the power of the Canadians by entering Confederation. It has been said in justification of the alteration that the reason for it was that the House of Commons was not satisfied with the redrawing of the clause as it first stood was evidently an oversight. This apology, however, is unsatisfactory, as the 24th clause of the Constitution was not altered until after the meeting of the local Legislatures, but in that which lay down the constitution of the House of Commons. I may say that a duplicate copy of it was sent to the local Legislatures, and that they should be satisfied with it. I think, however, that it was understood that this power should be left to the local Legislatures. When the delegates for the United Kingdom were sent to the Conference, they were told that if, in the 25th, our chief argument was that of we were allowed to be representative, it would render it too easy matter to divide the electoral districts, and that the Government would not be able to bring General Brough forward this proposition, and when I

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After a few remarks by Hon. members who had already spoken, the motion was put on the amendment submitted by Hon. J. C. Pope in lieu of the resolutions approving of the Quebec Report, proposed by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, which amendment was carried on the following Division:

For the Amendment—Hon. Messrs. J. C. Pope, Longworth, Laird, Davies, Kaye, Gales, Kelly, Hensley, Thornton, Wardburton, Beaton, Messrs. Ramsay, Montgomery, Yeo, Duncan,

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The question was then put on the said Resolution which was carried on the following division:

AYES, 10. Messrs. J. G. Poynter, Gray, Longworth, Leland, Dwyer, Kays, Co. Spencer, Smith, (General), Wallen, Thornton, Messrs. Bennett, Montgomery, Healey, Ten Dronne, Brecken, Hanna, Green, McManis—10.

NOES, 10. Messrs. H. C. Smith, (General), Wallen, Thornton, Keiser, Messrs. Sinclair, Conroy, Howland, Wallen, Spencer, (General), Smith, (General).

The Resolution was then read.

Hon. J. G. Poynter submitted a Resolution for the purpose of appointing a Committee to prepare a joint address to Her Majesty the Queen, founded upon the determination of the House, with reference to the Conference of the British North American Colonies, expressive of the determination of the Legislature, on the part of the people of the Province of Ontario, to join with the British Colonies.

Ordered, that the Hon. Messrs. J. G. Poynter, Longworth, Healey, Coles, and Mr. Sinclair, be a Committee, on the proposed Resolution.

After which, at six 1/2 p.m. HONOR. the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 25 \*

\* Theidays are repeated: because the Reporters, with the permission of the House, published the Debate on the Union of the Colonies, in a connected form, though it was resumed only on the evening of each day

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