

to bring down the information which they had before them during the Conference at which the resolutions in favor of Confederation were originated. It cannot be denied that when the Hon. Finance Minister and his colleagues agreed that \$150,000 should be paid for the unoccupied lands in Newfoundland, they must have had some information before them as to the value of those lands, and whether they consisted of one acre or a million. There is no doubt that when they agreed upon what part of the public debt of Canada should form part of the debt of the Confederation, they had a statement laid before them upon which that agreement was based. If I recollect aright, I saw in the newspapers a statement that the Conference had adjourned for a day or two in order to allow the Finance Ministers of the several provinces to make up and bring before the Conference a statement respecting the debts and financial positions of the several provinces. Well, this is all we want to obtain. We want the same information that the honorable gentlemen had before them when they agreed to those resolutions in conference. We do not suppose that they went into the consideration of these matters without any information before them. We do not suppose that they merely guessed that the debt of Canada was \$62,500,000, and guessed in the same way at the debts of the other provinces. We want the same opportunity of understanding these resolutions and of coming to a correct decision upon them, that the honorable gentlemen themselves enjoyed. We do not want an hour's delay more than is absolutely necessary to bring down the information and enable us to apply it in judging of the merits of the scheme. (Hear.) Honorable gentlemen say it will require months to get the information. The honorable member for Lambton (Mr. A. MACKENZIE) seems to be very much afraid to have the information brought down, lest it would result in the scheme not being carried. He ought to remember that we have not the confidence in the Honorable Attorney General East, nor yet in the Honorable Finance Minister, that he has. (Laughter.) He has known those gentlemen for a long time, and the House has had frequent opportunities, during past sessions, of observing the amount of confidence he has always reposed in them. He had a wonderful amount of confidence in the Honorable Finance Minister at the close of last session, when he voted for the motion respecting the \$100,000 handed over to the city of Montreal for

the payment of a Grand Trunk railway liability. But he will pardon us and exercise a little patience with us if we, who have never had that confidence in the honorable member for Sherbrooke since he has been Finance Minister, desire to have a little information before we vote for the extravagant scheme which he has brought before us. We want information mainly respecting the finances, the Intercolonial Railway, and the Crown lands of Newfoundland, and we have no other way of placing our demand in a shape to be recorded, since the previous question has been moved, than by moving for it in amendment to the motion for adjourning the debate.

HON. MR. GALT—The honorable gentleman is going into the merits of a resolution about which a point of order has been raised.

HON. MR. DORION—I was not aware that a point of order had been raised. What is the point of order? I understood the Honorable Attorney General East to have been arguing against bringing down the information called for.

HON. MR. CARTIER—No, no, not at all. The Speaker will decide whether the resolution is in order or not.

THE SPEAKER—It is a well understood rule that no amendment to a motion for an adjournment can be proposed, unless it relates to the time to which the adjournment is proposed to be made. The first portion of the motion is in order, or would be in order if it were separated from what follows, and proposed by itself; but I cannot compel the honorable mover of it to alter it. According to the best of my judgment, the motion is out of order.

HON. MR. HOLTON—Then, Mr. SPEAKER, I desire to have an opportunity of placing an appeal from the decision of the Chair on the resolution I have offered, upon the *Journals* of the House.

The members having been called in, the decision of the Honorable Speaker was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Allyn, Ault, Beaubien, Belle-rose, Biggar, Blanchet, Bowman, Bown, Brouseau, Brown, Carling, Atty. Gen. Cartier, Cartwright, Cauchon, Chapais, Cockburn, Cornellier, Cowan, Currier, De Boucherville, De Niverville, Dickson, Dufresne (Montcalm), Dunsford, Evanturel, Galt, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gibbs, Haultain, Higginson, Howland, Jones (South Leeds), Langevin, LeBoutillier, Mackenzie (Lambton), Mackenzie (North Oxford), Magill, McConkey, McDougall, McGee, McKellar, Morris, Morrison, Pinsonneault, Poulin, Powell, Robitaille, Ross (Prince Edward), Scoble, Smith (Toronto East),