

questions in respect of which we are in complete ignorance, and in relation to which the Government will say nothing whatever. And, with respect to the constitution of the local governments, are we, in case the Upper Canada majority choose to impose their ideas upon us, are we, I say, to submit to them? Such a proceeding would not be fair either to us or to the country. The hon. member (Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU) tells us that we were not sincere in asking for an appeal to the people, because we knew that dissolution would not reach us. Such expressions do not surprise me, proceeding as they do from a man who never had the honor to be the elected representative of the people, and who holds his seat by the favor of the Crown, but I fail to discover by what right he judges us in such a manner. In conclusion, I shall move the following amendment:—

That all the words after "That" in the first line thereof be left out, and that the following words be inserted in lieu thereof, viz:—"The debate on the motion for an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of a union of the British North American Colonies be postponed until such time as the Government shall have made known to this House: 1st. The measures it intends to submit to the Legislature for the purpose of organizing the local governments and legislatures in Upper and Lower Canada. 2nd. The bill on the subject of education which it intends to submit to the present Parliament for the protection of minorities in Upper and Lower Canada. 3rd. The correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Government of Canada, respecting the defence of the province, and what measure the Government intends to submit to us for the same purpose. 4th. In what manner the Government intends to divide between the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada the balance of our present provincial debt, after deducting the \$62,500,000 payable by the Federal Government, and which will be the items assigned to each of those provinces. 5th. The report of Mr. Fleming on the survey for the Intercolonial Railway."

HON. MR. OLIVIER—Before proceeding to a vote, I will ask the hon. member (Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU) who proposed to my honorable friend (Hon. Mr. LETELLIER) and myself to resign our seats if we did not now choose to vote for Confederation, and submit the question to our electors, whether the debate will be postponed until our elections are over?

HON. SIR N. F. BELLEAU—As I am not a member of the Government, it will be understood that I cannot reply to that question. I did not propose to them to resign

their seats, but I said that if they were serious in their objections they might resign and submit the question to their constituents by presenting themselves for reelection.

HON. MR. OLIVIER—I understand the object of the hon. member in giving that advice. He would wish to see us retire from the House during the contest; but that is a trap into which we will not fall. Surprise must have been excited that I did not correct all the inaccuracies of the hon. member when he spoke of what I had said; but I preferred not doing so, as I should have had to take up nearly every single word of his in order to correct it, as he distorted and altered the sense of nearly everything that I said. I conceive that a blush must have mantled his forehead as he concluded his speech.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST'S amendment was then put to the vote, and lost on the following division:—

CONTENTS—Hon. Messieurs Aikins, Archambault, Armstrong, Bennett, Bureau, Chaffers, Cormier, Currie, A. J. Duchesnay, Flint, Leonard, Leslie, Letellier de St. Just, Malhiot, Olivier, Perry, Proulx, Reesor, Seymour and Simpson.—20.

NON-CONTENTS—Hon. Messieurs Alexander, Allan, Armand, Sir N. F. Belleau, Ferguson Blair, Blake, Boulton, Bossé, Bull, Burnham, Campbell, Christie, Crawford, DeBeaujeu, Dickson, E. H. J. Duchesnay, Dumouchel, Ferrier, Flint, Gingras, Guevermont, Hamilton (Kingston,) Hamilton (Inkerman,) Lacoste, McCrea, McMaster, Macpherson, Matheson, Mills, Panet, Price, Prud'homme, Read, Ross, Shaw, Skead, Sir E. P. Taché, and Wilson.—38

And the Council then adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, February 15, 1865.

HON. MR. BUREAU said—I should have refrained from addressing the House, had I not heard the astounding language made use of by the hon. member opposite to me (Sir N. F. BELLEAU). He has spoken to us of annexationists and republicans, and of the dangers with which they menaced the country. I am far from surprised at such language on his part, for an ardent supporter as he is of the present Government, who desire to effect Confederation with a view to strengthen the monarchical principle in this country, he is doubtless alarmed at the tendencies of some of the members of this