

Mr. TROW urged the importance of proceeding with the Bill as soon as possible. He was glad to find that most of his own Bill was incorporated with it, as it embodied the views generally entertained in the subject in his section of the country.

Mr. GRAHAM (Hastings) wanted the Bill postponed till Wednesday. There were some points on which it was desirable that members should hear from their constituents.

Mr. FERGUSON thought it might stand for another year, as the changes were unimportant, and as it was too late now for them to go into operation this year. He considered the question should be delayed until the Government was prepared to make the whole law harmonious.

Sir HENRY SMITH hoped the house would not countenance the attempt to thwart the efforts of the member for Lincoln and the committee to get the most needful changes carried this session. The member for Lincoln deserved every credit for the labour he had bestowed on the subject. There were some provisions of the Bill, however, of which he did not approve, and which he would be ready to discuss at the proper time.

Mr. RYKERT said he was willing the Bill should stand till Wednesday.

Mr. McKELLAR suggested that it should be made the first order for Wednesday, with the understanding that it would be disposed of by the committee on that day, and read a third time a day or two afterwards, so that it might immediately be assented to, along with the Tavern Licenses Bill. The chairman had bestowed a vast deal of labour on this Bill, and some of the amendments were of great importance. He thought it very essential that it should be urged forward, so that it might become law as soon as possible.

Mr. FERGUSON made some further remarks, charging the member for Bothwell with responsibility for the scale of assessments in the existing law.

Mr. McKELLAR denied the statement. The schedule which created that obnoxious scale, and which would be amended by this Bill, was introduced in the upper house.

The committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday, as the first order for that day.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORT HOPE.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS (Durham), the Bill respecting St. John's Church, Port Hope, was read a third time and passed.

RETURNS

Hon. Mr. CAMERON presented return to an address for papers relating to the dismissal of Mr. Hammond, Registrar of Bruce.

Also, supplementary return to an address for a statement of the returns made by Registrars.

The house adjourned at six o'clock.