

SATURDAY, Feb. 11.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 10 15.

WELLINGTON, GREY AND BRUCE RAILWAY.

The debate on the third reading of the Bill to amend the Acts incorporating the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway was resumed.

Mr. CUMBERLAND supported the Bill, and contended that the Bruce County Council represented the views of the people of the county in this matter. He referred to the fact that the company had been allowed to expend the bonus of the city of Toronto between the city and Mount Forest, although the bonus had been granted originally for the whole line between the city and Lake Huron, and he maintained that, in view of that fact, it would only be an act of justice to Bruce to give them every facility to push the railway through that county.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON pointed out the inconsistency of the hon. member for Algona in opposing the Bill of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway on the ground of protecting the interests of the city of Toronto, and now supporting a Bill which was an undoubted outrage upon the people of Bruce. In the case of the bonus given by the city of Toronto there were no petitions presented to the House against its being expended between the city and Mount Forest, whereas in the present case there were several petitions from the municipalities interested against the Bill, and which alleged that the existing by-law had been carried by misrepresentation and fraud.

Mr. GOW said the parties thus petitioning were those who were opposed to the scheme entirely.

Mr. CAMERON said the hon. gentleman from South Wellington (Mr. Gow) had taken upon himself the task of lecturing him (the hon. Secretary) upon his consistency. He would recall to the recollection of the hon. members his speeches and votes last session on the Toronto Bill, when he strenuously opposed the Bill; but now he had the effrontery of supporting a Bill which was founded upon an outrage upon the people. The Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Co. had not published notices setting forth the full intent of the present Bill, and probably it would be found that their omission in this respect would prove fatal to the Bill.

Mr. HAYS—Does the hon. gentleman speak as a Minister of the Crown?

Hon. Mr. CAMERON said what he might say had nothing whatever to do with the action of the Government after the House rose. The objection would be submitted upon the floor of the House. The action of the Toronto members showed the willingness of the city to extend the same privileges in the matter of railway enterprise to other municipalities which desired them as it received itself. The opposition was in the interest of the public. One great advantage offered by the company to induce the inhabitants of Bruce to vote a bonus was in the high-sounding language of its promoters, because it opened the markets of the world to the county, but the present Legislature had passed an Act to change its gauge, and he contended that under these circumstances the people should have another opportunity of giving their vote upon the subject.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Carnegie's amendment, to the effect that the question of time should be submitted to the people of the county, with the following result:—

YEAS—Messrs. Blake, Calvin, Cameron, Carling (London), Carnegie, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Graham (Hastings), (Graham) (York), Lauder, Luton, Macdonald, Macdougall, (Elgin), McDougall, McMurrich, Matchett, Murray, Read, Richards, Strange, Wallis, Wood.—22

NAYS—Messrs. Baxter, Beatty, Boulter, Christie, Clemens, Colquhoun, Corby, Crosby, Cumberland, Currie, Ferrier, Finlayson, Galbraith, Gow, Hays, Hooper, McCall (Norfolk), McGill, McKellar, McKim, Pardee, Paxton, Perry, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Sexton, Sinclair, Springer, Tett, Wigle, Williams (Durham), Williams (Hamilton).—34.

Immediately on the declaration of the numbers,

Mr. RYKERT moved that the question be now put.

Hon. Mr. McMurrich, who had risen at the same time for the purpose of moving another amendment, was about to speak, when loud cries of "order," "chair," were raised.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON raised a point of order that the motion was not in order.

The SPEAKER directed the clerk to read the order of proceedings for the day, from which it appeared that private Bills were to be considered for the first hour of the sitting, which was to commence at 10 o'clock. It was now three minutes past eleven, and the

opponents of the Bill claimed that the hour had expired, and that the motion could not be proceeded with. This was strenuously opposed by the promoters, who claimed that the sitting had not in fact commenced till twenty minutes past ten. The Speaker decided that this was so, and that consequently the motion of Mr. Rykert was in order.

Mr. CAMERON said he had a further point of order to raise. There were three things in the Bill, none of which had been asked for by the petitioners.

Mr. GOW—The point of order—you must not discuss the Bill.

Mr. CAMERON—Don't be alarmed. I am coming to it. I say that three things have been introduced into the Bill which have not been asked for by the petitioners. This is in violation of the rule of the House, and unless it is consented to unanimously, it cannot pass.

Considerable confusion occurred on this, amidst which

Hon. Mr. McMURRICH said: The motion, sir, which has been made by the hon. member for Lincoln (Mr. Rykert) is for the purpose of preventing my moving an amendment to the Bill—an amendment for the purpose of securing the rights of parties under the Bill.

Mr. RYKERT—For the purpose of killing the Bill.

Considerable uproar again ensued upon this, and eventually the "previous question" was carried, and the Bill was then read a third time.

Mr. WILLIAMS (Hamilton)—I move that the Bill be now passed, and be intitled as a motion.

Mr. RYKERT and Mr. CAMERON again sprang up together, but Mr. Rykert was the most nimble, and, in his usual jerky tone, said—I move that the previous question be now put. Mr. Cameron resumed his seat, and, amid great laughter and cheers, the motion of Mr. Williams was put, and declared carried. This concluded the scene, and the House proceeded with the orders of the day.

THE GAME LAWS.

On the motion for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Act passed in the thirty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty, and chaptered twelve, intitled "An Act for the better protection of Game in the Province of Ontario,"

Mr. MURRAY moved an amendment to limit the season for killing deer to the 1st of December, which was carried, adopted in committee, carried, and reported.

On the question for the third reading,

Mr. CARNEGIE moved the six months' hoist, which was lost—23 to 24:

YEAS—Baxter, Boulter, Cameron, Carling (London), Carnegie, Colquhoun, Crosby, Currie, Evans, Eyre, Fitzsimmons, Graham (Hastings), Graham (York), Hays, Hooper, Lout, Macdonald, Matchett, McMurrich, Read, Richards, Smith (Middlesex), Wallis.—23.

NAYS—Beatty, Boyd, Calvin, Corby, Craig (Glenary), Craig (Russell), Galbraith, Lauder, McCall (Norfolk), McDougall, McKellar, McKim, Murray, Pardee, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Sexton, Sinclair, Strange, Springer, Williams (Durham), Wood.—24.

Mr. LOUNT called attention to the fact that Mr. Blake and Mr. Perry had not voted. Mr. Blake was in the Speaker's Gallery and Mr. Perry just outside the bar at the time the vote was taken. Amid considerable laughter he raised the point of order that they were within the Chamber and ought to vote.

The SPEAKER ruled that they were not technically inside the Chamber.

Mr. LOUNT moved that the Bill be read this day three months. Lost: yeas 25, nays 31.

The Bill was then read a third time.

On the motion that the Bill pass,

Mr. SCOTT (Grey), moved to refer the Bill back to committee to extend the season for killing deer to the 19th December. Carried—yeas, 34; nays, 24.

The House then went into committee, and adopted the amendment, and reported it. On the motion that the report be concurred in, the vote was again taken. Motion to concur carried, and the Bill was passed.

PUBLIC FAIRS.

The House again went into committee on the Bill to facilitate the establishment of public fairs, and provide for the regulation thereof—(Mr. Pardee in the chair). The Bill was reported without amendment, and fixed for a third reading.

COURT OF ERROR AND APPEAL

The House again went into committee on the Bill to amend the Act chaptered thir-