

TUESDAY, Feb. 14.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 10 30.

THE SCHOOL BILL.

Hon M. C. CAMERON moved the third reading of the School Bill.

Mr. FRASER, referring to clause 41, respecting Collegiate Institutes, asked whether it was imperative that there should be four male teachers in each institute in order to entitle it to the grant, or whether it was allowed that there should be any female teachers.

Mr. CAMERON—They should be male teachers, I think.

Mr. FRASER—But is that imperative?

Mr. CAMERON—There must be four teachers, and sixty pupils learning Latin and Greek.

Mr. FRASER—The Bill says there must be four masters. I know of a school where there are 120 pupils learning Latin and Greek, who are efficiently taught by three masters and one female teacher. Would such a school not be entitled to the grant?

Mr. CAMERON—There must be four teachers, and at least sixty pupils learning Latin and Greek.

Mr. FRASER—I understand that the question is whether it is imperative that all the four teachers should be male teachers.

Mr. CAMERON—I think so.

Mr. FRASER—I think it is a hardship.

Mr. BLAKE moved to recommit the Bill with instructions to amend it so as to provide that the examinations respecting the qualification of inspectors shall be held in each county.

Mr. CAMERON said it was intended that that provision should be carried out by the Bill.

Mr. BLAKE—Then with that explicit statement I withdraw the amendment.

Mr. BLAKE moved to recommit the Bill with instructions to provide for the appointment of the Council of Public Instruction of an independent Board of Examiners not connected with the Normal School for the discharge of the duties to be performed by them under the direction of the Council in connection with the examination and classification of public school teachers, including those instructed at the Normal School.

Lost on the following division—Yeas, 25; nays, 44.

YEAS—Messrs Barber, Blake, Boyd, Christie, Clemens, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Fraser, Galbraith, Gow, Luton, McDougall, McKellar, McLeod, McMurrich, Oliver, Pardee, Perry, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Middlesex), Springer, Trow, Williams (Hamilton)—25.

NAYS—Messrs Anderson, Beatty, Boulter, Cameron, Colquhoun (London), Carling (Huron), Carling (Huron), Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glengary), Craig (Russell), Cumberland, Currie, Eyre, Ferguson, Ferrier, Fitzsimmons, Graham (Hastings), Graham (York), Hays, Lauder, Lount, Lyon, Macdonald, McCall (Norfolk), McCall (Elgin), McGill, Matchett, Monteith, Read, Richards, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Strange, Swinarton, Tett, Wigle, Williams (Durham), Wilson, Wood—44.

Mr. BLAKE moved to recommit the Bill, with instructions to provide for the introduction into the Council of Public Instruction of a representative element by the addition of one or more members to be elected by the head masters of the grammar schools, and one or more members to be elected by the masters of the public schools, and one or more members to be elected by the board of city and county examiners.

Lost on the following division—Yeas, 31; nays, 40.

YEAS—Messrs Barber, Beatty, Blake, Boyd, Christie, Clemens, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Ferrier, Fitzsimmons, Fraser, Galbraith, Gow, McCall (Norfolk), McCall (Elgin), McDougall, McKellar, McLeod, McMurrich, Matchett, Monteith, Oliver, Pardee, Perry, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Middlesex), Springer, Trow, Williams (Hamilton)—31.

NAYS—Messrs Anderson, Boulter, Cameron, Carling (London), Carling (Huron), Carnegie, Cockburn, Colquhoun, Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glengary), Craig (Russell), Cumberland, Currie, Eyre, Ferguson, Graham (Hastings), Graham (York), Hays, Hooper, Lauder, Lount, Lyon, Macdonald, McGill, Read, Richards, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Strange, Swinarton, Tett, Wigle, Williams (Durham), Wilson, Wood—40.

Mr. FERGUSON moved an amendment that the Bill be recommitted with the view to amend it by amending section 37 by inserting after the word "hundred," in the fifth line, the words "and not more than one thousand." This would restore the clause to its original reading.

A division was taken, and the amendment lost by 15 to 52.

Mr. RYKERT moved amendment that the Bill be recommitted with a view to insert the following as the 36th clause:—

"The Grammar or High School grant shall be exclusively applied in aid of High Schools, and of the sum of money required to be raised from local sources, for the support of High Schools, a sum equal to one-half of the amount paid by the Government to any High School in a city or town withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the county, together with such other sum as may be required for the support of such school, shall be provided by the Municipal Council of such city or town upon the application of the High School Board. In the case of a High School in towns, incorporated villages or townships, one-half of the amount paid by the Government shall be paid by the Municipal Council of the county in which such High School is situated, upon the application of the High School Board; and such other sums as may be required for the maintenance and school accommodation of the said High School, shall be raised by the Council of the Municipality in which the High School is situated, upon the application of the High School Board; or in the event of the County Council finding the whole, or party of a county into one or more High School District, then such other sum as may be required for the maintenance of the said High School shall be funded by the High School District, upon the application of the High School Board in the manner heretofore provided."

Sub-Section I.—The Council of any Municipality, or the Council of the respective Municipalities out of which the whole or part of such High School District is formed, shall upon the application of the High School Board, raise the proportion required to be paid by such Municipality, or part of the Municipality, from the whole or part of the Municipality, as the case may be.

The amendment was carried by 52 to 18, on the following division:

YEAS—Messrs Anderson, Barber, Beatty, Blake, Boulter, Boyd, Cameron, Carling (London), Carling (Huron), Clemens, Cockburn, Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glengary), Craig (Russell), Crosby, Currie, Evans, Ferrier, Fitzsimmons, Fraser, Galbraith, Graham (Hastings), Hays, Hooper, Luton, Lyon, Macdonald, McCall (Elgin), McGill, McKellar, McLeod, McMurrich, Matchett, Oliver, Pardee, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Secord, Sinclair, Smith (Kent), Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Smith (Middlesex), Strange, Springer, Swinarton, Tett, Trow, Wigle, Williams (Hamilton), Wilson—52.

NAYS—Messrs Carnegie, Christie, Colquhoun, Cook, Eyre, Ferguson, Gow, Graham (York), Lauder, Lount, McCall (Norfolk), McKim, McDougall, Monteith, Perry, Read, Sexton, Wood—18.

The House then went into committee, Mr. Lauder in the chair. The clause was amended, and the committee rose and reported.

Mr. PERRY moved to recommit the Bill, with instructions to strike out the 43rd clause, relating to the Superannuation Fund for teachers.

The vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS—Messrs Barber, Beatty, Blake, Boyd, Calvin, Christie, Clemens, Colquhoun, Cook, Crosby, Evans, Eyre, Fitzsimmons, Galbraith, Gow, Lauder, McCall (Norfolk), McDougall, McKellar, McKim, McMurrich, Oliver, Pardee, Perry, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Kent), Smith (Middlesex), Springer, Williams (Hamilton)—30.

NAYS—Messrs Anderson, Boulter, Cameron, Carling (London), Carling (Huron), Carnegie, Cockburn, Corby, Coyne, Craig (Glengary), Craig (Russell), Cumberland, Currie, Ferrier, Fraser, Graham (Hastings), Graham (York), Hooper, Lount, Lyon, McCall (Elgin), McGill, McLeod, Matchett, Monteith, Read, Richards, Rykert, Secord, Sinclair, Swinarton, Tett, Trow, Walis, Wigle, Williams (Durham), Wilson, Wood—23.

Mr. CUMBERLAND moved to recommit the Bill, to provide that it may be lawful for the Chief Superintendent to aid Mechanics' Institutes to the same extent as he is authorised by law in respect to school libraries.

Mr. BLAKE said the amendment was not in order as it involved a public charge. If the Government were prepared to signify the assent of the Lieut. Governor the amendment might be put.

Hon. M. C. CAMERON said the amendment did not involve any additional charge, but simply proposed to use a portion of the appropriation in aid of Mechanics' Institutes as well as of school libraries.

Mr. BLAKE—But that would be using the public money in a different way from that which the Lieut. Governor signified it should be used.

Hon. Mr. WOOD thought the objection well founded, and said it would be better to bring the matter up by resolutions according to the forms of the House. They could not be too careful in observing the rules of the House in respect to the expenditure of the public money.

Mr. CUMBERLAND said he would withdraw the amendment, but if the Mechanics' Institutes received no aid this year they would know it was owing to a technical objection being raised.