

kert, Scott (Grey), Tooley, Webb—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Ardagh, Barber, Baxter, Bethune, Caldwell, Christie, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Code, Cook, Craig (Glengarry), Crooks, Crosby, Deacon, Deroche, Farewell, Finlayson, Fitzsimmons, Gibbons, Gibson, Haney, Harrington, McCall, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, McManus, McRae, Meredith, Monk, Monteith, Mowat, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Prince, Read, Richards, Scott (Ottawa), Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Sneltinger, Springer, Striker, Waterworth, Wells, Williams (Durham), Williams, Hamilton, Wilson, Wood (Brant), Wood (Victoria)—53.

Mr. LAUDER moved an amendment expressing opinion that municipalities that did not borrow or that paid up their arrears would have just ground of dissatisfaction if paid only at the rate of two dollars a head, amounting to \$2,000,000, while municipalities indebted to the fund were relieved to the extent of \$10,000,000 besides in many instances receiving Clergy Reserve allowance.

After some debate as to whether the amendment was in order,

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said that the amendment was false on the face of it, because there had not been ten millions struck off. That was merely a nominal sum, as all hon. gentlemen knew.

Mr. RYKERT said the amount was still a legal claim against these municipalities.

The amendment was then put and lost—Yeas 20, nays 49.

YEAS—Messrs. Boulter, Boulton, Calvin, Corby, Craig (Russell), Ferguson, Gifford, Graham, Grange, Hamilton, Lauder, Macdonald, Merrick, Read, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Sinclair, Tooley, Waterworth, Webb—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Ardagh, Barber, Baxter, Bethune, Caldwell, Christie, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Code, Cook, Craig (Glengarry), Crooks, Crosby, Deacon, Deroche, Farewell, Finlayson, Fitzsimmons, Fraser, Gibbons, Gibson, Harrington, McCall, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, McManus, McKee, Meredith, Monk, Monteith, Mowat, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Prince, Richards, Scott (Ottawa), Sexton, Smith, Sneltinger, Springer, Striker, Williams (Durham), Williams (Hamilton), Wilson, Wood (Brant), Wood (Victoria)—49.

Mr. RYKERT moved an amendment expressing the opinion that the municipalities indebted to the Municipal Loan Fund will have just ground for dissatisfaction that His Excellency has not been advised to recommend that no higher rate than two cents on the dollar, including school and other rates, shall hereafter be imposed upon any municipality until the settlement of their indebtedness.

This motion was lost—Yeas 9, nays 57.

YEAS—Messrs. Boulter, Calvin, Corby, Gifford, Lauder, Meredith, Merrick, Rykert, and Tooley—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Ardagh, Barber, Baxter, Bethune, Boulton, Caldwell, Christie, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Cook, Craig (Glengarry), Craig (Russell), Crooks, Crosby, Deacon, Deroche, Farewell, Ferguson, Finlayson, Fitzsimmons, Fraser, Gibbons, Gibson, Graham, Grange, Hamilton, McCall, Macdonald, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, McManus, McRae, Monk, Monteith, Mowat, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Prince, Read, Richards, Scott (Ottawa), Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Sneltinger, Springer, Striker, Waterworth, Webb, Wells, Williams (Hamilton), Wilson, Wood (Brant), and Wood (Victoria)—57.

Mr. GRANGE moved an amendment respecting the dissatisfaction of non borrowing municipalities.

The SPEAKER ruled it out of order, being similar to the motion of the hon. member for South Grey already negatived.

Mr. BAXTER moved an amendment respecting the town of Caledonia, which was lost on division.

Mr. PAXTON moved an amendment to allow the townships of Whitby, Reach, and Songog to participate in the allowance under railways.

Mr. LAUDER said the hon. member should have thought about his constituents when the Whitby and Port Perry Railway Bill was before the House, and not now when he knew his motion was out of order and could not pass.

Mr. FAREWELL defended the position of himself and Mr. Paxton.

The amendment was declared "lost on division."

Mr. BOULTER moved an amendment expressing the opinion that municipalities that paid up interest regularly and invested in local improvements, would have cause of

dissatisfaction at the per capita grant.

Lost—Yeas 11, nays 55.

YEAS—Ardagh, Boulter, Calvin, Corby, Gifford, Graham, Lauder, Rykert, Tooley, Webb, Williams (Durham)—11.

NAYS—Barber, Baxter, Bethune, Boulton, Caldwell, Christie, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Cook, Craig (Glengarry), Crooks, Crosby, Deacon, Deroche, Farewell, Finlayson, Fitzsimmons, Fraser, Gibbons, Gibson, Grange, Hamilton, Haney, Harrington, McCall, Macdonald, McKellar, McKim, McLeod, McManus, McRae, Meredith, Monk, Monteith, Mowat, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Prince, Read, Richards, Scott (Ottawa), Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Sneltinger, Springer, Striker, Waterworth, Wells, Williams (Hamilton), Wilson, Wood (Brant), Wood (Victoria)—55.

Mr. MEREDITH moved an amendment stating that the rule enforced should be uniform, that the paying ability of municipalities should not be exceeded, and therefore that the debt of the town of London should be reduced.

This motion was lost, only four members voting for it,—Messrs. Meredith, Boulter, Rykert, and Corby.

Mr. MEREDITH then moved an amendment particularly referring to the city of London.

Motion lost—Yeas 11—nays 54.

Mr. ARDAGH moved an amendment in substance as follows:—

"That injustice would be done to those municipalities which had assisted railways since Confederation and before the passage of the Railway Aid Act of 1871, under the belief that such railways would not receive aid from Provincial funds, unless said municipalities were held to be entitled to the proposed railway refund allowance of \$1,000 per mile.

"Also—That injustice would be done to those municipalities which had assisted railways before Confederation by taking stock or otherwise, and had such stock or loan rendered valueless by the action of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, unless said municipalities were held to be entitled to the proposed railway refund allowance of \$2,000 per mile."

The amendment was lost on division.

The House adjourned until half-past seven o'clock.

EVENING SITTING.

The Speaker took the chair at 7:30 o'clock.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

After routine, and after Attorney-General Mowat had made some explanations as to the public business,

Hon. Mr. MCKELLAR said, I rise to crave the indulgence of the House for a short time to offer explanations in answer to the vile charges that have been made against me in the columns of the Opposition press during the last seven or eight months. I shall not occupy very much of the time of the House, nor do I think I shall utter anything that will provoke discussion in the House. I will merely make a statement of facts, supported by documentary evidence, which I now possess. It may be said that I should have made this statement at an earlier stage of the session. Well I would have done that, Sir, but I had not then the evidence that was necessary in order to make the statement, and it was only today that I obtained a printed copy of the statement made by officers of the Elgin Association, so far as the affairs of the company are concerned. I am not aware that the printed documents have yet been distributed to hon. members. I think not, as I had to go to the printing office to procure one for myself, but without it it would be impossible for me to answer some of the accusations that have been made against me. It may be necessary for me in the absence of that document to state briefly the origin of the Elgin Association. The name of the Rev. William King has been associated with mine in these charges that have been made. In regard to that gentleman, I may state briefly that he is a native of the North of Ireland, who was educated, I believe, in Belfast, came to Louisiana, had charge of a Collegiate Institution there, and married the daughter of a banker who at that time was also a slaveholder. After he had been there for some time he made up his mind to study for the Ministry,