

scrupulous individuals on the other side of the House might get into the Treasury benches and maladminister the law. (Laughter and cheers.)

Mr. SINCLAIR said it was almost incredible, after the wall that the Conservative party had set up, that matters now were just the same as they had been for twenty years back. The trouble with that party was that they were disappointed at not now having at their disposal all the Government "pap," as they had been accustomed to have in the past.

Mr. WILLS said the Clerk of the Peace in Hastings had not for ten years given the printing of the conviction lists to any but Reform papers. He contended that giving such patronage to the press tended to debase it.

Mr. FRASER said the whole cry of the Opposition in the country has been that the Government were invading the liberties of the people by dictating upon what newspapers they should spend their money, and now, instead of proposing to leave the matter in the hands of the County Councils, they were merely scheming to get the patronage back into their own hands. All that the present Government had done was to legalise by an Act of Parliament what had formerly been done in a much more objectionable manner. The Government had never attempted to invade the rights of the counties. Nor had they backed down in their promises, for while the object of the Bill of the hon. member for East Grey was to put the advertising in the hands of Clerks of the Peace and sheriffs, the Government intended to bring in a measure which would give the County Councils the authority to let the work by tender.

Mr. GRAHAM (Lambton) said the purpose of the Bill was to take the power out of the hands of the people, and he would support the present Bill in preference to it.

After remarks by Messrs. Grange, Deroche, Cole, Lauder, and Sexton,

Mr. CREIGHTON moved in amendment to the amendment that all the words after "bill" in the amendment be omitted and the following substituted:—"Is designed to remove from the Government the power of depriving the municipal councils of any voice or influence in determining in what newspapers the publishing of official and legal advertisements shall be made, and returns having been asked by this House by address to the Lieut. Governor, which have not yet been made, on the subject of such printing, be it resolved that it is expedient that the further consideration of the second reading of the said Bill be postponed for two weeks."

Mr. CAMERON contended that this House had no power to deal with the Sheriffs' advertisements.

After remarks by Messrs. Bethune, Meredith, and Crooks,

Mr. MOWAT ridiculed the position of the Opposition in now objecting to the jurisdiction of the House after discussing the question the whole evening.

The House then divided, and the amendment to the amendment was lost. Yeas, 33; nays, 44.

YEAS.—Messrs. Appleby, Baker, Barr, Bell, Boulter, Broder, Cameron, Code, Coutts, Creighton, Deacon, Fleisher, Graham (Fontenac), Grange, Harbin, Kean, Lauder, Long, McDougall (Middlesex), Macdougall (Simcoe), McGowan, McRae, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, O'Sullivan, Patterson (Essex), Preston, Richardson, Scott, Focley, Wigle, Wills—33.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ballantyne, Baxter, Bethune, Bishop, Bonfield, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Cole, Crooks, Dawson, Deroche, Ferris, Finlayson, Fleming, Fraser, Gioson, Gow, Graham (Lambton), Hanesy, Hardy, Harcraft, Hay, Hodgins, Hunter, Lane, Lyon, McCraney, McMahon, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Pardee, Patterson (York), Paxton, Robinson, Ross, Sexton, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Striker, Watterworth, Widdfield, Williams, Wilson, Wood—44.

Mr. Springer paired for with Dr. Mostyn against the Government. Mr. McLeod for with Mr. Rosevear against the Government. Mr. Grant (Ministerial) had paired until last evening with Mr. McRae, but did not arrive in time to take part in the division.

The amendment, and the motion as amended, were carried on the same division.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 1:10 a.m.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. Wills—On Friday—Bill for the protection of brakemen on railway trains.

Mr. Clarke, Norfolk—On Friday next—

Address for a return showing the number of suits entered in the Division Courts of Ontario for the years 1864, 1869, and 1874, the amount of principal claimed, the amount collected, and the costs paid on each suit, also the total aggregate and net amount of the income of each clerk and bailiff of the said Courts for the said years.

Hon. Mr. Wood—On Friday—Bill to provide for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages.

Mr. Meredith—On Monday—Order of the House that the Clerk of the House do prepare a return showing the dates of the reception by him of the reports of the Judges in the several Controverted Election cases which have been tried subsequent to the last general election in which the elections were avoided, and the dates of the issue by him of his warrants, and by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery of the writs for the holding of the elections which have taken place since the last general election, and for copies of all instructions given to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in reference to the issue of such writs, or any of them.

Hon. Mr. Currie—On Friday—Inquiry of Ministry whether the Government have done anything since the 1st July, 1874, towards acquiring the property at Queenston on which was erected the monument of the late Major-General Brock, and if it is the intention of the Government to acquire such property and make regulations for the proper care and management of the same.

Mr. Hay—On Friday—Address for the return showing the number of original sales of Crown and School Lands cancelled and resold in Elms, with the date of cancellation and sale, price realized at such sale, and price of original sale.