

books in question. Such an idea was absurd, that if the local Boards had adopted an authorized book that the Minister of Education should pass judgment upon it. In the section of the Act which had been quoted, text books which were not authorized were referred to. His hon. friend opposite had said that there had been judgment wrongly used in authorizing two sets of readers. It was an easy thing to be wise after an event had happened. If the Government had authorized one set of readers the hon. gentlemen opposite would have said that the Government had created a monopoly, and had authorized that one set from improper motives. It was not a settled matter which it would be in the interest of the Province to have, one, two, or three sets of readers. He was of the opinion that if there had been a fair competition between the different sets for a certain length of time they would be able to see which set of readers were the most popular. There would then be no monopoly. They had dragged this question into the arena for the purpose of making political capital. (Hear, hear.) He referred to the huge blunder made by the Dominion Government with reference to the Canadian Pacific Railway, and said the hon. gentlemen had nothing to say about that, but they condoned the position of the Ontario Government on the reader question. He thought the House would have no difficulty in opposing the motion of the hon. gentlemen opposite. They did not pretend to be infallible, and were not as perfect in their judgment as the hon. gentlemen opposite tried to make the people think they were. (Loud applause.)

Mr. LEES hoped every member in the House would vote for the motion. They were wasting their time and the public money in combing frivolous questions. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. MORRIS rose in an excited manner and said the Government had no longer a mechanical majority to do as they wished. He eulogized himself as to his career as a public man during the last 24 years. He was not an aspirant for office on the other side of the House. (Opposition applause.)

Mr. BISHOP said there had been a great deal of smoke with reference to the Reader Question, but he could see no fire. (Hear, hear.) They had spent a day and a half discussing such a simple arrangement, which was not worth that time.

The division was then taken on Mr. Carnegie's amendment as follows:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baskerville, Blythe, Brereton, Broder, Carnegie, Clancy, Clarke (Toronto), Creighton, Denison, Ermatinger, Fell, French, Gray, Hammell, Hess, Hudson, Kerns, Kerr, Lees, McGhee, McKay, Meredith, Merriek, Metcalfe, Monk, Morgan, Morris, Mulholland, Preston, Robillard, Roe, Ross (Cornwall), White, Wilmot, Wood—35.

NAYS.—Messrs. Awrey, Badgerow, Balfour, Ballantyne, Baxter, Bishop, Blezard, Caldwell, Cascaden, Chisholm, Dowling, Drury, Dryden, Ferris, Fraser, Freeman, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gillies, Gould, Graham, Hagar, Harcourt, Hardy, Hart, Laidlaw, Lyon, McCraney, McIntyre, McKenzie, McKim, McLaughlin, McMahon, Master, Morin, Mowat, Murray, Neelon, O'Connor, Pardee, Phelps, Rayside, Ross (Huron), Ross (Middlesex), Sills, Snider, Waters, Widdifield, Young—49.

The House in Committee of Supply, Mr. ROSS (Huron) moved that the item of \$1,750 in connection with Government House should be passed.

After some discussion the item was passed and reported to the House, which adjourned at 1:20.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Attorney-General—On Friday next—That during the remainder of this session, when the House adjourn on Friday, it do stand adjourned until Saturday at eleven of the clock.

Mr. Neelon—House in Committee on Bill No. 25, St. Catharines & Niagara Railway, will move to insert the following:—"It shall be lawful for the said company to approach and enter the city of St. Catharines at any point on its easterly or south-easterly limits, anything in the said by-law or agreement to the contrary notwithstanding."

Hon. Mr. Ross (Huron)—On next—That this House will, on next, resolve itself into a committee to consider the following resolutions:—1. That it is expedient that in lieu of and for the purpose of retiring any outstanding certificates heretofore issued, or which may hereafter be issued in aid of any railway under authority of any Act of the Legislature of this Province, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct the granting of terminable annuities for such terms not in any case exceeding forty years, as the Lieutenant-Governor may from time to time deem expedient, and every annuity so granted shall be a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province. 2. That it is expedient that the said annuities shall be based on a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, and shall be evidenced by such form of certificate or other instrument as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct. 3. That it is expedient that the Provincial Treasurer may sell any annuities authorized under this resolution, and apply the proceeds thereof in the repayment of any certificates issued as aforesaid in aid of railways, and may, with the consent of the holders of certificates and upon such terms as may be agreed on, exchange such annuities for any certificates held by them.

Mr. Baxter—On Monday next—Order of the House for a return showing the total number of school sections in the Province in which the Government grant has been withheld since