

Mr. Waters voted with Mr. Meredith on the division as to the bill relating to the Department of Agriculture. Otherwise the vote was solid.

Between half-past eleven and twelve o'clock last night a whole batch of bills introduced by private members were withdrawn, "owing to the lateness of the session."

CLOSING OF SHOPS.

Hon. Mr. FRASER moved the third reading of the bill to regulate the closing of shops and the hours of labor therein for children and young persons.

Mr. MORGAN moved in amendment, "That while this House is in sympathy with all reasonable efforts to bring about the early closing of shops, it is of opinion that to provide by law for the absolute closing of them is not in accordance with sound principles of legislation, and is an unwarranted interference with individual rights, and that the bill be not now read a third time," etc.

Mr. MEREDITH spoke in support of the amendment, and said the bill was suggestive of a return to the time of the curfew. It was an invasion of the rights of the people.

Mr. H. E. CLARKE and Mr. WOOD (Hastings) spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. CLANCY supported the amendment.

Mr. MURRAY advised the withdrawal of the bill.

Mr. MARTER was strongly in favor of it.

Mr. CONMEE was divided in opinion, but, on the whole, leaned towards the bill.

Mr. LEES (Lanark) thought the bill was ridiculous. The House should not concern itself with such small matters.

Mr. MACK approved of the bill.

Mr. WILMOT said the bill was a most iniquitous measure. Why should they let young men away early from their work? If they got off, where would they go? Where but to the gambling room or worse place yet. Much better that they should be kept at work until bedtime, and in this way kept from doing mischief. (Laughter.)

Mr. INGRAM deprecated the remarks of the last speaker. He did not think young men generally were so wicked and corrupt as he represented. It was very often the older men who most required watching after business hours. (Laughter.) He approved of the bill.

The question was put to the vote with the following result:—

YEAS—Blyth, Clancy, Fell, French, Hammoil, Hess, Lees, Meacham, Meredith, Miller, Monk, Morgan, Rorke, Tooley, Whitney, Wilmot, Wylie—17.

NAYS.—Allan, Armstrong, Awrey, Balfour, Bal-lantyne, Bishop, Blezard, Chisholm, Clarke, E. F. (Toronto), Clarke, H. E. (Toronto), Connee, Craig, Creighton, Cruess, Dack, Dryden, Ferguson, Field, Fraser, Freeman, Garson, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Gould, Graham, Guthrie, Harcourt, Hardy, Hudson, Ingram, Kerns, Lyon, McAndrew, McKay, McLaughlin, McMahon, Mack, Marter, Master, Mocin, Mowat, Murray, Nairn, Pacaud, Phelps, Preston, Rayside, Robillard, Ross (Huron), Ross (Middlesex), Smith, Snider, Stewart, Sprague, Stratton, Waters, Wid-dield, Wood (Hastings), Wood (Brant)—51.

CITY OF LONDON EXHIBITION GROUNDS.

Mr. MEREDITH moved the second reading of the bill to authorise the Corporation of the City of London to sell certain lands known as the Exhibition Grounds.

Mr. WATERS moved an amendment to refer the bill back.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Middlesex) supported the amendment.

Mr. TOOLEY opposed the amendment.

The amendment was withdrawn.

SECOND READINGS.

The following bills were read a second time:—

To amend the Married Women's Real Estate Act—Mr. Guthrie.

The House adjourned at 12:30 a.m.