

J. J. Sconlon, Canadian Hotel, 6 Monk street.
Patrick Kiliher, 432 Queen west.
Joseph Power, 393 King street west.
Jas. E. Melrick, 102 Queen west.
Thos. R. Williams, 196 Queen street west.
Angus Kerr, 198 Queen street west.
Abner Brown, 224 Queen street west.
Wm. Smith, 114 Queen street west.
M. McConnell, 46 and 48 King street east.
James Mannell, 163 Yonge street.
Martin Griffin, Shakespeare.
R. McDonald, Revere house.
Wm. I. Wilson, Adelaide street.
Charles Brewer, 96 Spadina avenue.

Great applause followed the reading of the statement and the announcement of the number of signatures appended to it. Mr. Ross, continuing, insisted that because the Government duly discharged the authority placed in their hands as regards appointing license commissioners they were accused of partisanship, but he would say that the only obstacles placed in the way of the officials of the Government was the Act passed by the friends of hon. gentlemen opposite in Ottawa. Coming then to the charges made by the member for East Northumberland, Mr. Ross explained that according to a decision of the High Court, a police magistrate appointed for one of the united counties was not a county police magistrate, and therefore could not try Scott Act cases. (Great cheering.) Amidst great applause he read a telegram from Chatham stating that the Mr. McNabb who, according to Mr. Clancy, had been appointed a license commissioner under the McCarthy Act, never was appointed to any such office, but had simply been made an inspector.

There was another burst of applause at this, and Mr. Clancy said, amid the laughter of the House, that he did not say Mr. McNabb was made a commissioner, but that he was made an officer.

Mr. Ross continued, making several other good points, and when he sat down there was a widespread feeling that the charges preferred by Mr. Meredith were nothing but absurdities, and that the statements of the journal on which he had relied for in-

formation were nothing but a weak and stupid parody of the great Times-Parnell fiasco.

Dr. Preston thought it very strange that the Government should conduct private investigations into the conduct of the license commissioners in Toronto. The House should be given all the letters alluded to by the hon. Treasurer, and without these they were not in a position to deal with the question in that impartial manner demanded by the gravity of the matter. He then discussed for some time local grievances with a view to show that the license commissioners were appointed from a partisan standpoint.

Mr. Murray said that if East Northumberland were really as bad a place as Mr. Willoughby had pictured it, it must be a terrible place indeed, especially so far as the Conservatives were concerned. He had in his own riding never saw license officials attempt to interfere in elections. If he had, he would not have allowed them to use their influence on his behalf. He thought the Government were doing all they could to perfect the license system, and that the Province was very well satisfied with Mr. Mowat's administration of it.

Mr. Bishop was destined to make the last speech of the evening. He merely rose to state that the hotelkeepers of the South Riding of Huron were nearly all Conservatives, and yet in spite of that had all voted for him. And they did not do it under coercion either, he insisted. They did it simply because he expressed his views on Temperance honestly and in good faith, avowing frankly that he drank a glass of beer when he wanted it; whereas his opponent, whom he had the pleasure of defeating and who was no more of a Temperance man than he was himself, pretended to be a downright teetotaler in order to get the support of the Temperance party, and so between the two stools fell to the ground. He ventured to say that in some others of these cases where coercion was alleged the real facts were very much the same.

Dr. Wylie moved the adjournment of the debate. The Attorney-General wanted to go on an hour or two longer, but Mr. Meredith protested and the Premier gave way.

The House thereupon adjourned at 11.30 p.m.