

PETERBORO', Feb. 5th, 1890.

DEAR SIR,—If we want the Crooks Act made inoperative we must oppose the Mowat Government. Now there is no use of us bothering with politics. Bread and butter and beer is what we want, and if we want to get rid of the prosecutions of the d—d license inspectors, with a big, big D., stick together and we will have the Opposition members vote for us. Leave the leader of the Opposition and his third lieutenant to me and take my word for their good behavior. If we help them they will help us and don't you forget it. Now is our time to bring things to a head.

Yours truly,

H. HOGSHEAD, Brewer.

P.S.—Keep this quiet, for if the Temperance party finds this out it will burst us.

UNIVERSITY PARK LESSEES.

A deputation composed of ex-Mayor Manning, A. H. Campbell, Vice-Chancellor Proudfoot, J. K. Kerr and Hector Cameron, Q.C., waited on the Government and argued that injustice was about to be done to them by the passage of the bill before the House concerning the agreement entered into by the University and the city. They complained that all lessees of city property which faces the park or avenues are liable to local improvement taxes, according to one of the clauses of the bill.

POLICE MAGISTRATE GILLIES.

Mr. John Gillies, police magistrate of Sault Ste Marie, was in the House yesterday looking as if the air of that bracing climate agreed with him. He was cordially welcomed by his old Parliamentary colleagues, Mr. Gillies having been during the last Parliament one of the most genial and popular members of the House. He reports the Soo in a flourishing condition, with splendid prospects for the coming season in building and other industries. He returns home to-morrow.

ACTIONS AT LAW.

Mr. French's bill respecting actions at law was defeated on a straight party vote, the full strength of each side of the House being cast for and against the proposed law. The total number of votes recorded was 66, 24 for the bill and 42 against.

BRIBERY IN ELECTIONS.

The vote on Mr. Whitney's bill showed a large number of absentees, only 49 members being present in the chamber. For the bill, 19; against, 30. The Conservatives who voted for the bill were H. E. Clarke, Cruess, Fell, Hess, Hudson, Lees, Meacham, Mere-

dith, Miller, Morgan, Rorke, Smith (Frontenac), Stewart, Tooley, Whitney, Willoughby and Wigle. The only Liberals who voted the same way were Clarke (Wellington) and Garson. All the Conservatives present voted in a solid phalanx for the bill. Mr. Dack paired with Mr. French.

SIGNS OF THE END.

From the way in which Government stationery, old bills, bills that will never know what it is to become law, and other things of that ilk were flying around and to and fro and about among the members, it is evident that the end of all things is at hand, and that the session will close by the end of the week.

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