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the Government side Mr. Balfour stood up in its support.

Division List.

YEAS.—Balfour, Barr, Bush, Campbell (Algonia), Campbell (Durham), Dunlop, Fell, Glendinning, Godwin, Hammell, Kerns, McCleary, Marter, Meacham, Meredith, Miscampbell, Monk, Preston, Reid, Rorke, Tooley, Whitney, Willoughby, Wood (Hastings), Wylie—25.

NAYS.—Allan, Awrey, Biggar, Blezard, Charlton, Chisholm, Cleland, Connee, Dack, Davis, Dryden, Evanturel, Garrow, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Harcourt, Hardy, Lockhart, McKay (Oxford), McKay (Victoria), McKechnie, McMahon, Moore, Mowat, O'Connor, Rayside, Ross, Smith (York), Tait, Waters, Wood (Brant)—32.

The pairs were:—Hon. Mr. Fraser and Mr. H. E. Clarke, Messrs. Baxter and Sol White, Messrs. Caldwell and McLenaghan, Messrs. Hiscott and Porter, Messrs. C. Mackenzie and Hudson, Messrs. Guthrie and E. F. Clarke, Messrs. Sprague and H. Smith, Messrs. Mack and Metcalfe, Messrs. Bishop and McCoil, Messrs. H. McKenzie and Magwood.

Act Respecting Trust Companies.

Mr. Meredith moved the second reading of his bill extending to companies chartered under the Ontario Joint Stock Companies Letters Patent Act under Federal legislation or by any Provincial authority the power to act as trustees under the act respecting trustees and executors and the administration of estates. He explained the scope of his bill in a twenty-minute speech and was replied to by the Attorney-General, whose speech was a wide review of the objections to such legislation as Mr. Meredith proposed. He asked the House to look at the powers which the bill sought to confer upon other companies than those licensed as trust companies. They were empowered as administrators, trustees, receivers, assignees and guardians of minors. To only two companies had the Government given these wide powers, and in both cases the managers, directors and many of the shareholders were well-known capitalists, of business prudence and high character morally. What Mr. Meredith asked was that the Government sanction any company which the Federal Government or any Province chooses to charter. It was known by experience to be essential that people occupying the position of trustees be amenable to the court giving them the trust, but there might not be within the Province a single shareholder of some company to which the bill would extend such powers. It was very undesirable that the enormous powers of trust companies be extended to companies about which nothing might be known. Besides, there was no public interest at stake—no reason why these powers should not be confined to the Province's own companies. It was true the bill provided for the granting of a license by the Lieutenant-Governor, but the Attorney-General declared that he and his colleagues were not prepared to take the responsibility which the bill sought to put upon them to keep out foreign companies.

It was a few minutes past 6 o'clock and the debate was adjourned. The House a minute afterwards adjourned.

Bills Introduced.

Mr. Awrey brought in an amendment to the General Road Companies Act to-day. The first clause gives the power to cut down underbrush. The second allows companies to mortgage their plant and stock for the construction of roads. At present the law says only reeves of municipalities which are interested in road companies are eligible to sit on the boards of directors of such companies. A clause in Mr. Awrey's bill says that any member of the Municipal Council may be appointed a director on a road company board.

Mr. Miscampbell's amendment to the Assessment Act provides that buildings and improvements on islands which are used as private or public summer resorts shall be exempt from taxation.

An amendment to the act respecting companies formed to provide cities and towns with gas or water, which Mr. Dack introduced to-day, extends the borrowing powers of such companies from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Hon. Mr. Hardy introduced two bills this afternoon. One was respecting settlement duties by purchasers of lands from the Crown and the issue of timber licenses. It is aimed at the removal of all doubt of whatever nature as to the title of lands disposed of by the Crown Lands Department. The other provided for the sale of certain court and gaol and market square reserve in the Village of Shrewsbury, which for twenty years squatters have occupied without payment of rent or taxes.

A bill to amend the Registry Act was brought in by Mr. Monk to-day. It belongs to the economising proposals of which the order paper has this session had quite a number. It provides that the mortgagee in registering a mortgage instead of having the whole instrument registered may just put in the number, date, names of parties, considerations and description, without metes and bounds. That the fee shall be \$1 and a discharge 50 cents. But anyone desirous may register a mortgage in full in a book to be provided for that purpose.

Notices of Motion.

The Attorney-General—Bill for the settlement of questions between the Governments of Canada and Ontario respecting Indian lands; also bill respecting mortgages and sales of personal property in Manitoulin; also bill for the relief of medical practitioners in the Rainy River district.

Mr. Gibson (Huron)—Motion for a return showing the total collections since Confederation up to 31st December, 1890, on Common School lands, together with the percentage paid to the municipalities on account of the Land Improvement Fund.

Mr. Balfour—A copy of the consolidated statutes of the senate of the University of Toronto, dated 1871, and for copies of all statutes since passed by the senate, with the exception of those dealing with the university curriculum and those dealing with Upper Canada College.

Notes.

The only petition given the House was from the County Council of Brant, and was presented by Hon. Mr. Hardy. It was about the control of county gaols.

Mr. John Hall of Sudbury was a visitor at the Legislature to-day in company with Mr. Hammond, the special delegate from the district in protesting against royalty clauses of the new mining bills. Mr. Hall is a prospector who has had experience in Colorado as well as in the Sudbury district. He will be one of the delegates to wait upon the Government to-morrow afternoon.