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 since then. Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) was also opposed to the continuance of the college then. He agreed to vote for the continuance of the college on the understanding that the sum then voted would be a finality. The sum voted had been largely exceeded. He was bound to accept the statement of the Attorney-General that the expenditure was not illegal. But he questioned the morality of it. He concluded that every principle of responsible government as enunciated in the last 50 years had been violated. He would support the amendment moved by Mr. Meredith.

There were cries of "call in the members." The motion to adjourn the debate was withdrawn, and the division on Mr. Meredith's amendment was taken as follows:—

Yeas—Bush, Campbell (Algoma), Campbell (Durham), Clancy, Fell, Glendinning, Godwin, Hammell, Hiscott, Hudson, Kearns, McCleary, McColl, McLenaghan, McMahon, Magwood, Marter, Meacham, Meredith, Miscampbell, Monk, Reid, Smith (Frontenac), Tooley, White, Whitney, Willoughby, Wood (Hastings), Wylie—29.

Nays—Allan, Awrey, Balfour, Baxter, Bishop, Blezard, Barr (Renfrew), Caldwell, Carpenter, Charlton, Chisholm, Conmee, Dack, Davis, Dowling, Dryden, Ferguson, Field, Garrow, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Guthrie, Harcourt, Hardy, Harty, Lockhart, Loughrin, McKay (Oxford), McKay (Victoria), Mack, Mackenzie, C., Moore, Mowat, O'Connor, Paton, Rayside, Robillard, Ross, Sharpe, Snider, Sprague, Stratton, Tait, Waters, Wood (Bramt)—45.

There were eight pairs as follows:—

Liberal.	Conservative.
Bronson,	Preston,
Cleland,	Rorke,
McKenzie, H.,	Barr (Dufferin),
Gilmour.	Clarke, E. F.

There were seven Liberals absent without pairs—Messrs. Evanturel, Biggar, Porter, Fraser, McKechnie, Kirkwood, Smith (York). The House therefore stood as follows:—

	Liberal.	Conservative.
Voted.....	45	29
Absent.....	7	0
Paired.....	4	4
Speaker.....	1	0
Total.....	57	33

The House went into supply, passed an item, and then adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE IN THE ASSESSMENT LAW — PERSONAL EARNINGS UP TO \$700 AND INCOMES TO \$400 EXEMPT.

The Municipal Committee this morning made an important change in the assessment law when discussing Mr. Waters' bill. Hereafter personal earnings up to \$700 or income up to \$400 will be exempt. No exemption on income and earnings combined as shall exceed \$700.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Municipal Committee is called for 10 o'clock to-morrow (Friday), when Mr. Tait's bill to exempt merchants' stocks and the city's bill will be considered. The Committee on Railways is called for 12 o'clock noon, when the Toronto Street Railway Bill will be taken up. The clause regarding Sunday cars may be again considered. The Public Accounts Committee is called for 10.30, and the Printing Committee at 2.30 p.m.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The Public Accounts Committee spent two hours this morning inquiring into the prices charged the Government for groceries. Mr. Montgomery of Eby, Blain & Co.'s was questioned by Mr. Marter and Mr. White. The prices for all classes of groceries were shown to vary greatly, which was about the chief thing established.

A RAILWAY GRANT WANTED.

A deputation of gentlemen interested in mining waited upon the Attorney-General and Mr. Hardy at 7 o'clock and asked that Government aid be given to the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway. They were introduced by Mr. Conmee.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

- Mr. Harcourt—Bill to amend the liquor license law.
- Mr. Awrey—Bill to cheapen the cost of appeals to the Court of Appeal.
- Mr. Meacham—Bill to amend the Liquor License Act.