

... was put into the form of a by-law by the Town Council on the 15th day of May, 1895. The composition of the Council last year was nine Protestants and four Catholics; this year it is seven Protestants and six Catholics. The by-law confirming the understanding (which is altogether disclaimed by the opponents of the bill) having been passed, it is necessary to come to the Legislature to have it confirmed. The proposed distribution of the assessment is that 30 per cent. shall go to the Separate School. In dollars what is in dispute amounts to \$434 a year for ten years additional revenue for the Separate School, and that much less of course for the Public School. In the speeches which were made it was claimed by the Separate School advocates that the support of the Catholic portion of the town was obtained for the Bonus by-laws on the ground of the un-

derstanding that without the "agreement," as they regarded it, the by-laws would not have been carried. Mr. Blake caustically characterized the alleged understanding as an intrigue, and as the price for which the Separate School supporters sold their votes. Mr. Creelman pleaded eloquently for his clients, and effectively presented the arguments in favor of the committee allowing the Town Council of Cornwall to keep faith in the manner it was seeking to do.

Hon. J. M. Gibson summed up the case in this wise:—The understanding had not, in his opinion, been made out in that clear and definite way which would make it binding upon all parties concerned. But even if that had been done, he thought there would be difficulty in getting the bill through. There was always great danger involved in interfering with a general law in such matters. To press the bill would be a departure which might result in the committee being asked to make Separate School law for towns all over the Province. He thought that would be opposed to public policy. The vote resulted in the defeat of the bill by 27 to 8. The attendance at the committee was larger than at any other meeting this session, a fact which evinced the interest which the question aroused. The division list was:—Yeas—Messrs. Bennett, Dana, Field, Harty, Loughrin, McLean (Huron), O'Keefe, Truax—8. Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Caven, Chapple, Crawford, Currie, Dynes, Gamey, Gurd, Hiscott, Hobbs, Kerns, Langford, Little, McCallum, McLaren, McNaughton, McNeill, Magwood, Matheson, Meacham, Pardo, Reid (Addington), Reid (Durham), Ryerson, St. John, Taylor, Whitney—27.

A MINING POLICY.

Mr. Conmee has given notice of the following motion:—"That in the opinion of this House the mineral resources of the Province warrant an active policy for the advancement of our mining and metallurgical industries, and if would be of advantage to the Province should the Government adopt such measures as may insure to all classes of our people, desirous of obtaining the same, a scientific and practical course in mining, engineering and metallurgy in a Provincial School of Mines, fully equipped to impart such courses; and take such further steps as may be necessary to insure the more rapid development of mining and the establishment of metallurgical works for the treatment of the more important economic minerals of the Province."