

had been made in the original bill. During recess a body of clergymen of the Methodist Church had waited on the Government with reference to the bill, and some of them who had seen the amended bill, expressed themselves as highly pleased. There was some indignation expressed by the Opposition members over this, and it was whispered about that Mr. Marter had gone abroad to correct this disposition to be pleased. At all events when he returned the discussion on the estimates ceased and the bill was taken up."

There were, Mr. Marter said, three charges in this short paragraph. The first was that the Opposition, by concerted action, had undertaken to kill time so that the Treasurer would not introduce the bill. This was untrue, and not correct in any way. As to his going about and seeing his friends in reference to the amendments, he had no occasion to do so; he had the bill in his hands in the afternoon, and had he desired to do so he could have consulted them during the afternoon. Mr. Marter was proceeding to deny the statement that there was some indignation among the Opposition members over what had occurred at the temperance deputation in the afternoon, when Mr. Hardy rose to the point of order that Mr. Marter was not speaking on a question of privilege when he dealt with the feelings of other members of the House. Mr. Marter, continuing, said that he was only sorry that the Treasurer had not got at the license bill earlier in the evening, so that he could have replied to him last night, as he would much rather have replied then than on Tuesday next.

Mr. Whitney expressed his regret that the debate last evening had lasted so long. Nothing could be farther from the truth than to say that there was any such action on the part of the Opposition as was suggested, or that there was any desire to delay the discussion of the bill. So far as the editorials in The Globe were concerned the Opposition had no complaint to make, not a word; for the last two or three or four years they had received conspicuous fair play from The Globe, but it was plain to all that during the present session they were not to receive fair play in the reports of debates. Only a few evenings ago in speaking of the division on Mr. Gamey's bill The Globe said that he wished to have the debate adjourned. This was utterly foreign from the truth. The intimation that there was to be no division came from the Government side of the House. On this understanding some members on each side of the House went out, so that at the conclusion of the debate the House was not ready to vote. The proposal that there should be no vote came from the Government side of the House.

Mr. Hardy explained that he was not aware, at the conclusion of the debate, that an understanding had been arrived at between the two sides of the House in his absence that there should be no division, and when the time came for a vote he was willing to take it. He noticed, however, that some of the members of the Opposition were away, and did not force the vote, and so the reporters of The Globe were not in any way to blame.

Mr. Harcourt, in answer to Mr. Whitney's questions, said that the contract for the supply of ice to the Brockville Asylum was awarded to Mr. B. Cowan, the lowest tenderer, at 43 cents per ton.