

when the House adjourned until tomorrow.

Mr. German introduced a bill respecting the Town of Dunnville.

Mr. Loughrin introduced a bill to consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Sudbury.

Mr. Reid (Addington) introduced a bill to consolidate the debt of the Township of Sheffield.

Mr. Bridgland introduced a bill to incorporate the Huntsville & Lake of Bays Railway Co.

Mr. Matheson introduced a bill respecting St. George's Church, Ottawa.

Mr. Carpenter introduced a bill respecting the Town of Goderich.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill respecting the Davenport Methodist Church burying ground.

Hon. Mr. Gibson introduced a bill to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Dryden introduced a bill respecting the Town of Oshawa.

Mr. Brown introduced a bill to amend the municipal drainage act.

Mr. Matheson introduced a bill to amend the municipal act.

Dr. Pyne Failed to Score.

Mr. Pyne (East Toronto) continued his speech on the address. He began by declaring he was in favor of railways and colonization roads in New Ontario, but was of opinion that the energetic member for West Algoma (Mr. Conmee) had succeeded in getting more roads for his constituency than his neighbors. He again asked the Government to say if the R. A. Grant mentioned in connection with the West Elgin commission was the same one as had appeared as agent for Mr. Macnish in West Elgin and also in other constituencies. Mr. Pyne declared he had on Friday shown the connection of the Commissioner of Crown Lands with "the machine" in North Waterloo, where the Commissioner had spent several weeks during the campaign. He had admitted knowing Mr. Lewis.

Hon. Mr. Davis—Will the hon. gentleman state on his responsibility as a member of this House that I committed any improper act in North Waterloo in connection with that election.

Dr. Pyne—I did not say that you did anything wrong in that constituency, but I said you were there when wrongs were committed.

Hon. Mr. Davis—The hon. gentleman is making inferences that he cannot substantiate.

Dr. Pyne—You admitted you interfered for Mr. Cummings, a ballot-stuffer.

Hon. Mr. Davis—I made no admissions. I explained that matter before the House the other night clearly and explicitly, in such a way that I am surprised that the hon. gentleman referred to it again.

Dr. Pyne—The hon. gentleman did admit that he went back and interviewed a returning officer on behalf of Cummings, and if the hon. gentleman wants to do what is right before the people let him go before the commission and make his meaning clear. (Opposition applause.)

Not Responsible for Appointment.

Hon. Mr. Davis then read from the evidence of Mr. McDougall, the returning officer, who stated that his appointment of Cummings was in no way a re-

sult of Mr. Davis' interview, as he would have been appointed in any event.

Dr. Pyne—That does not answer the allegation. I said he was there, and admitted on oath that he had interfered on behalf of Cummings, and he admitted that he did. I say it was wrong; it was indiscreet, and it was more than that, to go there and ask to have a man of that character reappointed.

Hon. Mr. Davis—I must rise to a point of order. I made a statement on the floor of this House that neither in North Waterloo nor elsewhere, at that bye-election or any other election, did I commit any improper act, directly or indirectly, by myself or suggesting the same to anybody else, or anybody else suggesting the same to me. (Ministerial applause.)

Mr. Matheson—I submit that the point is not well taken. The hon. gentleman is giving his own judgment or opinion as to whether he was right or wrong in this case. He admitted on his own evidence that he interfered. We hold it is wrong.

Dr. Pyne—He wants to assume the position before this House of both judge and jury. He wants to try himself. I know what his conclusions would be, but I say he knew Lewis.

Never Knew Lewis.

Hon. Mr. Davis—I did not know him; I never met him in my life. I knew nothing of him except what I saw in the papers.

Dr. Pyne—Does the hon. gentleman know W. T. R. Preston?

Hon. Mr. Davis—Will the hon. gentleman stick to Lewis?

Dr. Pyne—The fact of your knowledge of Lewis was taken from your cross-examination in North Waterloo. The other day I asked you if some of these men who constitute the machine, and who are as well known to the Commissioner of Crown Lands as to anybody else, James Vance, D. F. McDonald, J. W. Thompson, "Cap." Sullivan, Tom Lewis, Duncan Bole, Martin J. Cahill, were not in the employ of this Government.

Hon. Mr. Davis—Not to my knowledge; not one of them.

Dr. Pyne—I am sorry the Minister of Agriculture is not here, because he would know who is—

Hon. members—Who is?

Dr. Pyne—J. W. Thompson.

Premier Ross—He is not, to my knowledge. Does the hon. gentleman know that he is?

Dr. Pyne—Is he in the employ of the Minister of Education?

Premier Ross—He has been. It does not incriminate a man to be in the employ of the Minister of Education any more than for the hon. gentleman to be in the employ of the Medical Society. (Ministerial applause.)

Dr. Pyne—Certainly not, but he is one of this "machine."

Premier Ross—That does not prove that he was a member of the machine.

Dr. Pyne added that Hon. Mr. Davis and Hon. Mr. Gibson had attended a meeting in the Walper House, Berlin, on April 11, to allay party feeling, and claimed that from this admission the work had been very accurately traced to its source. Dr. Pyne concluded his