

Mr. Whitney was surprised that the Commissioner of Crown Lands had not made any reference one way or the other in regard to the amendment. He could not recall a similar instance having occurred during his time in the House, and wondered whether the principles of responsible government were to be thrown to the winds. The Commissioner of Crown Lands had argued that Mr. Miscampbell was ashamed to give him any information as to the account he was interested in. He (Mr. Whitney) thought that the action of Mr. Davis in regard to the question showed that he was both afraid and ashamed. (Opposition applause.) The head of any department would, he thought, be glad to have his books examined by any member of the House in order to show that they were correctly kept. Experts with whom he had discussed the question had, Mr. Whitney concluded, expressed themselves in favor of such a measure as that implied in the amendment.

#### Would Ruin Lumbering.

Mr. Charlton (South Norfolk) asked that the amendment be read again, because the speeches made had not touched upon it at all. Following the reading of the amendment Mr. Charlton said:—"I am opposed to it; it would stop all lumbering, because every tree is less than ten inches at the small end." (Laughter and applause.) Continuing, Mr. Charlton said that the department could not, in fairness to hundreds of lumbermen now holding and working under licenses, introduce any radical changes in regard to the cutting of timber. It would result in heavy loss to the lumbermen.

Mr. Whitney said the amendment referred to logs cut, not to trees as they stood.

#### The Division.

The amendment was voted on and lost on the following division:—

Yeas—Allen, Barr, Beatty (Leeds), Boyd, Carnegie, Colquhoun, Crawford, Dempsey, Duff, Ellber, Fox, Gallagher, Hoyle, Jessop, Joynt, Kidd, Kribs, Little, Matheson, Miscampbell, Monteith, Morrison, Macdiarmid, McDonald, McLaughlin, Reid (Durham), Robson, Thompson, Tucker, Wardell, Whitney—31.

Nays — Auld, Aylsworth, Barber, Blezard, Bowman, Breithaupt, Brown, Burt, Carpenter, Charlton, Conmee, Davis, Dickenson, Douglas, Dryden, Farwell, Gibson, Graham, Gross, Guibord, Harcourt, Hill, Hislop, Holmes, Latchford, Leys, Loughrin, Malcolm, Mutrie, McKee, Pardo, Pattullo, Pettypiece, Preston, Richardson, Ross, Russell, Smith, Stratton, Taylor, Truax—41.

#### Politics and Reformatories.

The House then went into Committee of Supply. On the item of \$30,000 re-voted for the Reformatory for Boys in Oxford County, Dr. Barr (Dufferin) remarked that the construction of this institution was being held over for the general elections.

The Premier asked why politics should be considered as carrying any weight in a county where the Government had majorities of 1,200. Where could the Opposition get that idea

from? In what school were they trained? That idea never entered the Government's mind. They established reformatories where the land was fertile for them. This reformatory would be ready for any of the hon. gentlemen who wanted to retire after the elections were over. (Laughter.) They had not proceeded on the building last year because the expense at Cobourg was unexpectedly large. When the Cobourg institution was finished the Government would try to find a place in Oxford where the people would take a reformatory. They might expect the reformatory in Oxford to go on this year, and that it would be a good building.

Mr. Thompson (Centre Simcoe) contended that the Reformatory for Boys should be left at Penetanguishene.

Mr. Whitney protested against voting on the item without knowing where the reformatory was to be located.

The item passed and the committee rose.

The Premier moved that, in view of the important matter to come before the Railway Committee this morning, the House do not meet until 3 o'clock.

The House adjourned at 10.25.

#### Chances for Capital.

Mr. Robt. Glocking, Labor Commissioner, has received many replies from clerks of municipalities as to manufacturing conditions. The returns so far received show that some 200 new concerns were established during the year, but there are still many opportunities for the investment of capital. The clerks of a large number of towns give details as to the specific kinds of factories which they think could be established with success. These include pork packing establishments, shoe, canning and furniture factories, stove foundries, beet root sugar factories, saw and woollen mills, bicycle works and blast furnaces.

#### Excursion to Temiscaming.

The Bureau of Colonization has about completed arrangements for a land-seekers' excursion to the Temiscaming country toward the latter end of May. The rates will be very low, and will be good for two weeks. The route will be by the Canadian Pacific Railway, through Carleton Place, and by boat through Lake Temiscaming to the upper end.

#### MEAFORD WANTS FAIR PLAY.

**Ask that the Manitoulin Railway Run to the Water's Edge—Discriminatory Freight Rates.**

A deputation consisting of Mayor Hamill, W. T. Moore, President of the Board of Trade, and James Cleland, ex-M.P.P., Meaford, and C. W. Hartman, Clarksburg, waited on Premier Ross yesterday. They asked that provision be made in the bill respecting aid to the Manitoulin & North Shore Railway to insure the construction of the line through Meaford town and down to the water's edge. The Premier pointed out that such provision was already made, but he would make it