

say, \$10 or \$15. They might also bonus bacon or any other agricultural industry; there was no end to the possibilities. The farmers of this country would say no to any such proposition. The difficulty had not been to produce the beets, but it had been that we had no market for them; and the House might go on giving a bonus for the supply of beets until doomsday and still have no market from them unless they could induce capital to provide a market.

Capital is Wanted.

The present bill provided for what they hoped would be a market for the beets in the near future. They had made the bonus as high as they were justified in doing. Suppose we had a factory to make 10,000,000 pounds of sugar per year. That would be valued at, say, \$400,000. It would take 5,000 acres of land to produce beets to make that quantity of sugar. To produce wheat to that value, at the average price and average yield, would take 33,000 acres. Therefore the production of sugar beets was more than six times as profitable as wheat. Thus, the farmers would be satisfied with it without any bonus. (Ministerial applause.)

Mr. Whitney thought horses were different from sugar. They were not as unsalable, for we already had a market for them in Great Britain. If the principle of the bill was right, it would be right to foster the horse industry as they proposed to do the sugar-beet market. Supposing the manufacturers and the farmers differed, the latter would be at the mercy of the former.

Mr. Marter Dissents.

Mr. Marter (North Toronto) said it appeared to him that the bonus asked for in the amendment was quite uncalled for. He could understand that a new industry of this kind just being launched required a bonus. If a company builds a plant it will want beets and will not say it will not take beets. There will be competition in this as in everything else, and competition would regulate the industry. All we wanted was to get a start, and to say the farmers should get a bonus was going too far. (Ministerial applause.)

Farmers' Interests Protected.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt said that no one had given the matter more consideration than himself during the past eighteen months. He agreed with Mr. Marter that if the bill resulted in the establishment of only one factory it would be carrying out the object desired.

The factory must depend upon the farmer for supplies, and the wider the area over which beets were grown the more certain the chances of success.

Continuing, he pointed out that in Saxony, the home of beet-root sugar, the first experiments, lasting over a period of about twelve years, had resulted in bitter disappointment and failure. It was the hope of the Government that the present measure would guard against a like experience in Ontario.

A Majority of Twelve.

The amendment was lost on the following division:—

Yeas—Allen, Barr, Boyd, Brower, Carnegie, Carscallen, Crawford, Dempsey, Duff, Ellber, Fallis, Foy, Fox, Gallagher, Hoyle, Jamieson, Jessop, Joynt, Kidd, Little, Lucas, Matheson, Miscampbell, Monteith, Morrison, Macdiarmid, McDonald, McLaughlin, Reid (Durham), Robson, Thompson, Tucker, Wardell, Whitney—34.

Nays—Auld, Aylsworth, Blezard, Bowman, Breithaupt, Bridgland, Brown, Burt, Caldwell, Carpenter, Charlton, Clarke, Conmee, Davis, Dickenson, Douglas, Dryden, Farwell, Gibson, Graham, Gross, Guilford, Harcourt, Harty, Hill, Hislop, Holmes, Latchford, Leys, Loughrin, Malcolm, Marter, Munro, Mutrie, McKay, Pardee, Pardo, Pattullo, Pettypiece, Preston, Richardson, Ross, Russell, Stratton, Taylor, Truax—46.

The following were paired:—Ferguson and Reid (Addington), Lumsden and Powell, Smith and Kribs, Beatty (Parry Sound) and Pyne, Barber and Colquhoun, McKee and Beatty (Leeds).

University Bill Amended.

The bill respecting the University of Toronto was again taken up in committee and amended in some particulars. The Dean of the arts faculty was added to the appointments by the Government, and provision made also that he shall be a member of the senate. The clauses relating to the federation of Trinity University were in part struck out and new ones substituted providing that Trinity is hereby empowered to enter into any agreement which it may deem expedient to make with the trustees for the purpose of effecting federation; that such agreement shall not have effect unless assented to by the University Senate and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor; that upon such agreement being assented to by the senate, the federation may be declared by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor.

Land for Science Building.

Mr. Whitney drew attention to the clauses providing for the occupation of a site on university land by the Government for a science building. He said the Government were taking more land than was needed.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt said the site chosen on College street was a commanding one and very important. The Premier had given the university authorities assurance that all the remaining frontage not used for the science building would be devoted to educational purposes, using the word in the wider sense. It was suggested that an art museum might, perhaps, be located there by the city. He assured Mr. Whitney that not more land would be taken for the building than was necessary, but at present it was impossible to say how much would be required.

The committee reported progress and will consider the bill again to-day.

The St. Joe Railway.

In committee the Thunder Bay, Nipigon & St. Joe Railway bill was amended so as to make it clear that the lands