

## CLAUSES.

## THE VOTE TAKEN IN THE LEGISLATURE.

## One Conservative Member Who Could Not Stand With His Party — Mr. MacKay's Finesse on the Petawawa Camp Matter.

The vote in the Legislature on the motion for the second reading of Mr. Graham's bill to amend the liquor license act by repealing the three-fifths local option vote clauses was reached at too late an hour to permit of its being reported in detail yesterday morning. The motion was, of course, opposed by the Government side, an amendment that the bill be read a second time three months hence being moved by Mr. Lackner. An amendment to the amendment was moved by Hon. Mr. Hanna to the effect that the House was confident that the Government would, from time to time, propose such changes to the clauses as experience showed to be necessary, and ordering that the bill be read a second time six months hence. This carried by a vote of 51 to 20, Mr. Gallagher, the Conservative member for Frontenac, voting with the Opposition, as did, also, Mr. Studholme, the Labor member.

## Mr. MacKay's Finesse.

Later, on introduction by the Premier of a resolution in regard to the action of the Minister of Militia respecting the Petawawa military camp site, Mr. MacKay gave another example of the finesse which he displayed throughout the session, and used with such good effect. He succeeded in getting the Premier to modify the wording of the resolution in such a manner as to remove all seeming offensiveness, while at the same time taking away none of its strength. The suggestions were advanced with moderation and tact, and accepted in good spirit, with the result that unanimous support was given to the resolution. The vote on Hon. Mr. Hanna's motion, which resulted in the throwing out of Mr. Graham's bill, was as follows:

Yeas—Aubin, Bowyer, Bradburn, Brower, Calder, Carnegie, Clark (Bruce), Dargavel, Devitt, Downey, Duff, Eilber, Ferguson (Cardwell), Ferguson (Greaville), Fisher, Fox, Foy, Fraser, Galna, Gamey, Hanna, Hendrie, Hodgins, Hoyle, Kerr, Lackner, Lennox, Lewis, Lucas, McCowan, McElroy, McNaught, Matheson, Monteith, Montgomery, Morrison, Pattinson, Paul, Pearce, Pratt, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Preston (Port Arthur), Pyne, Smellie, Smyth, Sutherland, Torrance, Whitney and Willoughby—50.

Nays—Atkinson, Auld, Clarke, Currie, Gallagher, Graham, Hislop, Kohler, Labrosse, McCoig, McMillan, MacKay, Munro, Pense, Preston (Brant), Racine, Reed, Ross, Smith (Sault Ste. Marie), Studholme.—21.

The following were paired:—Cochrane — Harcourt, Dunlop — Tudhope, Reaume—Bowman, Tucker—Anderson, Nixon—Smith (Peel), McGarry—Cameron, Neely—Thompson (Wentworth), Thompson (Simcoe)—May.

The following bills received a third reading:—

Respecting the weekly court—Mr. McDougall.

The statute law amendment act—Hon. Mr. Foy.

Mr. Graham moved an amendment to the act to consolidate the manhood suffrage registration act, to provide that the privilege of registration of votes be extended to all towns. This was voted down, and the bill given a third reading.

The usual measure for the payment of the full sessional indemnities to the members was approved of. It was also provided that the full indemnity be paid to the widow of the late G. N. Kidd, the member for Carleton.

## The Algonquin Park.

To Mr. May the Premier replied that if a permit were granted for a hotel in Algonquin Park, the question of a liquor license would come up, and they would refuse to grant it. The Government had never considered the idea of appointing a commission to govern the park.

## The Petawawa Camp Site.

The Premier called attention to a bill passed in committee in the Senate in relation to the Port Arthur Power Development Company 24 hours after the resolution adopted there in respect to the alleged safeguarding of Provincial rights. The company, under the bill, was given the right to develop powers on the Pigeon, Nepigon and Black Sturgeon Rivers, in this Province, and, according to an amendment inserted in the bill, the only control given to Ontario had regard to public health, a right they now already enjoyed. Proceeding, the Premier referred to the Petawawa camp site, and the action of the Dominion Government in deciding to confiscate some 55,000 acres, on the ground of right under the British North America act. He quoted from Ottawa despatches giving Hon. Mr. Aylesworth's views on the matter, and expressed the view that that gentleman had merely expressed his opinion on the matter from a legal point at the request of the Minister of Militia. He moved a resolution that the House agree to present an address to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, expressing surprise and regret at the action of the Dominion authorities in expropriating without the consent of the Province 55,000 acres of its land, with the timber, with the stated intention of making no compensation; that the House approved of the course taken by the Government in protesting, and would assist them in resisting an act of aggression, accompanied by an unwarranted accusation of bad faith on the part of the Province.

## The Opposition Agrees.

Mr. Graham produced a telegram from the Department of Militia which said that the Ontario Government had negotiated for Niagara camp grounds in exchange. This was refused. He would infer that the timber licensees on the Petawawa site were asking for more than their rights were worth, and the Dominion Government expropriated with a view to the future settlement with the Province. The question undoubtedly turned on the construction of the British North America act.

Messrs. MacKay and May thought the last words of the resolution were unnecessary, and the Premier expressed a willingness to cut out everything after the word "aggression."

Mr. McDougall was opposed to the whole attitude of the Premier.