

slightest hint of any such and its introduction at the hour raised a storm of indignation among the members of the Opposition.

#### Caucus Not a Love Feast.

The Tory caucus which was held yesterday was not exactly a love feast. A number of the Government's supporters took strong objection to the Premier's departure from what he has in the past claimed to be principle in his policy, that is to say, that the elections should be held on the same day. It was pointed out to the Premier that his proposals might recoil upon him and his party with disastrous effect.

The Premier defended his action by saying that the only districts which would be affected would be Port Arthur, Fort Frances and Rainy River. He stated that in these districts the enumerators had failed to commence their work at the proper time, and, consequently, the preparation of the lists had been delayed. Mr. Whitney also informed the caucus that the enumerators in those districts had been doubled and every effort would be made to prepare the lists in time for use on the general date. He also urged that the supporters of the Government should assist, presumably by refraining from making speeches, in bringing the session to a close, and enabling prorogation to take place on Saturday.

#### Moved the Second Reading.

In the House the Attorney-General moved the second reading of the bill. Referring to the clause, he said that it had been pointed out that it might be considered objectionable. He had been inquiring to see if there were any danger of the lists in any of the unorganized districts not being ready, and he found that if the time for notice of appeals were reduced from thirty to ten or fifteen days there would not be the slightest danger of the returning officers not having the lists ready.

Mr. MacKay—Could the time for appeal and publication run concurrently? I am informed that in Nipissing the enumerator was given five townships on the 2nd of April.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane—The work is well in hand.

Hon. Mr. Foy said that in the Port Arthur district two enumerators had been appointed.

Mr. MacKay—Of course I need not argue that it is desirable that all the elections should be held on one day.

Premier Whitney—There must be no question about delay, and we do not suggest that there should be. I don't know why more time is not given for the preparation of these lists. As it stands at present, it means that, with the returning officer unable to postpone the election for a day or two, if the lists are not ready there can be no election at all.

Mr. MacKay—This is very strong, leaving it to the Lieut.-Governor in Council and the returning officer.

Premier Whitney—The Lieut.-Governor in Council can withdraw every word.

Mr. MacKay—That is a different matter. It does not put the responsibility on this Legislature.

Hon. Mr. Foy said that the members for the organized districts had urged that the elections should be held on one day.

Hon. Mr. MacKay said he understood that all elections would be held the same day, and the Premier assented.

#### Payments by Detectives.

Hon. R. Harcourt took exception to the bill providing for the auditing of the public accounts. He pointed out that the bill practically provided for a secret service fund, and he could not see why there should be any payment which should not be fully explained to the Auditor. He could not see how the giving of that information to the Auditor could do any harm.

The Provincial Secretary stated that occasionally the Provincial detectives, in carrying out their duties, had to make payments in order to secure information. It was not desirable that these matters should be made public. The bill proposed that the certificate of the Attorney-General should be sufficient.

The following private bills were passed through committee and then read a third time:—Respecting the town of Midland, Mr. Tudhope; respecting the old burial ground in the town of Hespeler; respecting the town of Uxbridge, Mr. Hoyle.

The Toronto bill was given its second reading and will come up in committee to-morrow.

Hon. Col. Matheson introduced a bill to enable the Government to accept payment from the Dominion Government of \$1,900,000 in settlement of claims and payment by the Province

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## Province to Guarantee Its Debenture Stock to the Extent of \$1,500,000.

## ELECTIONS ALL ON SAME DAY.

## An Attempt Was Made to Have New Ontario Rid- ings Vote Later.

Government Vote Down Motion to Repeal Three-fifths Clause—Opposition Leader's Motion With Regard to Financing of University of Toronto Also Defeated—Conservative Member Opposes Railway Guarantees.

In the Legislature yesterday the Hon. A. J. Matheson, Provincial Treasurer, introduced a bill under which the Province will guarantee the bonds of the Canadian Northern Railway for the extension of their line from Sudbury to Moose Mountain, to Key Inlet, on the Georgian Bay, and branches to the Garrow mine and to Orillia, about 50 miles in all. The guarantee is for \$20,000 a mile. In security the Province will hold a mortgage on the works. The new mortgage will include that on sections of the line from Toronto to Sudbury already constructed, and the entire guarantee, including terminals, will amount to about \$1,500,000.

Under pressure not only from the Opposition but from their supporters, the Government withdrew the clause in the statute amendment act under which the elections for the New Ontario constituencies could be held on a different date to that on which those for the rest of the Province are held. Premier Whitney gave to the leader of the Opposition a definite promise that all the elections should be held on the same day.

It looked as if the Government would have a hot fight on their hands yesterday morning unless they dropped a clause which had been introduced in the statute amendment act, and which empowered them to hold the elections in New Ontario just whenever they liked. As the bill was originally presented to the House it did not contain the