

NOT EASILY MOVED FROM ALLEGIANCE

Premier Whitney's Speech on Reciprocity.

STRAIGHT PARTY DIVISION.

Leader of Ontario Government Replies to Opponents.

Sir James Declares Canada is Too
Strongly Bound to the Empire to
be Tempted Away by Trade Ad-
vantages.

At the close of a debate that continued for a week, the Legislature yesterday voted down Hon. A. G. MacKay's amendment to Sir James Whitney's anti-reciprocity resolution and carried the resolution itself. The long-drawn-out discussion, running into three night sessions, left matters exactly as they stood when the Prime Minister introduced the subject of reciprocity into the House. Not a member on either side forsook the ranks, and the two motions placed before the House resulted in a straight party division. The amendment was lost by seventy-five to seventeen, and the resolution carried by seventy-four to seventeen, the change in the vote being due to the disappearance from the Chamber of Hon. I. B. Lucas. Mr. Allan Studholme voted with the Opposition.

The Division.

The vote stood as follows:—

Yeas—Messrs. Bowman, Clarke (Northumberland), Kohler, McCart, McCormick, McEwing, MacKay (Grey), Mackay (Oxford), Mayberry, Proudfoot, Racine, Reed (Wentworth), Reid (Renfrew), Stock, Studholme, Truax, Tudhope—17.

Nays—Messrs. Aubin, Beck, Bradburn, Brewster, Brower, Calder, Carscallen, Charters, Clark (Bruce), Cochrane, Craig, Dargavel, Devitt, Donovan, Duff, Ferguson (Simcoe), Ferguson (Grenville), Fisher, Fox, Foy, Fraser, Fripp, Gallagher, Galna, Gamey, Gooderham, Grigg, Hanna, Hearst, Hendrie, Howitt, Hoyle, Innes, Jamieson, Jessop, Johnson, Lackner, Lennox, Lucas, McCowan, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, McNaught, McPherson, Macdiarmid, Machin, Mahaffy, Mason, Matheson, Morel, Musgrove, Neely, Nesbitt, Nickle, Nixon, Norman, Pattinson, Paul, Pearce, Pratt, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Preston (Rainy River), Pyne, Reaume, Richardson, Shillington, Smelle, Thompson (Simcoe), Thompson (Peterboro'), Torrance, Whitesides, Whitney, Wilson—75.

The members were put upon record not only on Hon. Mr. MacKay's amendment, but also upon the original resolution of Sir James Whitney. When the Liberal leader called for the yeas and nays on the original motion blank dismay settled on the faces of some of the Conservatives. This is accounted for by the fact that some of them had said that if the amendment had not been worded so strongly they might have voted for it and against the resolution; the second vote placed them squarely on the affirmative side of the resolution itself. Some of them apparently were apprehensive of what their rural constituents

would say to them.

Pairs and Absentees.

Twelve members were absent from the House when the first vote was taken. G. W. Sulman, West Kent, and J. C. Elliott, West Middlesex, and Dr. C. N. Anderson, South Essex, and D. R. McDonald, Glengarry; J. J. Carrick, Port Arthur; J. A. ed. John Shaw, North Toronto; J. W. Doyle, North Middlesex; P. H. Bowyer, East Kent; H. Ellber, South Huron; Forbes Godfrey, West York; D. R. McDonald, Glengarry; J. A. Ross, Monck, and G. H. Pharand, Prescott, were the other absentees. Messrs. Doyle, McDonald and Shaw were the only members who gave no reasons for their non-appearance. The others, according to the explanation given, were absent either on account of illness or business.

After the first vote was taken Hon. Mr. Lucas left the Chamber. Col. Craig of East Wellington tried to follow suit, but he sat down when the Liberal members turned the laugh on him. Mr. Dan. Reed's vote against the resolution evoked a round of applause, for his constituents are principally fruit men.

A Burst of Patriotism.

Before the vote was taken Captain Machin of Kenora started singing "The Maple Leaf." The Liberals had received the tip that the Government members were going to do a little "playing to the gallery," and destroyed the well-planned effect by joining heartily in the song. The members solemnly sang every verse and then passed on to "Rule Britannia."

Then Mr. Herb. Lennox of North York called for cheers for the King, and the members rose to sing the National Anthem. The crowds in the galleries rose, too, and added their voices to the volume of sound from the floor of the House.

When it was all over, the Whips came in and the vote was taken.

The Prime Minister's Reply.

The division came at the conclusion of Sir James Whitney's address. The Prime Minister spoke for over an hour, but covered little new ground, his remarks being practically identical with those uttered in the address with which he moved the resolution. He declared that the arguments of the Opposition leaders were based upon mere business advantage, regardless of sentiment, and wound up by declaring that it would take many trifling increases on this or that product to turn Canada away from the Imperial path it was following.

Are Not in the "Dead Past."

Sir James began by brushing aside Hon. A. G. MacKay's references to the position taken in the past by Sir John Macdonald and Conservative Governments.

"I am not disputing the statements of my honorable friend," he said. "But it is idle to suggest for one moment that the views of Sir John Macdonald, the views of Hon. George E. Foster or the views of Sir Charles Tupper on reciprocity, either restricted or unrestricted, a generation and a half ago, affect in the slightest degree the question of what we are to do with regard to the matter before us to-day.

"We are not concerned with the old past, we are in the living present," he declared, amid Government applause.

Conditions Have Changed.

In admitting that the Conservatives of Sir John Macdonald's time, and even later, were actively in favor of reciprocity, Sir James held that the situation had changed. Many people who were then in favor of reciprocity would not be to-day.

"Thank God," he said, "the Dominion has emerged from a condition of pitiable childhood, from that stage when it was at the mercy of the sport and plaything of an inimical nation to the south."

Canada, he added, was now grown strong and self-reliant, ready to stand forth in the congress of nations as the foremost part of the British Empire.

The "Mossback Toryism."

Sir James stated that the supporters of reciprocity were trying to convince the Conservatives that they should take a certain stand just be-