

1910 that the Government had failed to do justice to the artisan and farmer, and if the latter put their heads together they would wake up the men who shrugged their shoulders and said the proposition was one of those things labor agitators were clamoring for. "Let us appoint a committee," concluded Mr. Marshall; "then the matter can be looked into, and if the proposition is impracticable it can be rejected."

As none of the Conservative members expressed a desire to speak the vote was then taken, and Sir James Whitney's "six months' hoist" idea was adopted by forty-one to nine.

Keep the Fourteen Judges.

The House then went in committee on Hon. Mr. Foy's bill respecting the Supreme Court of Ontario and the administration of justice in Ontario, Mr. Rowell suggesting that the clause relating to Supreme Court Judges should be changed in order to provide for twelve Judges instead of fourteen. The suggestion was immediately rejected.

Mr. Proudfoot (Centre Huron) suggested revising section 39, clause 2, pointing out that at present they had Judges appointing themselves Judges of a certain court.

He did not think the Judges had power to appoint and constitute themselves members of a board to which they did not belong. It was a question worthy of consideration. There was a good deal of question among the profession at the present time whether the second division had any power to deal with appeals that were being raised at present.

Sir James and Hon. Mr. Foy spoke at once, both favoring "standing pat."

Mr. Rowell inquired of the Attorney-General what was the character of the legislation now being considered by the Dominion Government regarding the Appellant Court, and was told that the Appellant division is being substituted for the Court of Appeal.

Discussing another clause of the bill, Mr. Proudfoot advocated going back to the position they were in in 1909, when they had the Court of Appeal and the Divisional Courts. That would suit the profession and the Judges much better, he declared. He pointed out that judgment had not yet been given of cases tried in January last.

Before adjournment Mr. Hearst introduced a bill to amend the surveys act. The practice had been to deduct the acreage of lakes when making surveys, but recently a Judge had held, notwithstanding that fact, that the line should be run in the centre between the north and south boundaries. Wherever lakes were shown on the original plan of the surveyor they remained in possession of the Crown.

Another bill to amend the Ontario voters' lists acts affected the preparation of lists in unorganized districts. The proposal was to appoint a chief enumerator who would have power to appoint deputies and filing their returns with the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, thus doing away with the necessity of passing an order in Council in each case.
