

BILINGUAL MEASURE FOUGHT BY MINORITY

But Bill Carries in Legislature by 68 to 5

**Mr. Rowell Backs Premier Hearst in
Requiring Minorities to Obey the
Law—Mr. Pinard Calls for "Home
Rule" for Ottawa.**

By a vote of sixty-eight to five the Legislature yesterday defeated a motion by Mr. J. A. Pinard (East Ottawa); seconded by Mr. Zotique Mageau (Sturgeon Falls), to give six months' hoist to the bill of Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, respecting the Roman Catholic separate schools of Ottawa and providing for indemnifying the Commissioners appointed by the Government last year for disbursements amounting to nearly \$300,000. The expenditures were made when a school Commission was appointed by the Government after the Ottawa Separate School Board refused to carry out the regulations of the Department of Education.

French-Canadians Unite.

The only members who voted for the Pinard-Mageau motion were the mover and seconder and Messrs. Ducharme, Racine and Evanturel, all French-Canadians. The only other French-Canadian member of the House, Mr. Henri Morel of East Nipissing, who is a Conservative, was present during the debate, but did not remain to vote. All the Liberals, with the exception of the French members, voted with the Government.

The bill, which was given second reading, provides for payment of the money in question out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to be a debt to his Majesty pending action, brought to recover the money from the rate-payers involved.

Mr. Mageau's Appeal.

In a spirited speech Mr. Mageau declared the French-Canadian members, notwithstanding that their speeches had fallen on stony ground, did not intend to quit fighting. The Government was "asking us to legalize a theft." The money had been wasted in Ottawa, and "you can take it for granted the people of Ottawa are not going to submit to this sort of thing. You are just building for more trouble, and if that is what you are looking for, more trouble you will have, because this new Commission will not have easier sailing than the old Commission had. It would be a matter of good policy for the Government to leave well enough alone and amend Regulation 17, so that not only the people of Canada but the people of the whole world will understand what it means."

The remarks of Mr. Mageau were warmly supported by Messrs. Pinard, Racine and Evanturel. Mr. Pinard urged that the bill should be withdrawn, because it would not help to settle the difficulties which confronted the people of Ottawa. Mr. Racine said the bill was unfair. He had been told by the School Inspector in Russell county that the schools in the eastern section of the Province were pretty close to carrying out Regulation 17. "Why exonerate the Commission when they did not do what was right?" he asked.

Premier Urges Conciliation.

Premier Hearst did not like the language of Mr. Mageau, who had said, "We are going to fight this bill, and we are going to fight Regulation 17." He declared that nothing but a spirit of conciliation actuated the Government, "but we have a duty to perform. We are advised that the regulation is the best means of meeting the case, and so long as that is the view it will be enforced by this Government. (Applause.) Not only is Regulation 17 not impracticable and unworkable, but my information is

that it has proved practicable and workable in every school in which a sincere attempt has been made to carry it out."

Minorities and the Law.

Mr. Rowell said the Ottawa School Board should not act in a defiant manner. "Under our system of government it does not lie open to the minorities for the time being to openly refuse to obey the law." It was a difficult situation to deal with, but the Government had the responsibility of solving the problem and working it out to a proper and satisfactory solution, and he would not put anything in the way of the Government reaching the best possible solution.

Asks for "Home Rule."

The other "bilingual bill," that respecting the appointment of a Commission for the Ottawa separate schools, was immediately taken up in committee, and Mr. Mageau offered to the first clause an amendment providing that members of the Commission should be chosen from French-Canadian supporters of such schools. "It is only fair that 'Home Rule for Ireland' should be given to the city of Ottawa," commented Mr. Mageau. The amendment was straightway voted down.

Then Mr. Pinard (East Ottawa) offered an amendment to clause four providing that "an appeal from such determination shall be made to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, and a further appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada." The amendment was rejected.

An amendment brought in by Hon. Dr. Pyne that the act come into force by proclamation was adopted.

Mr. Pinard thought that after the Government's experience with the previous bill, which was declared by the Privy Council unconstitutional, they might submit the present bill, before enacting it, to the Supreme Court. This amendment was turned down.

The bill as amended passed committee.

TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION APPROVED IN LEGISLATURE

**MR. M'DONALD OBJECTS TO IN-
CLUSION OF DR. SEATH —
LOANS TO FARMERS.**

By a vote of 30 to 15, the Legislature yesterday approved the proposal in the teachers' superannuation bill that certain officers of the Department of Education should share in superannuation the same as the teachers and inspectors.

Mr. William McDonald took particular notice of Dr. Seath, Superintendent of Education. "The idea of putting the Superintendent of Education, drawing a salary of \$4,700, on a superannuation basis, whereby he will receive \$1,000 a year superannuation, is preposterous," he remarked. Dr. Seath, he maintained, had "acted like a Czar" in the department.

The bill authorizing the Government to make loans to farmers upon permanent improvements was passed in committee, after a clause had been added providing that township Councils having approved of an application for a loan might make temporary advancements of money to an applicant to meet his needs until the Government loans had been received.

The Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday afternoon reported, on a division, the bill providing that \$200,000 in the reserve funds of the Order of Canadian Home Circles be distributed by the Registrar of Friendly Societies to beneficiaries in payment of certain obligations.