

MINISTRY WINS IN "SNAP" VOTE BY 29 MAJORITY

**Independents Force First
Division of Session on
Minor Point**

55 FOR AND 26 AGAINST

Opposition emanating from the "Independent" party of the Ontario Legislature, which sits on the back row of the Opposition benches, equidistant from Liberal and Conservative Leaders, forced the first division of the session in the Legislature yesterday.

M. M. MacBride, South Brant, demanded a vote of the members upon the second reading of a comparatively unimportant bill introduced by W. A. Crockett, Labor member for South Wentworth, which would compel municipalities to extend certain sanitary relief to suburban areas.

Apply to Whole Province.

Although Mr. Crockett's aim was to remedy certain conditions which he described as very bad in the township of Barton, adjacent to Hamilton, the mandatory powers extended to the Provincial Board of Health, which was to supervise drainage and water requirements, would, of course, extend to every municipality in the Province. The final vote to give Mr. Crockett's bill second reading and send it to committee was 55 for and 26 against.

When the vote was counted up, every single member on the Government side was found supporting the measure, together with a dozen or so Opposition members, noteworthy among whom were: Charles McCrea, Sudbury (Conservative); F. Wellington Hay, Liberal Leader; T. Marshall, Lincoln (Liberal); Z. Mageau, Sturgeon Falls (Liberal), and W. J. Bragg, Durham (Liberal). Four Conservatives, Messrs. McCrea, Rankin, Nickle and Joynt, voted with the Government. The Independents — Messrs. MacBride, Halcrow, McNamara, and Lang, the latest addition, voted solidly against the bill.

Opposition as voiced by the "Nays," was not so much to the principle of the measure as to the haste with which its proponents desired to have it put through.

Sees Some Merit in It.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Conservative Leader, said he saw some merit in it, in spite of its drastic nature, and he thought possibly Hamilton and the township could be induced to get together.

Hon. Thomas Crawford took a somewhat similar position. After Mr. Crockett explained that the idea was not exactly to give suburban areas something for nothing, K. K. Homuth (Labor), South Waterloo, said that if the townships were willing to pay something for the city connections, the bill might well go to committee.

Mr. MacBride, R. R. Hall (Parry Sound), Hon. Walter Rollo and G. G. Halcrow (Hamilton), however, opposed the principle of the bill in varying degrees of vigor.

Attorney-General Raney urged committee consideration, and pointed to the safeguard in the bill of reference to the Ontario Railway Board. In committee, he thought, the Railway Board might be given even further jurisdiction in connection with its operation.