

Sat. Mar. 29th

The only Lutheran on the committee, W. G. Weichel (Conservative, North Waterloo), stated that he had not heard a single dissenting voice in all his constituency.

Hon. Thomas Crawford considered that, as the bill had passed the constituted courts of the various Churches, they were bound to give it effect.

Northumberland Favors Union.

Sam Clarke (Liberal, West Northumberland), referred to past amalgamations of Churches, and said that they never now hear of objections though there were many objections heard when the proposal was discussed. His constituency was in favor of Union, he said. If they did not have a proper mandate from these Churches then he did not know where they would get a mandate.

Hon. Dougall Carmichael (Progressive, Centre Grey) thought they were pretty well agreed that the rights of the minority were not protected. Where would the people go who did not wish to go into Union? He fancied a good many of them would not ally themselves with any Church. He was not sure that better work would be done under Union than when each went its separate way.

Await Better Feeling.

In view of the opposition that was looming up to the bill, A. C. Garden (Conservative, West Hamilton) thought that it should be sent back to the people. It was not certain at all, he said, if there was a minority now opposing it. Send it back, he urged, and await a better feeling between the opposing parties. This would be developed, he thought, if the whole question was allowed to stand over for another year.

To pass legislation in the Provincial House that might be turned down at Ottawa was only going to stultify the committee, E. W. J. Owens, Conservative for Southeast Toronto, thought. He was opposed to the bill, and would never be a party, he said, to the taking away of the religious liberties of any people.

The vote on the amendment was then taken, and the committee adjourned to meet on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.