

Not Even to Premier.

Mr. Raney—May I pass the report across the floor to the Prime Minister?

"Not on your life," cried the Conservatives.

"Trying the cellar now, when he couldn't find the back door," said Mr. MacBride dryly.

The Speaker—If the honorable gentleman had apprised me of what was in his report I would have given it some consideration and study. But I'm not going to be blindfolded into allowing something to go into votes and proceedings that possibly might contain implications against members. I will say the report is out of order.

LEGISLATORS CHEER HEADS OF CHURCHES AS MEASURE PASSES

Amended Bill Gives Right of Vote to Specified Con- gregations Where Hard- ships Exist at Present Time

AMENDMENT MOVED, THEN WITHDRAWN

At a 20-minute session before the House opened for afternoon sitting the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday reported with several amendments A. C. Lewis's bill amending the United Church of Canada Act.

As a result of conferences held by the United Church and Non-concurring Presbyterian representatives with Attorney-General Nickle during the past two days, the clause providing for a new vote before Oct. 1 next in cases where a vote has been voided through irregularity was dropped and a new one substituted providing for a vote in a few specified cases. The clause giving the Church Property Commission mandatory powers was also eliminated.

Clause Added.

As reported to the House later in the day, the bill contains, in addition to the preamble and formal clauses, only two sections. One reads: "Section 8 of the act is amended by adding thereto the following clause: 'No action or other proceeding questioning the validity or effect of any such vote shall be brought after March 31, 1926.'"

A new Section 3 provides that notwithstanding anything contained in the 1925 act, a new vote shall be taken by the following congregations: Dalhousie Mills, South Lancaster, Conn, Richmond Hill, Burlington and Maple Valley, upon a list of persons entitled to vote, to be settled by a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario, such Judge to be appointed by the Attorney-General. Notwithstanding anything done or determined heretofore, the said Judge shall have exclusive power to declare who shall be entitled to vote.

Conditions of Vote.

In the case of Burlington a new vote shall not be taken if within 60 days from coming into force of this act the parties concerned shall arrive at an agreement whereby the United Church shall receive \$13,000, with the amount paid by the United Church congregation on account of indebtedness of the Church for repairs since Oct. 21, 1925, being approximately \$1,300.

A new vote shall not be taken by any of the congregations mentioned in the event of settlement being made by the parties concerned, and the terms thereto being communicated to the Judge.

The Non-concurring congregations may each pay their respective representatives as may be considered proper, and Chairman Falconbridge of the Commission, in view of unexpected demands upon his services, is to receive \$5,000.

Good Spirit Shown.

When Mr. Nickle called the committee to order he referred to the good spirit shown by both sides to the controversy. He then reported adjustment of difficulties at Beamsville, Pembroke, Grimsby, Tillsonburg, Avonbank, Motherwell, St. George and Kintore. At Tillsonburg, where the Scott Fund of \$5,000 was awarded by the Commission to the Presbyterians, the parties agreed to split half and half.

Owen Sound representatives discussed their problem for an afternoon and evening, and went away with a tentative agreement which they were confident would be approved. There was no report from the Chairman on the problems at Waterloo and Embro, as the Commission had made no recommendation.

Approval was given the bill with practical unanimity, and A. Sweet of Dundas called for three cheers for the Attorney-General at the adjournment, in recognition of his mediative efforts. Mr. Nickle responded by calling for three cheers for the representatives of the Churches.

M. M. MacBride, Conservative member for Brant South, in the Legislature yesterday, moved an amendment to A. C. Lewis's bill to