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LIBERALS PROTEST SPEAKER'S RULING AND ARE OUTVOTED

Elgin Member Halted in Long Point Road Allegations

DENIAL BY MR. FINLAYSON

Unfinished Reference Made About "Letter" From Prime Minister

The remarks of E. Blake Miller, Liberal stalwart from East Elgin, criticizing the Government in the Budget debate, when he referred to duck-shooting at Rondeau Park, and a Government-built road at Long Point, near Fort Rowan, had a spectacular sequel in the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon.

In fact, they resulted in an appeal by William E. N. Sinclair from a ruling of Hon. William D. Black, Speaker of the Assembly, and the sustaining of that ruling by a solid Conservative vote. That vote might be termed a division, for it had all the earmarks of one, but there was apparently some confusion on this point, for the ruling was backed by a show of hands, and five minutes later the division bell rang.

Finlayson Makes Reply.

The first move in this sequel to Mr. Miller's Budget address came from Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, who had been absent from the House during Mr. Miller's speech. He had read the East Elgin member's charges in the press, and yesterday he took the occasion to make a reply.

When the Minister had explained the difference between private and Government property at Rondeau, and had given his explanation of how and why the Government built the Long Point road at a cost of \$37,735, Mr. Miller proposed to reply. So that he might speak to the extent of ten minutes he moved the adjournment of the House, and then continued his statements.

He came to a review of his statements as to the building of the Long Point road. "The question that I raised," said he, "was that the building of the road was used for political purposes in the campaign of 1926 to induce votes to elect the Minister of Agriculture. Promises were made on the hustings and I may say that I understand that the Prime Minister by a letter——"

Speaker Intervenes.

But just at that moment the Speaker stopped him with a call to order. He declared that Mr. Miller was interjecting a new matter into the discussion. Mr. Miller did not finish his sentence, but as he persisted with another remark, the Speaker ruled him out of order.

At once Mr. Sinclair appealed that ruling, the first appeal of an order from the Speaker this year. The Government members sustained the ruling with a roar of "Yea." But Mr. Sinclair was not satisfied when the Speaker said that the "yeas" outnumbered the "nays" and said: "Call in the members."

Big Show of Hands.

There were a few moments of noise throughout the House, conversation among the members and then a vote by a show of hands was called. A forest of Conservative hands arose. Then when the negative vote was called, the Liberals voted solidly behind Mr. Sinclair. But while a few Progressives voted with the Liberals, others did not raise a hand at all.

After this voting, Mr. Miller continued his address. Other members added their statements. In the midst of it all the division bell rang. The members continued speaking. Later, Mr. Miller, seeking to reply to words from Hon. George S. Henry, leading the