

APRIL 16

## House Advocates 'Yes' Vote Just Prior to Prorogation

The Ontario Legislature last night, just prior to prorogation, passed a resolution that "this Legislature urge the people of Ontario to vote yes on the plebiscite."

The resolution was moved by Colonel T. L. Kennedy (Con., Peel), and seconded by Ian Strachan, K.C., Liberal whip and member for St. George.

The voting, as to its unanimity, was in question at the moment Premier Hepburn led Lieutenant-Governor Albert Matthews into the House at 12 midnight, to give final sanction to the legislation.

The motion had been put in the ordinary way, and, it was clearly assumed, and argued by Liberal members, that the vote had been passed, and passed unanimously.

But even as the Premier and His Honor re-entered the chamber,

there were Conservative members, arguing vociferously, that they wanted a recorded vote. Their claims, of necessity, subsided when the official party reached the dias. It was observed—moreover it was indicated in argument—that the six French-Canadian members of the House were absent from their places.

Throughout the evening session, it was stated that French-Canadian members were conducting an active lobby among those members, particularly, who must rely on a large French-Canadian vote for re-election. It was understood also that the French-Canadian members, headed by Robert Laurier (Lib., Ottawa East), waited on Premier Hepburn at the 6 o'clock recess and urged him to bar a plebiscite resolution vote from the session's final proceedings.