

of this legislation would re-open the school question, said: "Having gone through one of these contentious contests, I cannot afford to again open that question." (Winnipeg Telegram, January 16, 1908.) After some vague remarks that, in the event of certain other unspecified issues being adjusted and arrangements made, the province could pass legislation of this kind, he concluded by saying: "I therefore, for the reasons I have stated, that it is not desirable at this juncture, ask the House to vote down the hon. gentleman's resolution." (Winnipeg Telegram, January 16, 1908.) The resolution was defeated by a vote of 17 to 11, the division list being as follows (Manitoba Journals, 1908, page 26):

Yeas — Messrs Armstrong (Gladstone), Baird, Johnson (Winnipeg West), Jonasson, Morris, Mc'onnell, Ross, Thornton, Walton, Williams, Winkler—11.

Nays—Messrs. Argue, Benard, Bernier, Bonnycastle, Campbell (Morris), Carroll, Coldwell, Gordon, Howden, Lauzon, Lyons, Prefontaine, Roblin, Robson, Steel, Waddell—17.

Mr. Mickle was paired with Mr. Lynch, Conservative, and the members absent unpaired were: Conservative, Messrs. Rogers, Agnew, Hugh Armstrong, Glen Campbell, Ferguson, Mitchell, Riley, Lawrence and Taylor; Liberal, J. A. Campbell.

#### **Bill Rejected in 1909**

In 1909, D. A. Ross, M.P.P., introduced a bill providing for compulsory education. The bill was opposed by Hon. G. R. Coldwell, Minister of Education, who urged that there were legal and constitutional objections to the legislation, and also argued that the compulsory education laws in other provinces were not enforced, and were therefore not effective in compelling the attendance of children at school. He claimed that the passage of this legislation would throw the whole situation into turmoil and confusion, and jeopardize negotiations with Ottawa. "It does not appear to the government," said Mr. Coldwell, "that the thing is advisable, and for that reason the government would be afraid to enact the mildest measure." (Winnipeg Telegram, March 2, 1909.) Mr. Coldwell moved the six months' hoist to the bill, which was carried on the following division (Manitoba Journals, 1909, page 51):

Yeas— Messrs. Armstrong (Portage la Prairie), Argue, Benard, Bernier, Bonnycastle, Cameron, Campbell (Morris), Carroll, Coldwell, Ferguson, Gordon, Grain, Howden, Lauzon, Lawrence, Lynch, Lyons, Mitchell, Prefontaine, Riley, Roblin, Robson, Rogers, Simpson, Taylor, Waddell—26.

Nays — Messrs. Armstrong (Gladstone), Baird, Campbell (Dauphin), Johnson (Winnipeg West), Jonasson, McConnell, Mickle, Norris, Ross, Walton, Thornton, Winkler—12.

#### **Resolution Again Voted Down**

In the session of 1910, the opposition brought the matter before the legislature in the form of a resolution, which, after setting forth the fact that the