The house divided on the motion (Mr. Fulton) which was negatived on the following division:

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Messrs:

Knight Bell Knowles Blackmore Leboe Blair Lennard Brooks Low Bryce Macdonnell Bryson McBain Cameron (Nanaimo) McCullough (Moose (Mountain) McLeod Castleden Mitchell (London) Charlton Montgomery Churchill Nesbitt Coldwell Nicholson Diefenbaker Nickle Drew Nowlan Ellis Patterson Fairclough, Mrs. Pearkes Ferguson Quelch Fulton Regier Gagnon Robinson (Bruce) Green Small Stewart (Winnipeg Hahn Hamilton (Notre Dame North) Thatcher de Grace) Hansell Thomas Harkness Trainor Tustin Hees Herridge White (Hastings-Hodgson Frontenac) Holowach White (Middlesex East) Howe (Wellington-Winch Huron) Wylie

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Johnson (Kindersley)

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Anderson

Johnston (Bow River)

Messrs:

Ashbourne Goode Batten Gour (Russell) Benidickson Gregg Bennett (Grey North) Habel Bertrand Hanna Boisvert Hardie Bourget Harris Brown (Essex West) Harrison Buchanan Hellver Campney Henderson Cannon Henry Caron Hosking Carrick Howe (Port Arthur) Carter Huffman Cauchon Jutras Cavers Kickham Croll Kirk (Antigonish-Decore Guysborough) Deschatelets Kirk (Shelburne-Deslieres Yarmouth-Clare) Dickey Lafontaine Langlois (Gaspe) Dumas Dupuis Lapointe Leduc (Gatineau) Eyre Fairey Lefrancois Legare Follwell Fraser (St. John's East) Lesage Gardiner Lusby Garland MacDougall Garson MacEachen Gauthier (Lake St. John) MacKenzie Gauthier (Nickel Belt) MacNaught

Motions for Papers

McCann Purdy Richard (Ottawa East) McCubbin McCulloch (Pictou) Robichaud McIlraith Robinson (Simcoe East) McIvor Rouleau McMillan St. Laurent McWilliam Shipley, Mrs. Mang Simmons Marler Stick Stuart (Charlotte) Matheson Michaud Studer Mitchell (Sudbury) Thibault Pearson Tucker Philpott Valois Pickersgill Weaver Pommer Weir Pouliot Weselak Power (St. John's West) White (Waterloo South) Proudfoot Winters-102.

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion lost. I had occasion to give my views to the house with respect to divisions that are being asked for on notices of motions which are opposed.

Mr. Gillis: Before you proceed with that matter, Mr. Speaker, may I announce that I was paired with the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin).

Mr. Speaker: It is precisely because I am convinced that hon. members should perhaps go over the theory behind this standing order with a view to changing their attitude with respect to these motions that I am going to quote from the debate which took place in the session of 1909-10 when standing order 51 was adopted as we have it today. At columns 8370 and 8371 of Hansard of April 29, 1910, there is the following:

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: . . . The object of this rule is obvious.

The rule as we have it today.

Almost every day we have notices of motions which go through unopposed, and these may be marked by the member with an asterisk, and the motion may pass without any discussion.

Mr. Sproule: I think this suggestion is a wise one and will result in economizing time.

Mr. Lancaster: What would happen supposing an hon. gentleman puts a notice of motion in the way indicated to show that he did not want to discuss it, while another hon. gentleman might want to discuss that very matter? I do not think any one hon. gentleman should have the right... to control the opinion of the whole house on that matter. I appreciate what the Prime Minister is trying to do and I am with him; but it seems to me we are going further here than we intend to go. We do not want to have half a dozen different notices of motion on the same subject on the order paper. When a notice of motion is on the order paper it seems to me that the consent of the house ought to be obtained if that motion is not to be discussed; else we would be in the incongruous position that, because some matter was of great importance and several hon. gentlemen thought it should be discussed, one of them would be able to say that it should not be discussed.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: I doubt that, in point of fact, that this is very likely to arise. If any hon, member on the other side puts a motion on the order paper asking for the production of papers and desires that the motion should be