

"As intimated to you on Friday, it does not seem possible to arrange for a Committee of the House to hear a delegation from the Citizens' Liberty League, among other reasons owing to the near approach of the end of the Session."

The League desire to point out that through the appointment of a Committee of the House of Commons they would have been afforded an opportunity of presenting their views, arguments and objections to this legislation, and it was their intention, had such a committee been appointed, to have a large delegation of business and professional men from different parts of this province attend to express to the committee their views with regard to such legislation, and we now petition you to at least refer these Bills back so that a Committee of the House of Commons may be appointed to give an opportunity to the League and its members of voicing their objections to this legislation which may interfere greatly with the personal rights of a large portion of Ontario's citizens.

In addition to the above, we desire to be permitted to point out that the rights of even a minority, especially where these rights are personal, should not by any Parliament be interfered with, unless the reason therefor is grave and important; and further, in the opinion of the League, the British North America Act does not contemplate such legislation, but empowers the Federal Parliament to pass legislation which shall be applicable not solely to one part of the Dominion, nor to a particular class, but shall be of general application throughout the entire Dominion. It will be contended that the legislation particularly asked in these Bills is in direct contravention of Section 121 of the British North America Act in that it purports to prevent the produce and manufacture of one or more provinces from being exported to another province and thereby interferes with inter-provincial trade.

Then again it is urged that such legislation amounts to the delegating to a provincial electorate by the Federal Parliament of the legislative duties cast upon the Federal Parliament by the British North America Act, as same is initiated by a resolution from a provincial legislature bringing the Act within the decision lately made in the Privy Council regarding the Initiate and Referendum Act of Manitoba, and it is contended that the contemplated legislation is beyond the authority of the Federal Parliament.

For this and other reasons we humbly petition that in the interest of justice and for the protection of the personal rights and liberties of the citizens of this country you refuse your ratification of these Bills.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

On behalf of the Citizens' Liberty League,

H. A. Machin, President.

T. L. Carruthers, General Secretary.

That is the whole case so far as I am concerned. According to the temperance people, the Bill is important; but it is clearly not satisfactory. Therefore I feel that I ought to insist upon my motion that the Bill stand over until next session.

The amendment of Hon. W. B. Ross was negatived on the following division:

Hon Mr. ROSS.

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Hon. Mr. FARRELL: Honourable gentlemen, I did not vote. I was paired with the honourable gentleman from Lethbridge (Hon. Mr. De Veber). Had I voted, I would have voted against the amendment.

Hon. Mr. DENNIS: Honourable gentlemen, I did not vote. I was paired with the honourable gentleman from Hamilton (Hon. Mr. Lynch-Staunton). Had I voted, I would have voted against the amendment.

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY: I did not vote. I was paired with the honourable gentleman from New Westminster (Hon. Mr. Taylor). Had I voted, I would have voted against the amendment.

The motion for the second reading of the Bill was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

### CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, the Senate went into Committee on the Bill. Hon. Mr. Girroit in the Chair.

On section 1, new section 152—upon receipt of resolution of Legislative Assembly or of Yukon Council requesting vote on prohibition of importation of liquors, the Governor in Council may issue proclamation:

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Will the committee permit me to bring Mr. Gisborne within the bar?

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Can the honourable leader of the Government tell us on what basis the Government decided to adopt the proposal to put this Bill into effect on receipt of a resolution of the legislative assembly of any province? Would it not have been better, if they really wanted to put this legislation into effect, to have taken a proposal made by the executive council,