

regulation and restriction of automobiles on the public highway. Mr. Whitney did not permit the bill introduced by Mr. Ross (West Middlesex) to receive its second reading. The other five, on the motion of Mr. Whitney, were first referred to a Select Committee of the House and Mr. Bowman was asked to select four of the Opposition members for the Committee. Messrs. Ross, Clarke, Hyslop and Kohler were named by him. For some reason, the motion was rescinded and on motion of Mr. Whitney and Mr. Hanna, these bills were referred to the Municipal Committee. The Municipal Committee further referred them to a sub-committee composed of the following: Honourable Mr. Monteith, Minister of Agriculture, who acted as Chairman; Messrs. McNaught, Pattison, McDermaid, McKeown, Sutherland, Preston (Brant), McDougall, and Bowman. **Practically nothing was accepted by the majority of this sub-committee which was not agreeable to the motor interests represented before the sub-committee at its meetings.** The report of the Committee was embodied in a bill presented to the House as No. 199. In Committee of the Whole House and upon the third reading of this bill, amendments were proposed providing more stringent restrictions upon the use of automobiles. Mr. Sutherland proposed an amendment which Mr. Whitney insisted upon his withdrawing. Mr. Sutherland although elected as a professed Independent was as subservient as any other Conservative member and withdrew his amendment with bad grace. Mr. Clarke (West Northumberland) moved, seconded by Mr. Bowman, that the bill be amended so as to provide that automobiles should not run on the highways outside of cities and towns on any Saturday between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. or on Sunday between 7 a.m. and 3 p. m. The object was to make it perfectly safe for farmers' wives and daughters to drive to town to market on Saturday, and attend public worship on Sunday without danger from the automobile. The Hon. Mr. Whitney earnestly requested all his followers to vote against this measure and refused to allow a vote of the members to be taken on the amendment.

Under the rules of the House a vote must be taken when five members stand up to demand it. Mr. Clarke called for five members to stand up and they stood up, as follows: Mr. Clarke, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie), Mr. Kohler, and Mr. Smith (Peel). The Speaker, at a nod from the Premier, declared that only four members stood up and refused to take the vote. Once again **THE GOVERNMENT** would not allow the people's representatives to express their views and **REFUSED TO TRUST THE PEOPLE.**