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## Our Ottawa Letter

upon. The rights of every province were
absulutely maintained and safeguarded by the provisions of the bill.
Dr. Mirhael Clark. Red Deer, Dr Nedey, of Humboldt, and George Mc Craney, of Saskatoon, strongly contended that some provision should be incorporated
in the bifl itall. which. would provide in the bifl itwelf, which would provide
for the expenditure of the money in the various pruvinces on the basis of popula-
The amendment of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was lost on divixion. While the Senate refused to accept this bull in its present
form last year it in doubtful if it will again refuse to agree to it as passed by the Commons.

Closure Rules Established Wednesday night san the passing of
the parliamentary rules which have obtained in the Canadian House of Com mons nince Confederation, and the introduction of the new order of procedure limit debate. The final scene which marked the enactment of the new order of things passed off more quietly than was perhaps, anticipated. The division was preceded by a series of as brillignt speceches
as have been heard in the House this as have been heard in the House this
session. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier session. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier
Borden led off and were followed by some Borden led off and were fol
of their chief lieutenants.
The opposition strongly contended that Closure was unnecessary in the Canadian obtaining in the Dominion were different Trom those which prevailed in Great
Britain and other countries where closure Britain and other countries where closure has been adopted. The government of
Greal Britain was legislating for an empire Great Britain was egislating for an empire with a population of $350,000,000$ and the
business which closure expedited at St. Stephen's was looked after in Canada that under the new rules the government
would be enabled to pass any measure, no matter how important and regardless
of its wisdom or unwisdom, without allowing the minority the right of debate Discussion could, if the government desired, be absolutely choked out. A large mosey measure could be rushed through the Commons without proper consideration and discussion. In any event, they said, any proposed amendment submitted to a select committee of the submitted to a select committee of the
whole House, headed by Mr. Speaker and they pointed out that when closure was adopted in the British House this practice was followed by, Mr. Gladstone "These proposed rules," they said, re ferring to the government's resolution, "are not parliamentary but goveriment rules, designed solely for the purpose of rushing through this House a measure
which we believe is opposed by the majority of Canadian people."
Premier Borden and his lieutenants defended the resolution in detail and contended that the fears of the opposition were groundless. While admitting that closure could be used harshly, Premier Borden said that no sane government would attempt to administer the new
rules. in the manner suggested by the opposition. He promised that while he opposition. He promised that while he
was leader of the government ample was leader of the government ample of every measure would be granted to the minority.
The resolution was adopted by a majority of 35, the vote standing 108 to 73. Before adjournment the Liberals checred Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Conservatives replied with cheers for the Prime Minister, Dr. Michael Clark A'Mouldering in the Grave but His Soul A Mouldering in the Grave but His Soul
Goes Marching On " and the Liberals joined in lustily.

