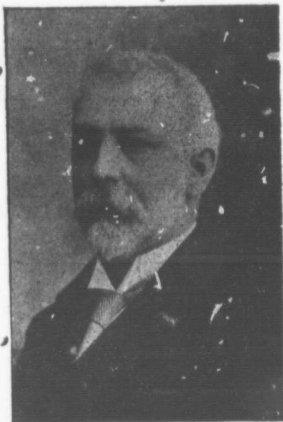


clause in the bill. Mr. Scott moved a new subsection declaring that nothing in the bill should prejudice the rights of Parliament to do away with the exemption. Mr. Scott considered that this was only fair to the new provinces which were not responsible for the contract made in 1881 with the company. The Prime Minister, while regretting the existence of the exemption declined to accept the amendment, and Mr. R. L. Borden declared that the amendment was meaningless. The amendment was lost on division. Mr. Bergeron again moved his amendment in favor of straight separate schools which was defeated by 138 to 7. Mr. Monk's motion for the official use of the French language in the new legislatures was described by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as an amendment which would be an invasion of provincial autonomy. The amendment was defeated by 140 to 7. Messrs. Bourassa and Lavergne announced that they could not vote for the bills because they did not guarantee sufficiently the rights of the minority, and as they could not vote with the Opposition they walked out of the House and declined to vote at all.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Finance Minister, brought down the budget on Thursday. It

was too late for a summary this week but in our next issue we hope to present its salient features.



Hon. W. S. Fielding, Finance Minister.

