

without the use of intoxicating liquors. It destroys their morals and unfits them for the duties of the hour and those which might lie ahead of them. I do hope that, in view of the public sentiment of the country, this clause will not be urged. I might offer an additional reason. From the recent decision of the Supreme Court, it is assumed by some that the License Laws of the different Provinces are abrogated, that the Scott Act, and it alone, will be in force as it is brought into operation in the various Provinces. Under the License Law of Nova Scotia it seems to me the authorities could not be permitted to sell intoxicating liquors in counties where no licenses are granted, and if they did it would be overriding the local law and the sentiment of the people. I hope the sentiment of this House will be expressed in such a way as will lead to no mistake in regard to this matter. I hope the hon. the Minister of Militia will consent, in view of the sentiment of the House, to waive this obnoxious clause.

MR. MASSON: As it seems to be the general wish of the House that this matter should not be pressed, at least at present, I think there will be no harm in withdrawing the clause. I adopted the Bill from the Senate as it came to me, and I assume the responsibility of it. My opinion is not changed; and what I know of the necessities of the service, and the temptations to which young men are generally exposed, induces me to believe that the clause should be maintained, but in deference to the expressions manifested in the House, I consent to its withdrawal.

Motion in amendment *agreed to*.

House again *resolved* itself into Committee to consider said Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, as amended, *ordered* to be reported.

House *resumed*.

(In the House.)

Bill *reported*, *read the third time* and *passed*.

#### BILL INTRODUCED.

The following Bill (*from the Senate*) was introduced and *read the first time*:—

Bill (No. 111) To provide for the winding up of La Banque Ville Marie.—(*Mr. Desjardins*.)

#### INLAND REVENUE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—[BILL .]

(*Mr. Baby*.)

#### THIRD READING.

Bill again considered in Committee, amended, reported, *read the third time* and *passed*.

It being Six o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.

#### After Recess.

#### CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—[BILL 83.]

(*Mr. McDonald, Pictou*.)

#### SECOND READING.

Order for second reading *read*.

MR. CAMERON (South Huron): I suppose the hon. gentleman proposes that the first part of the clause shall apply to principals, and the second part to those assisting. It seems to me the clause places an extraordinary amount of power in the hands of Justices of the Peace. We know the class of men of whom the Magistracy of the Province is, to a large extent, composed, and that, though there may be some able men, and men who render justice, to a certain extent, according to the laws of the land, yet the great majority are not of that class. The hon. gentleman authorises a Justice of the Peace to impose a fine of \$100, to imprison for twelve months, or to inflict both punishments. I am rather inclined to the opinion that that is putting too much power into the hands of a class of men from whom the Justices of the Peace are manufactured. If the power were given to the Court of Quarter Sessions, or the Recorder's Court, or the Superior Court, I would support the proposition.

MR. McDONALD (Pictou): It has been found by gentlemen interested in securing the observance of the law in towns and cities, that the penalties were largely inadequate. It must be remembered that these trials will be almost altogether before Stipendiary Magistrates, or men of a much higher class than the ordinary Justices of the Peace, and I do not think there will be any danger whatever of an undue exercise of authority.

MR. CAMERON (South Huron): I am not aware of any case in which such extraordinary powers are conferred upon Justices of the Peace, except in regard to the Revenue Laws, and that is an excep-