

to pay, which accounts for so many having been sold out. As it is, I do not believe it is beneficial to the country to draw foreign capital into it at such a rate; the more that this comes in the worse for the country, and therefore I move that resolution.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I know that the sense of fairness which characterizes my hon. friend will prevent him, after a moment's reflection, to support that motion. If he thinks the law respecting the rate of interest should be changed, it is perfectly right that he should take such steps as he may deem proper for the purpose; but he will hardly say that one law should be applied to one loan company, and another to another. While the law remains as it is, nothing can be fairer than to allow companies to obtain in the various Provinces the rate allowed by the law.

Mr. WHITE (Hastings). We are a just Parliament and ought to be generous. Why did we pass a law the other day limiting the rate of interest with a company only a short time in the country, and which in all sections of the country has done a great deal of good. There company has been in existence the last twenty-five years, possessing the reputation of being a good and fair company, and which has treated justly all borrowers. If they did well for the last twenty-five years at 8 per cent, why now ask an increased rate? We refused the other company a higher rate of interest, and should certainly refuse this application. Within the last twelve months the Trust and Loan Company have changed the interest on mortgages from 8 to 7 per cent., without solicitation. Why do they now ask more than 8? In order that they can lend their money in the North-West. So far as we are concerned the North-West has very few representatives to look after their interests in this House, but I believe the representatives from all over the Dominion will see that the people of the North-West should not pay too high a rate of interest. 8 per cent. is more than should be paid on mortgages of any kind in any part of the Dominion. I had hoped, after the hint thrown out by the hon. Minister of Railways, that the hon. gentleman who has taken so deep an interest in the financial matters in this country, the hon. member for South Norfolk, would bring in a Bill to limit the rate of interest to 7 per cent. in all parts of the Dominion. I believe, had he done so in the earlier part of the Session, it would have gone through both Houses and became law. We would then have less loan companies and less farms to be sold, because it is a fact that throughout the length and breadth of Ontario, go where you will, notices are posted up of farms for sale by those companies. They have charged interest as high as 10 and 15 per cent., and some even as high as 20 per cent. The time has come when this House should put a stop to this wholesale charge inflicted on parties who are ignorant of the amount of interest they pay. I hope the hon. gentleman will press his motion to a division and we will see whether those members who refused to allow the "Credit Foncier," which contributed so much to reduce the rate of interest during the year, to increase their rate, will now allow a company that has done business for a quarter of a century to charge what interest they please.

Mr. BÉCHARD. I do not see why we should deal more leniently with this company than we did with the "Credit Foncier." The latter appealed to this House, a week ago, to be authorized to loan money at a higher rate than its present rate; its application was refused. Here is a company claiming new powers, and among those that of lending money at any rate they please. I do not see why we should grant to this company what we refused to the other. I think the hon. member for South Perth is still too generous; he should ask that this company should be limited to 6 per cent., and if his amendment be not carried, I intend to move one, providing that the rate be limited to 6 per cent.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. It will be remembered by hon. members of the Committee of Banking and Commerce, that the "Credit Foncier" was incorporated with extraordinary privileges not given to any other company incorporated in Canada, and their incorporation was agreed to because they agreed to furnish money at not over 5 per cent. under their charter.

Sir ALBERT J. SMITH. That was the local charter.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. That company was given these privileges on account of that engagement. That they came to this House and asked that the rate be increased to 7 per cent., but their Bill was rejected on account of these privileges. The Bill now under discussion was referred to a special Committee of the Committee on Banking and Commerce, which reported the provisions of the Bill as now before the House.

Amendment (Mr. Wallace) agreed to on the following division:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

Amyot	Grandbois,	Pinsonneault,
Arkell,	Guillet,	Rinfret,
Bannerman,	Gunn,	Robertson (Shelburne),
Beauchesne,	Hesson,	Ross (Dundas),
Holton,	Béchar,	Rouleau,
Benoit,	Houde,	Routhier,
Bolduc,	Irvine,	Royal,
Brown,	Jackson,	Rykert,
Casgrain,	Kranz,	Rymal,
Costigan,	Landry,	Shaw,
Coughlin,	Lantier,	Skinner,
Coupal,	Macdonald (Inverness),	Smith,
Coursol,	Macmillan,	Snowball,
Cuthbert,	McCallum,	Sproule,
Daoust,	McIsaac,	Sutherland,
DeCosmos,	McLeod,	Tassé,
Domville,	McQuade,	Thompson,
Dumont,	McRory,	Trow,
Elliott,	Malouin,	Vanasse,
Farrow,	Merner,	Wade,
Flynn,	Mongenaï,	Wallace (Norfolk),
Fortin,	Montplaisir,	Wallace (York),
Fulton,	Muttart,	Wheler,
Geoffrion,	Orton,	White (Hastings),
Gigault,	Ouimet,	White (Renfrew), and
Gillmor,	Patterson (Essex),	Williams.—79.
Girouard (Jac. Cartier),		

## NAYS:

## Messieurs

Anglin,	Fleming,	McDougall,
Barnard,	Girouard (Kent),	Mills,
Beaty,	Guthrie,	Ogden,
Bill,	Hackett,	Paterson (Brant),
Blake,	Haggart,	Pickard,
Bourassa,	Hay,	Plumb,
Brooks,	Homer,	Pope (Compton),
Bunster,	Hooper,	Richey,
Bunting,	Huntington,	Robertson (Hamilton),
Burpee (St. John),	Killam,	Rogers,
Burpee (Sunbury),	Kilvert,	Ross (Middlesex),
Cameron (Huron),	King,	Scriven,
Cameron (Victoria),	Lane,	Tilley,
Cartwright,	Langevin,	Tupper,
Cimon (Chicoutimi),	Mackenzie,	Tyrwhitt,
Daly,	McCarthy,	Valin,
Dawson,	McQuaig,	Weldon, and
Drew,	McDougald,	Wright.—55.
Fitzsimmons,		

House resolved again itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. MILLS. I think the proposition now before the Committee is one they ought to consider with great care. We have had, for a number of years, Free Trade in money, and the result is, very large sums have been sent by English and French capitalists for investment in this country. The rate of interest is lower than it has ever been in the history of these colonies, even when we had laws against