

was the understanding. I have been here all the evening, too.

The SOLICITOR GENERAL. The understanding was, that any suggestions of amendment should be considered. I thought we would go through the Bill, and that any suggestions for amendment to any of the provisions should be taken into consideration, and the whole matter taken up another day.

Mr. POWELL. I suggested one particular that is unworkable. I have another to suggest.

The SOLICITOR GENERAL. The hon. gentleman might communicate his suggestion to me.

Mr. WALLACE. Do the Government consent that the committee rise and report progress? I think we have done pretty well.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Flint). The motion is, that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. Those who are in favour of that motion will please rise.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Hon. gentlemen opposite have risen, but the question was not put, that I heard—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. CASEY. I rise to a point of order.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. CASEY. Hon. gentlemen cannot rise to call for the yeas and nays until the Chairman has asked—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. CASEY. The Chair gives me the floor. The point is—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

The CHAIRMAN. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Casey) has the floor.

Mr. CASEY. Hon. gentlemen cannot rise until the question is put by the Chair—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

The CHAIRMAN. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Casey) has risen to a point of order, and I wish him to state it.

Mr. BERGERON. The question has been put, and we are voting now.

Mr. CASEY. The point of order is—

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. You asked us to rise, Mr. Chairman; how long do you wish us to stand here?

The CHAIRMAN. The hon. member for West Elgin (Mr. Casey) has the floor.

Mr. CASEY. We cannot be asked to rise until the Chairman has called upon those in favour of the motion to say, "Aye," and those against it to say, "Nay." The point of order is, that the vote cannot be taken under

the present circumstances. I ask the ruling of the Chair on this point of order.

The CHAIRMAN. I think the hon. gentleman's point of order is not well taken.

Mr. CASEY. I never heard the question put.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Mr. Chairman,—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. I would like to ask the Chairman a question. I sit very near the Chairman, and I did not hear the question put. If he put the question for the yeas and nays, I never heard it. I would ask the Chairman, if he called for the yeas and nays?

The CHAIRMAN. I may state, in reply to the hon. gentleman (Sir Louis Davies), that I stated that the motion was, that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. And I then said: "Those in favour of the motion will please rise."

Mr. CASEY. That should be done audibly, Mr. Chairman.

Committee divided: Yeas 20, nays 35.

Mr. INGRAM. Having had something to say on the principle of this Bill at a previous stage, I reserved my right to say something more on the different sections of the Bill in committee. In making my remarks I do not speak as a lawyer, but as a layman, and as having had some experience with the operation of the local election law in Ontario.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. If the hon. gentleman will allow me for a moment. I certainly understood from some remarks from the leader of the Opposition that he desired for one to have this matter disposed of to-night—at any rate so far as getting the major clauses of the Bill through. But if he left no intimation of the agreement, that I understood he made with the hon. gentlemen opposite, I do not think there is any use in our protracting the discussion at this time. I hope, however, that if we take up the committee now, the hon. gentleman will come to some understanding to make reasonable progress with the Bill on the next occasion. I would like to know from the hon. member for Pictou (Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper) whether he will endeavour to bring about some reasonable understanding on that head. I do not desire, nor does the Government desire, to choke off discussion in this matter. We are aware of its importance, and we wish also to hear the views expressed on both sides. There are difficulties, we know perfectly well, in adapting the local franchises to the