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Ottawa, June 12.—Lawyers had a day to themselves in the House Friday, when at Mr. E. L. Borden's request the consideration of the education clause of the autonomy bill was resumed. The leader of the Opposition took occasion to enlarge on his view, expressed recently in London and Oxford, that there was really no difference between the original and the amended clause; that the two clauses arrived at the same result by a different route. Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick replied, affirming his view that there is a material difference, inasmuch as the minority, while they are in the majority in any school district, have no right to a separate school, a privilege of which they are deprived by the ordinance of 1885, which is restricted by the amended clause. Sir Wilfrid Laurier supplemented this view by pointing out that the original clause gave the minority control over secular as well as religious education, while the amended clause gives the minority control only over the half-hour religious instruction at the end of the day. It was regarded by the average lay member as a day of half-hour religious instruction at the end of the day, in which those who were not lawyers took no part and not a great deal of interest.

Consideration of the autonomy bill for Alberta was resumed in committee, Mr. Borden called attention to the fact that on March 22 he had expressed in debate the opinion that there was practically no difference between section sixteen as drafted and the amended section. He criticised the explanation offered by the Minister of Justice when introducing the amended section. There was a question of confusion arising out of the simple continuation of the provisions of the act of 1875, which could not be restricted or abridged by any ordinance of the Northwest Territories. This view was supported by Sir John Thompson, in the House, and more recently by our present Minister of Justice, Sir John Thompson's report, upon which the Premier had based the contention that the ordinance of the Northwest Territories could restrict the provisions of the act of 1875, did not, Mr. Borden argued, touch the question of the character of the schools, but only the locality in which separate schools could be established. The explanation of the Minister had declared that section sixteen, No. 1, revised, crystallized and made absolutely certain clause eleven of the act of 1875, and the Minister of Justice had explained that what the act of 1875 provided was to be learned by the earlier school ordinance of the Northwest Territories, under which a complete dual system of schools was established, with Roman Catholic schools under the direction of the Roman Catholic board, Mr. Borden quoted speeches by Liberal members to show that the act of 1875 provided for such a system.

Proceeding, Mr. Borden insisted that section sixteen, No. 2, does not in any way perpetuate any system of school in the new Provinces to be established, but the people of those Provinces could under the proposed law make any change in their system they see fit, subject to the provision contained in that section that separate schools must be at all times established in the Provinces, provided the minority claim these schools. It was not a system that was to be perpetuated by the clause, but a certain limitation of legislative freedom in the new Provinces, which is being perpetuated by legislation now before the House, in chapter 29, section 1, which is embodied in the constitution of the Northwest Territories for all time, there is exactly the same provision as those which are to be found in the act of 1875, the same language being

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WEIRD SPIEL OF MR. SHEPPARD

Can't See Why He Should Be Obligated to Recognize the B. N. A. Act—Starr Approves Present Schools.

The three representatives of the Citizens' League of Toronto were given a good hearing by a fair number of citizens in the Princess Rink Saturday evening. Mr. Fred Daly was in the chair, and the audience, which was very small at first, increased to a fair size as the evening wore on. The chairman opened the proceedings by asserting that the meeting was to be strictly non-partisan and was simply called as a gathering of citizens to consider the autonomy bill question. Mr. Daly then showed his non-partisanship by a demagogic reference to Mr. Hyman's private car. It was noticeable that although all the local clergymen had been invited to take a seat on the platform, not one responded.

Rev. J. E. Starr, of Toronto, admitted that the school system of the Northwest had been brought to a state of great efficiency, but said there might be a rebellion in the future if the present bill goes through. D. J. Goggin, M. A., former superintendent of education in the Northwest Territories, spent a lot of time trying to show that the west was "not satisfied." He repeated Mr. Haultain's assertion that the Liberal Association of Medicine Hat were sending a delegation to Ottawa to protest against the autonomy bill, leaving the audience with the impression that this association were against the educational clauses, although Mr. Frank Oliver has shown that such is not the case. E. E. Sheppard, editor of the Toronto Saturday Night, closed the meeting with a very funny speech. He claimed that the Citizens' League of Toronto, was not "butting in," and defended Toronto against the charges which have been made against it. Mr. Sheppard was more outspoken than most antagonists of the autonomy bill by declaring that he did not care about the British North America Act, and did not see why we should be bound by an act made by our forefathers.

The chairman opened the meeting by expressing his regret at the small size of the meeting. He accounted for the attenuated size of the audience firstly by blaming it on the weather, and secondly by the fact that London has had a surfeit of political meetings of late. He said with some confidence that the meeting would make up in quality for what it lacked in quantity.

He went on to say that he was a citizen of London, Hon. Mr. Hyman was his representative and the present Liberal government was his government. The meeting was to be strictly non-partisan in character, and the speaker had no apologies to make for its being called by the Toronto Citizens' League.

Talked Tory From First.

The speaker at once, however, started in to "talk Tory" without any more ado. Why had not Laurier and perhaps Mr. Sharrett come to London to explain the provisions of the Autonomy Bill? Perhaps Mr. Hyman would have lent them his private car for the purpose. The speaker attacked The Advertiser for dwelling upon Joseph Marks' affidavit to the effect that Mr. Gray knifed London's union labor in St. Thomas during the street car strike. The speaker himself had had the honor of nominating the first labor candidate who ran in London, he asserted that the labor question should not be taken into consideration in the present campaign. Everyone in Canada was thinking of the autonomy bill, not the labor question. The speaker had written to Mr. Hyman when the latter was in Ottawa, asking what he thought of the bill. He had told Hyman had replied with a telegram to the effect that as soon as the citizens understood the bill they would perceive its wisdom. The speaker had not yet succeeded, however, in understanding it.

More "Shackling" Talk.

Mr. Daly then handed out some Bennett talk about "shackling the Northwest, saying that the Laurier Government were "traitors to their country" and were "railroading" the bill through Parliament.

After finishing his address, the chairman appealed to a few people who were standing at the door to come in and occupy some of the plentiful seats.

Starr Praises School System.

Rev. Mr. Starr first of all carefully explained that he was not going to make a party speech, but was speaking simply in the interests of good citizenship. The Dominion Government was on trial, and the citizens had to decide whether the west was being coerced or not. The Government's general record should not be taken into consideration in the present election, for the people of Canada had set the seal of their approval upon this record last November. The Government had now, however, introduced a measure for which they had been given any warrant by the people.

He claimed that the Government had dropped the plea that the constitution required that separate school clauses be placed in the autonomy bill. Their plea was now based on the grounds of expediency. Mr. Hyman and the other Liberal speakers had told the people that the minority school in the Northwest simply meant the right to use the school building between 2:30 and 4 o'clock for the purpose of giving religious instruction, and that the Northwest was satisfied, and that the ordinance passed by the Northwest Legislature itself in 1901 had formulated the present school system. But the ordinance of 1901 had been passed subsequently.

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ject to the separate school restriction passed by the Dominion Government in 1875.

"Do you ask me whether there are separate schools in the Northwest? I only say that there certainly are," said Mr. Starr loudly.

Voice—How many. (Loud laughter.) Mr. Starr did not reply to this question, but went on to say that the school system in the west had certainly been brought to a state of great efficiency by the legislation passed by the Northwest Territories. The present autonomy bill, however, was going to give the "hierarchy a license to turn back the hands on the clock." The speaker then hastened to say that he did not want to hurt the feelings of the Roman Catholics, and if a Methodist or Anglican hierarchy made a like attempt, he would oppose it just the same.

Mr. Starr then told his hearers that if they voted for Mr. Hyman they would set their approval upon possible grants of "millions of dollars" worth of land which would be made to separate schools in the west in the future. He produced a copy of "Le Canada," and said that it was the French-Canadian organ of the Government. He quoted from this journal to show what the autonomy bill meant to French-Canadians.

Foresees Rebellion.

He drew a distressing picture of how the thousands of Yankees now pouring into the west might refuse, at some future date, to obey the school laws. Then there would be a rebellion, and he was in Ontario would be called upon to take up arms against our fellow-citizens in the west.

Mr. Starr was sure that the Opposition did not want the Government to be defeated, because then they themselves would have the separate school question at their own hands.

The best way to preserve the Government was to get them to withdraw their opposition.

Speaker advised Liberals in London to vote against Mr. Hyman, to save the Government from the fate that overtaken the Conservatives.

What Goggin Thinks.

Dr. Goggin, in opening, said he would refute the statement that the west was satisfied with the autonomy bill, for the Liberals claimed that the west was not satisfied. He said that he had been passed by various religious bodies, and a few others, against the clause 16 of the autonomy bill. The speaker also repeated Mr. Hyman's assertion that the Liberal Association of Medicine Hat was going to send a delegate to Ottawa to protest against the bill.

The speaker then, with a free hand, declared, in building its own school system, and read quotations from the Daily Mail, Sir Louis Davies and Sir John Thompson, which he claimed showed that these gentlemen believed that when the Northwest attained provincial status it should be left to determine its own school system without restriction.

Dr. Goggin then turned to Mr. Sharrett as the "solitor for the Church of Rome," who, he said, had been consulted by Premier Laurier. He believed that it was necessary for the Laurier Government to insert clause 16 in the autonomy bill. Would it not have been more sensible to have left the British North America Act to settle the question?

The speaker then assessed the interior of one of the western schools which he called "national," saying that there was actually a cross in it, some religious pictures, and the teacher wore the dress of a sister.

Hush, Listen to Sheppard.

Mr. Sheppard opened by handing out some praise for the other two speakers, and hoped that the audience would not think that the "little trio" was "butting in" on London. In case the audience should have forgotten that the speakers were not partisans Mr. Sheppard said that he was not a partisan, but a citizen.

Mr. Sheppard recommended by saying that he was not to be regarded as the cat. He went on to say that it was not nice to say that the people from Toronto who spoke in the proceedings were "butting in." It had been said that Toronto was a "strumpet on the streets of politics," and that the opposition to the autonomy bill consisted in a "wild yelp from a Toronto mob." However, although Toronto might be intolerant, it could not be said that London could well follow Toronto's example in this, according to Mr. Sheppard.

This Is Weird.

"I don't care for the constitution, or for the British North America Act," asserted Mr. Sheppard. "Why should we be bound by acts passed by our forefathers? Let's have what's right." Mr. Sheppard then told how when Sir Wilfrid Laurier came to the west in 1896, the speaker had regarded him as a "prophet, priest and king, who was going to lead his people in the path of national unity."

Voice—And so he will.

Never," said Mr. Sheppard, and went on to say that when the "hierarchy of all Canada" met at Three Rivers last fall the speaker had suspected that "a hen was on," although it did not catch on. The problem was, why had Sir Wilfrid dived into the depths of this terrible bill, when he had such a large majority and everything in his favor?

Mr. Sheppard went on to say that although he did not like Premier Laurier's race or religion he had trusted him and loved Sir Wilfrid. The Premier, however, had "betrayed his friends," and was worse than a man who steals funds from a bank. Why was it necessary to give the 50 per cent of Canada's population such a "cruel, violent, unnecessary thrust?"

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