

Cartwright	Muttart
Casey	Ogden
Casgrain	Oliver
Chandler	Oliver
Cimon	Orton
Cockburn (Muskoka)	Quimet
Colby	Paterson (S. Brant)
Connell	Pickard
Costigan	Pinsonneault
Coughlin	Platt
Coupal	Plumb
Currier	Pope (Queen's P.E.I.)
Cuthbert	Richey
Daoust	Rinfret
Desaulniers	Robertson (Hamilton)
Desjardins	Robertson (Shelburne)
Domville	Rogers
Doull	Ross (Dundas)
Dugas	Ross (West Middlesex)
Dumont	Rouleau
Elliott	Routhier
Fiset	Royal
Fitzsimmons	Ryan (Marquette)
Fleming	Rymal
Fulton	Scriven
Gault	Skinner
Gigault	Smith (Selkirk)
Gillies	Snowball
Gillmor	Sproule
Girouard (Jacques Cart.)	Strange
Girouard (Kent, N. B.)	Tassé
Grandbois	Tellier
Gunn	Thompson (Cariboo)
Hackett	Tupper
Haddow	Vallée
Hay	Vanasse
Hesson	Wallace (S. Norfolk)
Hilliard	Wallace (W. York)
Holton	White (Cardwell)
Hooper	White (E. Hastings)
Houde	White (N. Renfrew)
Huntington	Wiser
Hurteau	Wright
Ives	Yeo.—140

PAIRS :

For—	Against—
Daly	McCarthy
Bannerman	Smith (Westmoreland)

Question resolved in the *negative*.

Bill read the second time.

March 10th, 1880.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the said Bill.

(In the Committee.)

MR. MILLS: I think that the amendment of the first section by striking out the words "and valid" would meet some of the objections to the measure on ecclesiastical grounds. The measure would then encourage the marriage as a civil contract, and leave untouched the question of its ecclesiastical validity.

MR. KAULBACH: I am in receipt of a letter from a clergyman of the Church of England asking for delay in the passage of the Bill until the friends of the Church, in the various parts of the Province, may have an opportunity of learning more of its merits. I think it advisable that this measure should be delayed.

MR. MILLS: I move that all the words after the word "legal," at the end of the second line of the first clause, be struck out.

MR. WELDON: There is this difficulty in the matter. This measure declares such marriages to be legal, and the Statutes of the Local Parliament compel officiating ministers to officiate where there is no legal impediment.

MR. MILLS: We cannot compel anyone to perform the ceremony, nor can we say they shall not perform any ceremony. That is a matter clearly within the province of the Local Legislature, as it relates to the solemnisation of marriage, and one with which we have nothing to do.

MR. ANGLIN: It would be more convenient if the hon. member would take another mode of ascertaining the opinion of the Committee on this point. Some of us may wish to strike out the words "and valid," and retain the rest.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: This House cannot by legislation compel a minister to perform a marriage ceremony, or interfere in the matter in any way. A part of that clause trenches very closely upon the jurisdiction of the Local Legislatures, if it does not directly interfere with them, as I am not quite sure it does not. I was much struck by the line of argument taken by the member for Gloucester (Mr. Anglin) the other day, and I am not at all sure but that that section had not better be amended. I am strongly in favour of leaving the clause as it will stand as amended by the hon. member for Bothwell (Mr. Mills).

MR. JONES: If this Bill is to be passed, it had better be passed in the shape the hon. member for Bothwell proposes. That is the only way that Bill can pass this House at all.

MR. LANGEVIN: I would observe that, by this motion of the hon. member for Bothwell, only the two first lines of the clause will be left, that is to say, these words:—"Marriage between a man and the