

to include all the territory lying west of Thunder Bay as far as the western boundary of Ontario, in the district of Algoma.

The motion was agreed to.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved to amend the fourth clause by inserting a sub-section to detach certain ranges from the county of Bellechasse and add them to Montmagny.

The motion was agreed to.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL said he desired to remedy an anomaly which existed and which affected the employees on the Intercolonial railway. In Quebec and New Brunswick they had a right to vote, but in Nova Scotia, under a law of the local legislature, they were disfranchised. There was no reason why they should not be allowed to vote in that province as they did in the other provinces. He moved to add the following clause :

“ Notwithstanding anything in any law of the province of Nova Scotia or of the Dominion of Canada, no employee on the Intercolonial railway in that province shall be disqualified to vote as an elector at any future election of a member or members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada, if he shall have the necessary property and other qualifications therefor required by law. In the event of the name of any such elector being an employee on the Intercolonial railway having been omitted by the revisors from the list of qualified voters for a member of the General Assembly of Nova Scotia under the laws in force in that province, or to be returned to the County Clerks or Clerks of the Peace, or omitted from the lists of voters deposited by the Sheriff with the County Clerks or Clerks of the Peace or obtained by the Returning Officer or furnished to the Deputy Returning Officer, it shall be lawful for each employee to vote as an elector at any future election of a member or members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada, on his taking or offering to take before the Sheriff or Returning officer the following oath, viz:— I (A. B.) do swear that I am legally qualified to vote at this election, and I verily believe that my name was omitted from the list of electors by reason of my being an employee of the Dominion Government on the Intercolonial railway at the time such list was last perfected and for no other reason.”

HON. MR. SCOTT thought it would be better to follow the excellent principle laid down in Nova Scotia and disfranchise all Government employees. The Government, no doubt, expected to gain a

considerable number of votes by their influence over their employees, but it was not a proper way to exercise their influence. Persons drawing their living from the Government should not be placed in that exceptional position. Many of them would vote contrary to their convictions to gratify those above them. It was all very well to say that under the ballot they could vote as they pleased, but that was encouraging falsehood and deception. The better way would be to disfranchise all Government officials.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL thought that his hon. friend was governed more by the principles of his youth than of the party to which he belonged. He (Sir Alex. Campbell) did not at all agree that those who served the Government should be disfranchised. It was unseemly for certain Government officials to take an active part in elections, but there could be no objection to all officials voting. When the hon. member from Ottawa belonged to the same party that he (Sir Alex. Campbell) was still a member of, they did not allow Custom house officers to vote in England; now they allow them to vote, and every change that has been made of late years has been in the direction of increasing the number of electors and enlarging the powers of the people. It was an extraordinary anomaly, that men living on one side of an imaginary line could vote while those living on the other side could not.

HON. MR. POWER thought it was highly objectionable, after this Bill had passed the House of Commons, for the Senate to undertake to deal with a matter that properly belonged to the other Chamber.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—This was forgotten there.

HON. MR. POWER said the hon. gentleman could not be in accord with the Minister of Inland Revenue, in saying that this Bill was fully considered.

HON. MR. AIKINS—It was fully considered.

HON. MR. POWER wished to call the attention of the Minister of Justice to this