

Blake,  
Borden,  
Bourassa,  
Brown,  
Burpee (St. John),  
Burpee (Sunbury),  
Cartwright,  
Casey,  
Casgrain,  
Dumont,  
Fiset,

Gillmore,  
Gunn,  
Guthrie,  
Holton,  
Huntington,  
Irvine,  
Killam,  
King,  
Laurier,  
McDonald (Victoria, N.S.),  
Macdonell (Lanark),

Olivier,  
Paterson (Brant),  
Pickard,  
Rinfret,  
Rogers,  
Rymal,  
Scriver,  
Sutherland,  
Thompson,  
Trow,  
Wheler.—42.

## NAYS:

## Messieurs

Amyot,  
Arkell,  
Bannerman,  
Beauchesne,  
Benoit,  
Bergeron,  
Bergin,  
Bill,  
Bolduc,  
Bourbean,  
Bowell,  
Brecken,  
Bunster,  
Bunting,  
Burnham,  
Cameron (Victoria),  
Carling,  
Caron,  
Cimon (Charlevoix),  
Cimon (Chicoutimi),  
Colby,  
Costigan,  
Coupal,  
Coursol,  
Daly,  
Daoust,  
Dawson,  
Desaulniers,  
Desjardins,  
Domville,  
Elliott,  
Farrow,  
Fortin,

Gigault,  
Girouard (Jac. Cartier),  
Girouard (Kent),  
Grandbois,  
Hackett,  
Haggart,  
Hay,  
Hilliard,  
Homer,  
Hooper,  
Jones,  
Kaulbach,  
Kirkpatrick,  
Kranz,  
Landry,  
Langevin,  
Lantier,  
Longley,  
Macdonald (Kings),  
Macdonald (Sir John),  
McDonald (Cape Breton),  
McCallum,  
McCuaig,  
McDougald,  
McDougall,  
MeLellan,  
McRory,  
Merner,  
Méthot,  
Mongenaix,  
Montplaisir,  
Mousseau,  
O'Connor,

Ogden,  
Orton,  
Oumet,  
Pinsonneault,  
Platt,  
Plumb,  
Pope (Compton),  
Poupore,  
Reid,  
Richey,  
Robertson (Hamilton),  
Rochester,  
Routhier,  
Ryan (Montreal),  
Rykert,  
Scott,  
Shaw,  
Strange,  
Tellier,  
Tilley,  
Tupper,  
Tyrwhitt,  
Valin,  
Vallée,  
Vanasse,  
Wade,  
Wallace (Norfolk),  
Wallace (York),  
White (Cardwell),  
White (Hastings),  
White (Renfrew),  
Williams.—98.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. While this Bill was under consideration in Committee, I made some observations with regard to changes that were made in the county of Oxford. I now consider it my duty, as representing one of the divisions of that county, to protest against and point out the objections I have to these changes. The north riding of Oxford, as it is at present formed, has a population of 25,361. This Bill proposes to change that riding by withdrawing the township of Blenheim from North Oxford, which has a population of 5,937, and adding from the county of Perth the townships of North and South Easthope, having a total population of 4,966. The total difference in the population of the riding, as is proposed by this Bill, is only 925. The changes in South Oxford are made by withdrawing the township of Dereham and the village of Tilsonburg, with a total population of 6,359, and adding from the county of Brant the townships of Burford and Oakland, with a population of 6,405, thereby increasing the population by 46. The principal objection I have to these changes is this: The county of Oxford, ever since Confederation, and in fact for some time before, has been divided into two divisions for electoral purposes, and each division has been represented in this House by one member. As the county is at present constituted, each riding is well formed. By withdrawing the township of Blenheim from the north riding of Oxford, you place the electors in another riding with which they have no municipal or commercial relations. The farmers of that township at the present time sell all their produce and buy what they require in the town of Woodstock, which is situated about the centre of the riding. The people in the townships of North Easthope and South Easthope, which are added to the riding, have no connection in that way whatever with the county of Oxford. The people are connected municipally with the county of

Perth and do most of their business and trading in the town of Stratford, which is situated in quite a different direction from any town in the county of Oxford. It is just the same with the south riding. The people in the township of Dereham do their trading and sell their produce in the town of Ingersoll. They are now cut off and added to the county of Norfolk. The two townships added, Burford and Oakland, are in the same position as regards South Oxford. The people in those townships are connected municipally with the county of Brant, the farmers go to Brantford to do their trading and sell their produce, and I think it is an injustice to the people of those townships to sever their old electoral associations for no better reasons than have been adduced in this House. I do not see any reason or necessity, in order to create four or five new constituencies, that a large number of the old counties should be broken up as is contemplated by this Bill. It is a bad precedent. If it is adopted we may expect future Governments to readjust matters; it is a precedent that should not be set in this House and should not be sustained if no better reason than that which has been adduced before the House can be given. The townships of North Easthope and South Easthope to which I have referred might easily have been added, if it was the desire to equalize the population, to South Perth, which would then only have a population of 23,500, and it would have left the people in connection with the county with which they already have municipal relations. Just so is it with respect to the townships of Burford and Oakland, which have been added to the south riding. It would have been far better, if it is necessary to make a change, to have placed the townships in the county of Brant, it would have equalized the population much better than the present plan. As I believe it is the wish of the electors of the county which I represent that they should be left for electoral purposes as at present constituted, I beg to move the following amendment:—

That the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be resolved, that the county of Oxford, with a population of 50,093, is divided into two ridings each returning one member; that by the proposed Bill, the two ridings of Oxford will have a population of 49,168, but to effect this change the townships of North Easthope and South Easthope are taken from Perth and added to North Oxford; the townships of Burford and Oakland are taken from Brant and added to South Oxford; the township of Blenheim is taken from North Oxford and added to North Brant; Dereham and Tilsonburg are taken from South Oxford and added to North Norfolk.

That the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions that they have power to amend the same by providing that the municipal county of Oxford shall be divided into two ridings, each returning one member to Parliament.

Mr. BLAKE. I propose that the plan adopted the other morning should be followed, and that in the record the votes shall appear as in the last division.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I quite agree with the proposition. I presume there will be some more amendments, and I think we had better have all the members summoned in, and this first vote will be taken as guiding all subsequent amendments.

Amendment (Mr. Sutherland) negatived on the following division:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

Anglin,  
Bain,  
Bécharde,  
Blake,  
Borden,  
Bourassa,  
Brown,  
Burpee (St. John),  
Burpee (Sunbury),  
Cartwright,  
Casey,  
Casgrain,  
Dumont,  
Fiset,

Fleming,  
Flynn,  
Gillies,  
Gillmor,  
Gunn,  
Guthrie,  
Holton,  
Huntington,  
Irvine,  
Killam,  
King,  
Laurier,  
McDonald (Victoria, N.S.),  
Macdonell (Lanark),

Mackenzie,  
Malouin,  
Mills,  
Olivier,  
Paterson (Brant),  
Pickard,  
Rinfret,  
Rogers,  
Rymal,  
Scriver,  
Sutherland,  
Thompson,  
Trow,  
Wheler.—42.