

Desaulniers (Maski'ngé), Mackintosh,  
 Desaulniers (St. M'rice), McMillan (Vaudreuil),  
 Dickinson, McCallum,  
 Dodd, McDougald (Picton),  
 Dugas, McDougall (U. Breton),  
 Farrow, McLelan,  
 White (Hastings),  
 White (Renfrew),  
 Wigle,  
 Wood (Brockville),  
 Wood (Westmoreland),  
 Woodworth.—87.

Mr. HOLTON moved in amendment:

That the Bill be referred back to the committee, for the purpose of amending the same, by providing that the county court judge, in each county where there is such judge, shall be the revising officer for the electoral district or districts, or parts of an electoral district, within such county, and in the Province of Quebec the Superior Court judge of the judicial district, in each electoral district or part of an electoral district, shall be the revising officer for such district or part of a district; and that in any case where a judge, who is a revising officer under the Act, shall be unable to discharge the duties of revising officer for his entire county, or for any part thereof, he shall forthwith signify such his inability to the Chief Justice of the highest court of his Province, and if his inability extends only to a part of his county, he shall specify particularly which part, and such Chief Justice shall thereupon forthwith appoint another county judge or a barrister of at least five years' standing as revising officer in the place of the judge so signifying his inability to act for the county or part of the county, as the case may be, and the person so appointed shall have all the powers conferred upon a county judge acting as a revising officer under this Act.

Mr. MILLS. I trust the hon. gentleman will accept this amendment. I think he expressed his intention to appoint county court judges as revising barristers. I understood him to say, since that announcement was made to the House, that he had communication with many of them, and that they have all expressed their willingness to serve.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Not all, but many of them.

Mr. MILLS. I think, in a matter of this kind, it should be made a matter of duty, and not of choice, on the part of the judges, and it would remove a serious objection to the Bill if Parliament should indicate in it the party who is to be the revising officer. I think the hon. gentleman should accept the amendment. He says he is anxious to make the Bill perfect, and we have certainly made great efforts—

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. To destroy it?

Mr. MILLS. No; for the hon. gentlemen must admit that a great many important changes have been made to the Bill. Our efforts remind me of a story which is told of Bismarck.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Dispense.

Mr. MILLS. He said there was great difficulty in getting His Majesty to come to the ditch; but if he got there, he would have no difficulty in getting him to jump. We have had great difficulty in getting the hon. gentleman to consent to the appointment of county court judges, and now I think he should at least go as far as the amendment proposes.

Amendment negatived on the following division:

YEAS.		
Messieurs		
Armstrong,	Forbes,	Paterson (Brant).
Auger,	Geoffrion,	Ray,
Bernier,	Gillmor,	Kinret,
Burpee,	Holton,	Somerville (Brant),
Cameron (Huron),	Innes,	Somerville (Bruce),
Cameron (Middlesex),	Irvine,	Springer,
Campbell (Renfrew),	Langelier,	Sutherland (Oxford),
Cartwright,	Laurier,	Trow,
Casgrain,	Lister,	Vail,
Catudal,	Livingston,	Watson,
De St. Georges,	McCraney,	Weldon,
Fairbank,	Mills,	Wells.—38.
Fisher,	Mulock,	

NAYS:		
Messieurs.		
Abbott,	Ferguson (L'ds&Gren.),	McNeill,
Allison,	Fortin,	Massue,
Bain (Soulanges),	Poster,	Moffat,
Baker (Victoria),	Girouard,	Orton,

Mr. GILLMOR.

Barnard,	Gordon,	Paint,
Beaty,	Grandbois,	Pinsonneault,
Bell,	Guillet,	Pruyn,
Benoit,	Hackett,	Robertson (Hamilton),
Bergeron,	Hesson,	Robertson (Hastings),
Billy,	Hickey,	Royal,
Blondeau,	Homer,	Small,
Bowell,	Jamieson,	Smyth,
Campbell (Victoria),	Jenkins,	Sproule,
Carling,	Kaulbach,	Stairs,
Caron,	Kilvert,	Taschereau,
Colby,	Kranz,	Tassé,
Costigan,	Labrosse,	Taylor,
Coughlin,	Landry (Kent),	Townshend,
Curran,	Landry (Montmagny),	Tupper,
Cuthbert,	Langevin,	Vanasse,
Daly,	Lesage,	Wallace (Albert),
Daoust,	Macdonald (King's),	Wallace (York),
Dawson,	Macdonald (Sir John),	White (Cardwell),
Desaulniers (Maski'ngé),	Mackintosh,	White (Hastings),
Desaulniers (St. M'rice),	McMillan (Vaudreuil),	White (Renfrew),
Dickinson,	McCallum,	Wigle,
Dodd,	McDougald (Picton),	Wood (Brockville),
Dugas,	McDougall (U. Breton),	Wood (Westmoreland),
Farrow,	McLelan,	Woodworth.—87.

Mr. FISHER. I believe, in the Province of Quebec, the people have been well satisfied with the manner in which the work has been done by the municipal officers. The voters' lists are prepared free of cost, and I believe the electors will feel it to be a grievance to have Government officials going through the country doing this work for pay. In that view, I move the following amendment:

That the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of amending the same, so that the voters' lists in the Province of Quebec may be prepared by the municipal officials, in the same manner as are now the voters' lists for the election of members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly of that Province.

Mr. LAURIER. (Translation.) Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. members on this side are perfectly right in moving these amendments. I know that several municipal councils in the Province of Quebec have passed resolutions for the same purposes, amongst others, the council of Beauharnois, who adopted, at their last meeting, the following resolutions, which I will read to the House:—

"MEETING OF THE 10TH JUNE, 1885.

"PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

"At a general sitting of the municipal council of the county of Beauharnois, held in the Market Hall, in the town and county of Beauharnois, Wednesday, the tenth day of the month of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, at one o'clock, p.m., according to the provisions of the municipal code of the Province of Quebec;

"Present: Jean Baptiste Myre, Esq., warden of the county; I idore Pilon, Esq., mayor of the parish of St. Timothée; Jean Baptiste Desgroselliers, Esq., mayor of the parish of St. Etienne; Henri Sauvé, mayor of the parish of St. Stanislas de Kostka; and Théophile Trudel, Esq., mayor of the parish of St. Clément; being a quorum of the municipal council of the county of Beauharnois; his honor the warden being president.

"The mayor of the parish of St. Timothée, seconded by the mayor of the parish of St. Stanislas de Kostka, moves:—

"That, whereas the mode followed heretofore for the drawing up and revision of the electoral lists gives more security than the mode proposed in the Franchise Bill now discussed in the House of Commons, under which a revising officer shall have the absolute control of that work;

"Whereas, the council in each municipality are the most competent authority for the drawing up of those lists and that by leaving that right with the municipalities, the Government or corporations will spare a great deal of money, it be resolved: that for those reasons, and many others, the said council are expressly opposed to the adoption of such a Bill; that the council declare, without hesitation, that they give, at the present moment, the true expression of the general dissatisfaction which exists in their division;

"That, in consequence, the council of the county of Beauharnois do protest energetically against the adoption of such a measure, and do respectfully pray the Parliament of Canada to not adopt it, especially the provisions tending to deprive the municipalities of the right to make up and revise the voters' lists;

"Finally, that the secretary-treasurer be authorised to send the member for this county, a copy of the present resolution, requesting him earnestly to oppose all measures contrary to those wishes.

"(Signed), J. BEE MYRE, Warden.

"(Signed), E. H. BISSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

"Certified a true extract from the Minutes Book.

"E. H. BISSON, Secretary-Treasurer.