

legislatures, where representation by population, or something very like it, is desirable. A great many local questions come up in a provincial legislature, such as the distribution of the revenue for local purposes, and it is necessary that every section of the Province should be fairly represented. No such necessity exists for the representation in this Parliament, and consequently I think it was a great mistake to change the boundaries of the counties at the outset. I believe that the boundaries should have been preserved, and when it was necessary to increase the representation, the course pursued in New Brunswick should have been followed, namely:—to divide the constituencies with the largest population. The other constituencies would acquiesce. Then, if we fell behind again in population, and members had to withdraw from us, I should say they ought to be withdrawn in the same way, but the representation we set out with, one member for each county, ought never to have been departed from. What the fate of Ontario now is, may, ten years hence, be the fate of other provinces, and we may have the constituencies throughout the Dominion cut and carved in a way at variance with our wishes.

The Senate divided on the amendment, which was rejected by the following vote:—

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Hon. Messrs.

Baillargeon,	Paquet,
Chaffers,	Power,
Grant,	Pozer,
Haythorne,	Scott,
Leonard,	Stevens,
McClellan,	Wark.—13.
McMaster,	

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Hon. Messrs.

Aikins,	MacInnes, (Hamilton)
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Campbell	Macpherson,
(Sir Alexander),	(Speaker),
Carvell,	Montgomery,
Chapais,	Northwood,
Dever,	Odell,
Fabre,	Ogilvie,
Ferrier,	Read,
Flint,	Ryan,
Gibbs,	Skead—21.
Glazier,	

The Bill was read the second time on the same division and referred to Committee of the whole House.

In the Committee,

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL said he wished to amend the third clause in such a manner as to give the population in the territory lying to the eastward of St. Anne, La Broquerie and Emerson the right to vote.

HON. MR. POWER wished it to be understood that this matter had been discussed in the House of Commons and the question was asked the Premier whether he proposed to include this disputed territory in the electoral districts of Manitoba, and the reply was that he did not. This proposed amendment would open up the whole question of where the eastern boundary of Manitoba is.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL did not think so. The object was to give the people in that territory a right to vote somewhere. He moved that the third clause be amended to include the territory lying east of Emerson, La Broquerie and Sainte Anne, to the eastern boundary of the Province.

The motion was agreed to.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved to amend the fourth sub-section to include all the territory lying east of St. Andrews and Springfield to the eastern boundary of the Province.

The motion was agreed to.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved to amend the 13th sub-section of clause two by adding to Muskoka the township of Ridout.

HON. MR. POWER—Why?

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL explained that the township was now in North Victoria, and it was only accessible from the west, owing to the topography of the country. For convenience it ought to be added to Muskoka. It was a sparsely settled township and therefore there was no political significance in the change.

The motion was agreed to.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved to add a sub-section to the second clause