

THE AMENDMENT.

Moved by Mr. Dryden, seconded by Hon. Mr. Bronson, That all the words in the motion after the word "that" be omitted, and that there be inserted instead thereof the following words:—

"That whilst the propriety of the extension of the suffrage to women has been strongly contended for by many in this country and elsewhere, the opposite view has generally prevailed hitherto wherever representative governments exist That women have not votes at elections for the Imperial Parliament, the Dominion Parliament, or for the Legislature of any Province of the Dominion or the empire, or so far as known, of any other country in the world except the State of Wyoming, in the United States of America That the extension of the suffrage to women in this Province would double, or more than double, the number of electors, and might, therefore, involve the transfer to women of a preponderating voting power in all manners affecting the laws and institutions of the Province. That such a far-reaching change in the electorate is a subject which has not been seriously dealt with or considered at any general election in this Province; and that, under all the circumstances it is, in the opinion of this House, the present duty of the House to refuse its assent to any measure providing for female suffrage at parliamentary elections; and this House therefore orders that the said Bill be not now read a second time, but be read a second time this day six months."

Upon the Question being put the Amendment was adopted by 57 yeas to 16 nays.