

living on reservation, where there are no assessment rolls, and nothing to guide the revising officer, the Indians should make personal application to the revising officer and give a description of the property, the post office address, and so forth. Some little exception was taken to this, because it was thought it would be placing Indians in a different position from anyone else. That has been abandoned; and I simply provide that an Indian's name shall not be entered on the voters' list without his consent. It is an amendment which all who have the welfare of the Indians at heart should support. I would be failing in my duty to the Indians who live in my district if I did not present this amendment. I have already explained that some of the Indians claim that they came here under a treaty made with Great Britain; that they are not subjects, but allies, of the British Crown. And that affords one of the great reasons why they have not availed themselves more largely of the enfranchisement clauses of the Indian Act. From indications I have had, I believe this measure is not sought by many of those Indians, although it has been intimated that the Indians desire to have votes. I know that well educated and intelligent Indians, for whose opinions I am willing to give every consideration, have, in the public prints, and one in a letter to the First Minister, declared that the Indians wanted votes; but I believe they did not speak on behalf of their people. It is but right and proper that we should determine that their names shall not be placed on the list except with their consent.

Mr. McCALLUM. They are not obliged to vote, even if their names are on the list.

Mr. PATERSON (Brant). The hon. gentleman has given that reason before. But the moment Indians are placed on the voters' list you give them a certain right, and you are telling them that they must work like the others. I think the First Minister adopted an amendment this afternoon, one of the provisions of which was that the Indian agent should not—

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Induce or compel them.

Mr. PATERSON (Brant). And also that the Indian agent shall not put their names on the roll. I supposed that the Indian agent would have to go there, and that being the case, any Indian desiring to have his name entered on the list, it would simply be enough for him to give his consent. But as to those who do not desire to have their names entered upon the list, it will be respecting their prejudices and feelings, and I feel confident that in my own riding there are some Indians who will desire to be in that position, and I think in such a case it would be unwise to compel them. I think the amendment is a reasonable one and a proper one, and one which will be accepted by those who desire the well-being of the Indian, and I present it to the House in the confident expectation that it will be adopted.

Amendment negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :		
Messieurs		
Armstrong,	Forbes,	Paterson (Brant),
Auger,	Geoffrion,	Ray,
Bernier,	Gillmor,	Rinfret,
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,	McOraney,	Weldon,
Fairbank,	Mills,	Wells.—38.
Fisher,	Mulock,	

NAYS :		
Messieurs.		
Abbott,	Ferguson (L'ds&Gren.),	McNeill,
Allison,	Fortin,	Massue,
Bain (Soulanges),	Foster,	Moffat,
Baker (Victoria),	Girouard,	Orton,
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,	Tasé,
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 (Pictou),	Wood (Brockville),
Dugas,	McDougall (U. Breton),	Wood (Westmoreland),
Farrow,	McLelan,	Woodworth.—37.

Mr. GILLMOR moved, in amendment :

That the Bill be referred back to the committee, for the purpose of amending the same, by providing that the voters' lists shall be prepared each year by the municipal officer or officers, who, under the law of each Province, is or are required to prepare the voters' lists for the election of members of the Legislative Assembly; and that in the Province of Prince Edward Island, where there are no voters' lists for the provincial elections, the voters' lists shall be prepared annually by the county court judge in which the electoral district is situate, and that every such officer shall, before entering upon his duties, take an oath of office before any judge of the Superior Court or Court of Record of the Province in which he is to act, in the form contained in the schedule to this Act, for such purpose, which he shall forthwith thereafter cause to be filed with the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery at Ottawa.

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Dawson,	Macdonald (Sir John),	White (Cardwell),