

ago to leave to another province the privilege which she now enjoys, and I hope the House will grant to Quebec that to which she seems to be entitled under the Confederation Act, and seems to have been specially reserved to her according to my interpretation of the constitution.

The House divided on the amendment, which was lost on the following division:—

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HON. MR. BELLEROSE moved in amendment

That the said Bill be not now read a third time but that it be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of amending the same so that the voters' list in the different provinces shall be prepared by an officer chosen by the Federal Government for that purpose from amongst the residents of such electoral division in the Dominion and revised by a Commission of three competent individuals also resident in the County or electoral division and to be chosen by one of the Judges of a Superior Court in each Province.

The motion was declared lost on a division.

HON. MR. POWER—I have an amendment to propose to the Bill which I hope will meet the approval of a majority of the House. It is as follows:—

HON. MR. BELLEROSE.

That the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of striking out the paragraph in the second clause which defines the word "person" and inserting instead thereof the following:—"Person means a male person including an Indian not being an unfranchised tribal Indian."

And also of striking out sub-clause (C) of clause 11.

I may be allowed to explain the effect of that. The paragraph which defines "person" is as follows:—"Person means a male person, including an Indian and excluding a person of Mongolian or Chinese race." The effect of the amendment is to allow a Chinaman who has become a naturalized citizen to vote. None but native born or naturalized subjects are recognized in this Bill, and any Chinaman who has become naturalized and possesses the necessary property qualification would, under this amendment, possess the franchise. I think that is a proposition which will meet with the approbation of the majority of the Senate. The amendment also puts the Indian in the same position as the white man, if he lives the same as a white man, and pays taxes, and can make contracts like a white man.

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE—Would the hon. gentleman have any objection to dividing his motion into two?

HON. MR. POWER—Not the slightest.

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE—The hon. Member is willing to divide his motion but he cannot do so without the consent of the House. If the House will permit it to be divided I think that would be the better way.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—It would be better for my hon. friend to move a second amendment defining his own view.

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE—There is one portion of the amendment for which I would vote; the other I have not studied.

THE SPEAKER—The House does not consent to a division of the amendment.