

By the Honorable Mr. Bellerose :—

1874.

May 21—In Committee of the Whole on Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Election of Members of the House of Commons" will move the following Amendments.

Strike out 20th Clause and substitute the following Clause A, as the 20th clause,

Clause A.

No person shall be capable of being elected a member of the House of Commons of *Canada* or who shall not be legally or equitably seized as of freehold for his own use and benefit of lands or tenements held in free and common soccage, or seized or possessed for his own use and benefit of lands or tenements held in *franc-alleu roturier* within the Dominion of *Canada*, of the value of _____, currency of *Canada*, over and above all rents, charges, mortgages and incumbrances charged upon and due and payable out of or affecting the same.

2. And no person disqualified by this section to be elected a member of the House of Commons of *Canada* shall sit or vote in the said House while he remains under such disqualification.

3. And if any person disqualified to sit or vote in the said House of Commons by this act sits or votes therein, he shall thereby forfeit the sum of _____, for each and every day on which he so sits or votes; and such sum may be recovered from him by any person who will sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any court of competent civil jurisdiction in any Province in which he may be served with process for the recovery of the same.

Aster the 21st Clause insert the following Clauses :—B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I.

Clause B.

Every person at any such election before he shall be capable of being put in nomination shall make the following declaration :

"I, A. B., do declare and testify that I am duly seized at law or in equity as of freehold, for my own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in free and common soccage (or duly seized and possessed for my own use and benefit of lands or tenements held in *franc-alleu roturier* as the case may be) in the Dominion of *Canada*, of the value of _____, currency of *Canada*, over and above all rents, charges, mortgages and incumbrances charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same, and that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of qualifying myself or enabling me to be returned as a Member of the House of Commons of *Canada*."

Clause C.

Every such person shall, before he shall be so nominated, give and insert at the foot of the declaration hereinabove required of him, a correct description of the lands or tenements on which he claims to be qualified according to this Act to be so elected, and of their local situation, by adding immediately after the word "*Canada*" (which is the last word in the said declaration) the following words: "And I further declare that the lands or tenements aforesaid consist of," &c., (*here insert the description above required*).