

Carvell, Clemow, DeBlois, Dever, Dickev, Girard, Gowan, Hamilton, Kaulbach, McDonald, McKay,	Miller (Speaker), Montgomery, Nelson, Northwood, Plumb, Poirier, Read, Smith, Sutherland, Vidal.—29
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HON. MR. SCOTT moved in amendment :

That the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be amended by striking out the words, "In the Provinces of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island," in the 9th section, and by inserting in lieu thereof the words, "In all the Provinces of the Dominion."

He said—It has been conceded that it is a sound principle that where free men have had the right to vote it is unwise to take away from them that privilege. That principle has been extended to British Columbia and Prince Edward Island where those who are now on the list will have the right to vote. If it is a sound principle in British Columbia and Prince Edward Island where practically manhood suffrage exists, how much sounder is the principle when applied to parties who now have the right to vote on a qualification, and which right will be taken away from them by this Bill? Now, I am asking the same privilege for these that has been conceded to the people of Prince Edward Island and British Columbia. It does not disturb the Bill in the slightest particular; but in case there are in the other provinces of the Dominion some persons who will not be entitled to vote under this Bill, and who have at present a vote, that such parties shall not be deprived of the franchise. In Ontario, it is conceded that there are some who are now entitled to vote who will be disfranchised under this Bill.

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 by inserting after the fourth clause the following :—

"Notwithstanding the provisions contained in the third and in the fourth clauses of this Act, which will have no effect in the Province of Quebec, from and after the first day of January, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, in this said Province of Quebec, every person who at the time of the passing of this Act is entitled to vote in this Province by the laws at present existing in the same, shall have a right to be registered as a voter and to vote so long as he shall continue to be qualified to vote under the provisions of the said last mentioned laws and no longer."

He said—In moving this amendment I hope the House will not forget that I have asked for the Province of Quebec only that it be put on the same footing as, under the Confederation Act, it has been placed in its representation in the Senate. If hon. gentlemen will refer to the 22nd clause of the British North America Act they will see that the Province of Quebec is represented in the Senate in an exceptional way. While Senators from other provinces are appointed for the province, in Quebec Senators are appointed for electoral divisions, and they are obliged to own a property qualification in the electoral divisions which they represent. As I said the other day, although my argument was misunderstood, it showed that it was the intention of the framers of the constitution that Quebec should stand as an exception in regard to representation, and I say so now. I voted with pleasure a few moments