

Mr. FOSTER. He makes this grave charge—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman has a right to make a personal explanation.

Mr. FOSTER. I was just coming to that.

Mr. SPEAKER. You must confine yourself to a personal explanation.

Mr. FOSTER. I have been accused of giving my assent to an amendment tacked on to my Resolution which entirely takes the sting out of it, and with not having taken a division on that amendment. I wish to read the Resolution and the amendment, if I may be allowed to do so. The Resolution is:

"That this House is of the opinion, for the reasons hereinbefore set forth, that the right and most effectual legislative remedy for these evils is to be found in the enactment and enforcement of a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

The amendment which now makes part of the motion is as follows:—

"And this House is prepared, so soon as public opinion will sufficiently sustain stringent measures, to promote such legislation so far as the same is within the competency of the Parliament of Canada."

I asked for the principle to be sustained in the House. The House, so far as this goes, has sustained the principle and gone one better by adopting the amendment of the hon. member for Cardwell (Mr. White).

Mr. SCRIVER. I crave permission to say a few words on this subject, though I am just as desirous, as I see most of my fellow members are, to have this long debate brought to a close. As one of the temperance men of the House, I was consulted with reference to the propriety of introducing this Resolution at this particular period. I was opposed to it, because I thought it was not a logical outcome of the conclusion come to by the Dominion Alliance, when they met here some time ago. The Dominion Alliance resolved, in the earlier stages of their session here, that a general attempt should be made to introduce and pass the Scott Act in all counties of the Dominion. After that, at the very close of the meeting of the Alliance, a discussion was raised on the propriety of introducing this Resolution into Parliament. It seemed to me it would not be advisable to do so as it would be a contradiction of the action previously taken by the Alliance; and when a meeting of those interested in the cause of temperance was called here some time ago, I expressed my sentiments to that effect. However, I said if a Resolution was introduced contrary to my views, I should feel bound, as an advocate of prohibition, to vote for it; but I certainly did not suppose then, from the discussion which took place and from the remarks which fell from the hon. member from King's county (Mr. Foster) himself, that he would consent to such an amendment being attached to the Resolution as that proposed by the hon. member for Cardwell. I said to the hon. gentleman and to my friends who were assembled, at that time, that I thought the objection to such a resolution as this was, would be raised at once, that it was simply an abstract Resolution, and unless it was proposed to follow it up by legislation immediately, it would amount to nothing. The reply made by the hon. gentleman to me was, that it was his intention to follow it up by legislation, and yet he has consented now to the introduction of an amendment which proposes to postpone legislation to some indefinite period, to some period when the public sentiment of this Dominion—to be ascertained in what way I know not—shall be ascertained to be such as will warrant the introduction of such legislation. It may be asked of me, why then did you not oppose the carrying of the amendment. I did so; I believe I was almost the only one who cried out "lost" when you put the amendment. I must say that no one in

this House was so surprised as I was, that no voice but my own was raised against the passage of that amendment. I regret very much that the amendment was introduced, and that it was allowed to pass the way it was, for I feel, with the hon. member for Guysboro' (Mr. Kirk), that the temperance men are placed by it in a very unsatisfactory position.

Mr. ROBERTSON (Shelburne). I move in amendment to the amendment that the following words be added:—

And that this House is of opinion that the public sentiment of the people of Canada calls for immediate legislation to that end.

Mr. BOWELL. Is the amendment in order? Can an amendment to the amendment be put to the House, after the amendment is carried?

An hon. MEMBER. Yes.

Mr. BOWELL. I was asking the Speaker, not the hon. gentleman. I have been under the impression that after moving an amendment to a motion it was within the province of other members to move an amendment to the amendment; but can an amendment to the amendment be moved after the amendment is carried, and when it is not before the House.

Mr. SPEAKER. It is now an amendment to the main motion as amended, and words may be added which are not contradictory to those adopted by the House.

Mr. DESJARDINS. Are not these words contradictory?

Mr. SPEAKER. I do not think so.

Mr. FOSTER. I do not think, with all due deference to yourself, that these words are contradictory.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Chair, chair.

Mr. SPEAKER. I said I do not think they are contradictory.

Amendment negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Allen,	Gillmor,	Paterson (Brant),
Allison (Hants),	Harley,	Platt,
Allison (Lennox),	Hilliard,	Ray,
Auger,	Holton,	Robertson (Shelburne),
Bain (Wentworth),	Innes,	Ross,
Bourassa,	Irvine,	Scriver,
Burpee (Sunbury),	Jackson,	Smyth,
Cameron (Huron),	Jamieson,	Somerville (Brant),
Cameron (Middlesex),	King,	Somerville (Bruce),
Campbell (Renfrew),	Kinney,	Springer,
Cimon,	Kirk,	Sutherland (Oxford),
Cockburn,	Landry (Kent),	Thompson,
Colby,	Lister,	Vail,
De St. Georges,	Macdonald (Kings),	Vanasse,
Fairbank,	McOraney,	Watson,
Fisher,	McIntyre,	Wheler,
Fleming,	McIsaac,	Wilson,
Forbes,	McMullen,	Wright.—53.
Foster,		

NAYS:

Messieurs

Amyot,	Daly,	Macmillan (Middlesex),
Armstrong,	Davies,	McMillan (Vaudreuil),
Bain (Soulanges),	Desaulniers,	McCallum,
Baker (Missisquoi),	Desjardins,	McDougald,
Baker (Victoria),	Dickinson,	McLelan,
Beaty,	Dodd,	McNeill,
Béchar, d,	Dundas,	Massue,
Bell,	Dupont,	Mills,
Belleau,	Farrow,	Montplaisir,
Benoit,	Ferguson (Leeds & Gren.),	O'Brien,
Benson,	Gagné,	Orton,
Bergeron,	Gault,	Paint,
Bernier,	Geoffrion,	Pinsonneault,
Billy,	Gigault,	Reid,
Blondeau,	Girouard,	Rinfret,
Bolduc,	Gordon,	Riopel,
Bossé,	Grandbois,	Robertson (Hastings),
Bowell,	Guilbault,	Shakespeare,
Brecken,	Guillet,	Small,