

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Eloquent Speech of Mr. Curran, M. P., in Reply to the Following Amendment of Mr. Charlton, M. P.

Mr. Charlton, M. P., proposed the following amendment: That all the words in section 3 be struck out, and the following substituted in place thereof: Subject to the exceptions herein contained, all persons qualified to vote at an election of representatives in the House of Assembly or Legislative Assembly of the several Provinces comprising the Dominion of Canada, and no others, shall be entitled to vote at the election of members of the House of Commons of Canada for the several electoral districts comprised within such Provinces respectively.

Privileges of the people were being invaded, why did they not raise this question at these bye elections? No doubt other hon. gentlemen in this house will remember that on the occasion of this confederation debate, some hon. gentlemen who are now upholding the views of the mover of the first amendment were present, taking part in the deliberations on that great occasion.

was done with a view to exerting influence in the recent general election. As I said at that date, then, according to the statement of one of the most eminent public men in the country, at least one of the Local Legislatures was acting in such a manner as to interfere with the rights of this Parliament, was enacting local laws which, according to its statement, were monstrous, mischievous, and showed that there was a disposition at that time to interfere with the rights and privileges of this House.

we have loved, respected, esteemed and veneration for the great names and the memories of the Canadians that adorn the pages of our history. (Loud cheers.) And, now, before sitting down, allow me to say one word through you, sir, to the honorable members of this House generally, and to the members from the Province of Quebec in particular. I feel that those hon. gentlemen who have been sent here by the electorate of the Province of Quebec, are, not in respect, but equally as patriotic, equally as desirous of maintaining the rights and privileges of that Province, as are the members who come to the Local Legislature of that Province.

THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

PARIS, May 26.—The French press generally condemn the decision of the government in its conduct towards the Communists. The revolutionary organs are jubilant over what they term the triumph of the communists over the authorities. The attitude of the revolutionists has provoked such bitter feeling among the law and order classes that it is believed it will give rise to an important debate in the Chamber of Deputies.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

After some remarks as to the genuineness of certain signatures on a petition, the House went into committee on the Franchise Bill. Sir John Macdonald moved the adoption of a sub-paragraph regulating the Indian vote. By the amendment he proposed to add to the list of those who shall not vote Indians in British Columbia and the North-West territories, and Indians on any reserve elsewhere in Canada, who are not in possession of distinct and separate and distinct tracts of land in such reserves, and whose improvements on such separate tracts are not of the value of at least \$150.

objection applied with equal force to the judiciary of the country. He defended the general principles of the bill, and stated that as to the officers who were to exercise this judgment, it would be the effort of the Government to obtain the services of men in judicial positions, whenever they could be obtained, and it would be only where unwillingness to act, ill health or old age prevented the appointment of a judge that power to appoint officers from the Bar would be exercised.

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