

my electors had I any doubt of the truth of what they said. I cannot, in fitting language, describe what I believed them to be, or you, Mr. Speaker, would call me to account again, but I think I can give you a pretty clear idea. I will suppose that the hon. First Minister was about to organize his followers into a great band of musicians, and he were to ask me what instruments they should play, I would say to him: Let everyone play the lyre because the bandmaster would not have much trouble in making experts of them. The moment they had the instruments in their hands they would be accomplished musicians. I trust that good will come out of this. I hope that the people will arise to the necessity of the occasion, and teach an unjust, unfair, corrupt Minister that he may not trifle with the dearest rights of Britons, that he may not ruthlessly disfranchise 7,500 of the loyal subjects of Canada just because they happen to be Liberals in principle. Fair play and justice hides its head at such a scene as this, and the Goddess of Liberty, clad in mourning, weeps over the wrongs he has done to his countrymen; but we shall see what we shall see. On looking over this Bill I do not consider it complete, and have drafted an additional clause which I will read to the House and send over to the First Minister, in order that he may judge for himself whether it is not a fitting clause to add:

Should any county or electoral division in Ontario except North Brant, West Elgin, South Middlesex, North and South Oxford, South Huron, West Bruce, South Huron, East Simcoe and West Ontario, contrary to the interest and meaning of this Act, nominate and elect any person known by the name of Grit, Reformer, or Liberal, to be a member of the House of Commons, the election of such member so elected may by Order in Council be declared null and void by disallowing the same, and in like manner such member so elected may be declared ineligible to sit and vote in the House of Commons of Canada; and the county or electoral division so disregarding the intention and purposes of this Act shall be disfranchised and not entitled to elect a member of Parliament, and the seat so forfeited may by Order in Council be conferred on some defeated candidate in the Tory interest at the coming election, preference being given to those who have longest been subservient followers of the Tory Government and supporters of Pacific Scandals and known as the "Old Guard," the present members for Niagara and Cornwall, whose seats have been abolished, being first of all provided for.

I beg to move the following amendment:—

The County of Wentworth comprises a population of 30,991, divided into two ridings, with an average population of 15,495, which is higher than the average population for eight of the seats proposed under the said Bill.

That by the said Bill it is proposed to withdraw from the south riding of Wentworth the township of Ancaster and attach it to the north riding of Brant, another municipal county; to withdraw from the electoral district of Monck the township of Caistor and attach it to the south riding of Wentworth, another municipal county; to withdraw from the county of Lincoln the township and village of Grimsby and add them to the south riding of Wentworth, another municipal county, with the result of increasing the population of the electoral division of the south riding of Wentworth by only 546 souls, making it 15,539 souls, as against 14,993, its present population.

That the said re-adjustment is objectionable, and the Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions that they have power to amend the same by providing that the municipal county of Wentworth shall be divided into two ridings, each returning one member.

I call for the yeas and nays. I have a particular desire that the yeas and nays shall be taken on this occasion.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This is the last time I shall trust to an arrangement made with the leader of the Opposition. He has broken his word.

Mr. BLAKE. Did the hon. gentleman say I had broken my word?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes, I did say so.

Mr. BLAKE. Why, Mr. Speaker, I am amazed the hon. gentleman has made such a statement.

Mr. RYMAL. I understood the right hon. gentleman to suggest that if any member particularly desired it it should be done.

Mr. BLAKE. Certainly, that is what the hon. Minister himself said.

Mr. RYMAL. There is no contract between the hon. Minister and the hon. leader of the Opposition that I know of, and I heard him say it might be done if any one desired it.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I said nothing of the kind, not a word.

Mr. RYMAL. I heard him say so.

Mr. BLAKE. Yes, yes.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I deny it distinctly. Any body who says I did, says what is not true.

Mr. BLAKE. I say I heard him say so.

Mr. MILLS. I say so, too.

Amendment (Mr. Rymal) negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Anglin,	Fleming,	Mackenzie,
Bain,	Flynn,	Maloun,
Béchar,	Geoffrion,	Mills,
Blake,	Gillies,	Olivier,
Borden,	Gillmor,	Paterson (Brant),
Bourassa,	Gunn,	Rinfret,
Brown,	Guthrie,	Rogers,
Burpee (St. John),	Holton,	Rymal,
Burpee (Sunbury),	Irvine,	Skinner,
Cartwright,	Killam,	Sutherland,
Casey,	King,	Thompson,
Casgrain,	Laurier,	Trow,
Dumont,	McDonald (Victoria, N.S.)	Wheeler.—41.
Fiset,	Macdonell (Lanark),	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Amyot,	Girouard (Jacq. Cartier),	Montplaisir,
Arkel,	Girouard (Kent),	Mousseau,
Bannerman,	Grandbois,	O'Connor,
Beauchesne,	Guillet,	Ogden,
Benoit,	Hackett,	Orton,
Bergeron,	Haggart,	Quimet,
Bergin,	Hay,	Patterson (Essex),
Bill,	Homer,	Pinsonneault,
Bolduc,	Hooper,	Plumb,
Bourbeau,	Hurteau,	Pope (Compton),
Bowell,	Jones,	Poupore,
Brecken,	Kaulbach,	Robertson (Hamilton),
Bunster,	Kirkpatrick,	Rochester,
Bunting,	Kranz,	Ross (Dundas),
Cameron (Victoria),	Landry,	Rouleau,
Carling,	Lane,	Routhier,
Caron,	Langevin,	Ryan (Marquette),
Cimon (Charlevoix),	Lantier,	Ryan (Montreal),
Cimon (Ochicoutimi),	Longley,	Scott,
Coughlin,	Macdonald (King's),	Shaw,
Coupal,	Macdonald (Sir John),	Sproule,
Coursol,	McDonald (Cape Breton),	Strange,
Carrier,	Macmillan,	Tellier,
Daly,	McCallum,	Tilley,
Daoust,	McCarthy,	Tupper,
Dawson,	McQuaig,	Tyrwhitt,
DeCosmos,	McDougald,	Valin,
Desaulniers,	McLellan,	Vallée,
Desjardins,	McLeod,	Vanasse,
Domville,	McRory,	Wade,
Elliott,	Manson,	Wallace (Norfolk),
Farrow,	Massue,	Wallace (York),
Ferguson,	Merner,	White (Cardwell),
Fortin,	Méhot,	White (Renfrew),
Fulton,	Mongensis,	Williams.—106.
Gigault,		

Mr. BUNSTER. I consider the Government in this gerrymandering business has not gone far enough. The hon. Premier, as well as the junior member for Victoria, will probably have to endorse the remarks I am going to make. The electoral districts of Vancouver, according to the returns of the British Columbia Government, contains 1,384 votes; that is more than Victoria has to-day. While the hon. Premier does not, as a matter of course, like to relinquish any part of the seat he now occupies so worthily; I have a right, in justice to British Columbia, to demand from the Government that the constituency of Vancouver Island shall be divided. I am not asking for any additional