

Mr. CAMERON (Middlesex). I desire to move an amendment in the direction that I favored when the different clauses of the Bill were discussed in committee. I strongly favored the proposition which was then made, that those in charge of the preparation of the local electoral lists, in other words, the clerks of the different municipalities, should have the preparation of the primary lists under this Bill. The men who have had the preparation of those lists in their hands throughout the Province of Ontario have done their work satisfactorily; they are men of all political parties, and they have been actively supervised by the municipal councils of their own municipalities, while there has been an appeal to the judge. Under this Bill, the preparation of the lists is left in the hands of one individual, who has not such supervision exercised over him. While I take exception to the change proposed for these reasons, I also take exception to the course pursued in this matter in the Bill now under discussion, because I believe we are passing over an efficient, a reliable, a thoroughly responsible body of men, who have had these duties to discharge for a number of years, and have, in much the greater number of instances, discharged them with a credit which certainly should not be reflected upon by the course proposed by this Bill. Independent of political reasons, these men are able to discharge the duties of the preparation of the voters' lists throughout the Province of Ontario with care, and so as to secure to us what is the main purpose of any electoral system, the success of the party that is in the majority. I deny that the same purpose can be as efficiently secured by this Bill. This Bill proposes to remove the control of the voters' lists from the people themselves to an appointee of the Government of the day, a course which, I think, will result in great dissatisfaction among the people. Independent of these reasons there is that of expense. In the present case we are assuming a responsibility which can be avoided by the adoption of the proposition I desire to make. For all these reasons, I beg to move, in amendment:

That the Bill be referred back to the committee, for the purpose of amending the same, so as to provide that the preparation of the voters' lists in the Province of Ontario shall be in the hands of those who now prepare the voters' lists for the election of members to the Provincial Legislature.

Amendment negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :  
Messieurs.

Armstrong,	Forbes,	Paterson (Brant),
Auger,	Geoffrion,	Ray,
Bernier,	Gillmor,	Rinfret,
Burpee,	Holton,	Somerville (Brant),
Cameron (Huron),	Innes,	Somerville (Bruce),
Cameron (Middlesex),	Irvine,	Springer,
Campbell (Renfrew),	Langelier,	Sutherland (Oxford),
Cartwright,	Laurier,	Trow,
Casgrain,	Lister,	Vail,
Catudal,	Livingston,	Watson,
De St. Georges,	McCrane,	Weldon,
Fairbank,	Mills,	Wells.—38.
Fisher,	Mulock,	

NAYS :  
Messieurs.

Abbott,	Ferguson (L'ds & Gren.),	McNeill,
Allison,	Fortin,	Massue,
Bain (Soulanges),	Foster,	Moffat,
Baker (Victoria),	Girouard,	Orton,
Barnard,	Gordon,	Paint,
Beaty,	Grandbois,	Pinsonneault,
Bell,	Guillet,	Pruyn,
Benoit,	Hackett,	Robertson (Hamilton),
Bergeron,	Hesson,	Robertson (Hastings),
Billy,	Hickey,	Royal,
Blondeau,	Homer,	Small,
Bowell,	Jamieson,	Smyth,
Campbell (Victoria),	Jenkins,	Sproule,
Carling,	Kaulbach,	Stairs,
Caron,	Kilvert,	Taschereau,
Colby,	Kranz,	Tassé,
Costigan,	Labrosse,	Taylor,
Coughlin,	Landry (Kent),	Townshend,

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Curran,	Landry (Montmagny),	Tupper,
Outhbert,	Langevin,	Vanasse,
Daly,	Lesage,	Wallace (Albert),
Daoust,	Macdonald (King's),	Wallace (York),
Dawson,	Macdonald (Sir John),	White (Cardwell),
Desaulniers (Maskingé),	Mackintosh,	White (Hastings),
Desaulniers (St. M'rice),	McMillan (Vaudreuil),	White (Renfrew),
Dickinson,	McCallum,	Wigle,
Dodd,	McDougald (Pictou),	Wood (Brockville),
Dugas,	McDougall (U. Breton),	Wood (Westmoreland),
Farrow,	McLellan,	Woodworth—87.

Mr. LANGELEIR. I have an amendment of a somewhat similar nature to that which has been negatived, which applied only to the Province of Ontario. My amendment will apply to the whole Dominion. It is this:

That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of amending the same, so as to provide that the lists of the electors qualified under this Act shall be prepared by the same officers and in the same manner as those of the electors qualified to vote at elections for the Legislative Assemblies in the several Provinces.

Amendment negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :  
Messieurs.

Armstrong,	Forbes,	Paterson (Brant),
Auger,	Geoffrion,	Ray,
Bernier,	Gillmor,	Rinfret,
Burpee,	Holton,	Somerville (Brant),
Cameron (Huron),	Innes,	Somerville (Bruce),
Cameron (Middlesex),	Irvine,	Springer,
Campbell (Renfrew),	Langelier,	Sutherland (Oxford),
Cartwright,	Laurier,	Trow,
Casgrain,	Lister,	Vail,
Catudal,	Livingston,	Watson,
De St. Georges,	McCrane,	Weldon,
Fairbank,	Mills,	Wells.—38.
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NAYS :  
Messieurs.

Abbott,	Ferguson (L'ds & Gren.),	McNeill,
Allison,	Fortin,	Massue,
Bain (Soulanges),	Foster,	Moffat,
Baker (Victoria),	Girouard,	Orton,
Barnard,	Gordon,	Paint,
Beaty,	Grandbois,	Pinsonneault,
Bell,	Guillet,	Pruyn,
Benoit,	Hackett,	Robertson (Hamilton),
Bergeron,	Hesson,	Robertson (Hastings),
Billy,	Hickey,	Royal,
Blondeau,	Homer,	Small,
Bowell,	Jamieson,	Smyth,
Campbell (Victoria),	Jenkins,	Sproule,
Carling,	Kaulbach,	Stairs,
Caron,	Kilvert,	Taschereau,
Colby,	Kranz,	Tassé,
Costigan,	Labrosse,	Taylor,
Coughlin,	Landry (Kent),	Townshend,
Curran,	Landry (Montmagny),	Tupper,
Outhbert,	Langevin,	Vanasse,
Daly,	Lesage,	Wallace (Albert),
Daoust,	Macdonald (King's),	Wallace (York),
Dawson,	Macdonald (Sir John),	White (Cardwell),
Desaulniers (Maskingé),	Mackintosh,	White (Hastings),
Desaulniers (St. M'rice),	McMillan (Vaudreuil),	White (Renfrew),
Dickinson,	McCallum,	Wigle,
Dodd,	McDougald (Pictou),	Wood (Brockville),
Dugas,	McDougall (U. Breton),	Wood (Westmoreland),
Farrow,	McLellan,	Woodworth—87.

Mr. LISTER. I beg to move in amendment:

That the Bill be referred back to the committee, for the purpose of amending the same, so as to provide that in case of an appeal upon the claim of any person to be put upon the voters' list or the right to remain upon such list, such person may vote, but his ballot shall not be counted, but shall be sealed up by the deputy returning officer in an envelope endorsed with the polling division, the election and the number opposite the voter's name upon the poll book, and such ballots shall be forwarded to the court in which such appeal is pending, and when the appeal is decided the court shall certify to the returning officer the votes to be added, if any, to the number counted for each candidate, and the return shall be corrected accordingly, and the court shall also certify the result of the appeal to the revising officer, who shall amend the voters' lists, so far as may be necessary, in accordance with such certificate.