

Motion in amendment—

“ That the question be not now put, but that the Bill be referred to the Judges of the Supreme Court for their opinion on the question whether this measure does or does not relate to a matter coming within the classes of subjects assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces by the British North America Act, 1867, section 92, sub-section 13, ‘ Property and Civil Rights in the Provinces ’; sub-section 11 of the same section, ‘ Incorporation of Companies, with Provincial objects ’; sub-section 16, ‘ Generally all matters of a merely local or private nature in the Province ’; and, lastly sub-section 7, ‘ The establishment, maintenance, and management of Hospitals, Asylums, Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions in and for the Province, other than Marine Hospitals ’.”—Mr. Bellerose.	471
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