

YEAS :

Messieurs

Allen,	Fairbank,	Mitchell,
Armstrong,	Fisher,	Mulock,
Auger,	Fleming,	Paterson (Brant),
Bain (Wentworth),	Forbes,	Paterson (Essex),
Baker (Victoria),	Gillmor,	Platt,
Béchar, d,	Gunn,	Ray,
Bernier,	Harley,	Rinfret,
Blake,	Holton,	Robertson (Shelburne),
Bourassa,	Innes,	Scriver,
Burpee,	Irvine,	Somerville (Brant),
Cameron (Huron),	Jackson,	Somerville (Bruce),
Cameron (Middlesex),	King,	Springer,
Campbell (Renfrew),	Kirk,	Sutherland (Oxford),
Cartwright (Sir Rich'd),	Landerkin,	Thompson,
Casey,	Langelier,	Trow,
Casgrain,	Laurier,	Vail,
Catudal,	Lister,	Watson,
Charlton,	Livingston,	Weldon,
Cockburn,	Mackenzie,	Wells,
Cook,	McCraney,	Wilson,
Davies,	McMullen,	Wright,
De St. Georges,	Mills,	Yeo.—67.
Edgar,		

NAYS :

Messieurs

Abbott,	Dodd,	McCallum,
Allison,	Dugas,	McDougald (Pictou),
Bain (Soulanges),	Dundas,	McDougall (C. Breton),
Baker (Missisquoi),	Dupont,	McLelan,
Barnard,	Farrow,	McNeill,
Beaty,	Ferguson (Leeds & Gren.),	Massue,
Bell,	Ferguson (Welland),	Moffat,
Benoit,	Fortin,	Montplaisir,
Benson,	Gagné,	Painé,
Bergeron,	Gault,	Pope,
Bergin,	Gigault,	Pruyn,
Billy,	Gordon,	Reid,
Blondeau,	Grandbois,	Riopel,
Bossé,	Guilbault,	Robertson (Hastings),
Bourbeau,	Guillet,	Ross,
Bowell,	Hackett,	Royal,
Bryson,	Hall,	Rykert,
Burnham,	Hay,	Shakespeare,
Burns,	Hesson,	Small,
Cameron (Inverness),	Hickey,	Sproule,
Cameron (Victoria),	Billiard,	Stairs,
Campbell (Victoria),	Homer,	Taschereau,
Carling,	Hurteau,	Tassé,
Caron,	Ives,	Taylor,
Chapleau,	Kaulbach,	Tilley,
Cimon,	Kilvert,	Townshend,
Cochrane,	Kinney,	Tupper,
Colby,	Kranz,	Valin,
Coughlin,	Labrosse,	Vanasse,
Coursol,	Landry (Kent),	Wallace (York),
Curran,	Landry (Montmagny),	White (Cardwell),
Cuthbert,	Langevin,	White (Hastings),
Daly,	Lesage,	White (Renfrew),
Daoust,	Macdonald (King's),	Wigle,
Dawson,	Macdonald (Sir John),	Wood (Brockville),
Desaulniers (Mask'ngé),	Mackintosh,	Wood (Westmoreland),
Desaulniers (St. M'rice),	McMillan (Vaudreuil),	Woodworth.—112.
Dickinson,		

Amendment negatived.

Mr. MITCHELL. Although not successful in my motion, I congratulate myself upon a great moral victory.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I want to call the attention of the Government to one feature in this Bill which, I think, they would do well to amend, and to which, in the discussion, I called the attention of the Premier, and also of the Minister of Finance and the Secretary of State. This Bill, as it now stands, provides, in most cases, that the Governor in Council shall do certain things affecting the Civil Service. Now, in practice, that means that the Secretary of State, acting in the usual mode through the Governor in Council, shall do certain things. My impression is that in this particular case, and in all matters affecting the civil service, it is specially desirable that these questions should be discussed by the board which formerly had charge of them, that is to say, the Treasury board, of which, I may

Mr. BLAKE.

observe, the Secretary of State is, in future, to be a member, if another Bill, which I see on the order Paper, becomes law. Not to detain the House, my amendment is this :

That this Bill be not now read a second time but that it be re-committed with instructions to amend it by inserting throughout the Act, after the word "council," the words "on the report of the Treasury board."

As I have said, the effect of that is simply that the Treasury board will have to consider and report on the various changes, alterations and promotions affecting the Civil Service, which otherwise would be nominally done by the Governor in Council, but practically, to a great extent, by the Secretary of State, whoever he may be, for the time being.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. CASEY. When this Bill was up for the second reading, I declared my intention of moving, on the third reading, an amendment to place on record my objections to the principle of the Bill itself, and my preference for the English system. On that occasion my views were supported, briefly, by an hon. gentleman on the other side, the member for Kings, N. B. (Mr. Foster); and on the present occasion I am happy—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh!

Mr. SPEAKER. I must ask hon. gentlemen to keep order. It will expedite matters much more if order is kept.

Mr. CASEY. On this occasion I am happy to have the support, not only of that very prominent gentleman, but of a still more prominent gentleman, the right hon. Premier himself. We have had from him this afternoon an eloquent eulogy of the English civil service system; we have had the disadvantages of our present system pointed out in some detail; we have had the confession that he himself has been subject to the temptations imposed by the existing patronage system, and has yielded to them, as other politicians have done. He talked to us, Sir, about—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh!

Mr. SPEAKER. Order, order, order. I must ask hon. members to keep order. I am sure the hon. gentleman will only be a few minutes.

Mr. CASEY. I can make no promises, Mr. Speaker; but I can assure you of one thing: I have a certain amount to say, and the less I am interrupted, the sooner I shall be able to say it. Sir, the right hon. Premier alluded to some remarks of my hon. friend from Bothwell (Mr. Mills), as to the responsibility of Ministers. He rather twitted him with the assumption that he was to change sides of the House shortly, and desired to keep power in the hands of the responsible Ministers; and the right hon. Premier ridiculed the idea that the responsibility of Ministers was any safeguard in the Civil Service; and he did so justifiably. It is a most ridiculous assumption that the responsibility of Ministers secures the propriety of the appointments made to the Civil Service, or the judicious management of promotions to the Civil Service.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh!

Mr. SPEAKER. Order, order, order. I beg that hon. gentlemen will keep order. These noises are most unparliamentary and most undignified.

Mr. CASEY. Well, Sir, I say that in that particular I thoroughly agree with the right hon. Premier. We know that this so-called responsibility, which is supposed to give a guarantee of the fitness of those promoted in the service, has been no safeguard and can be no safeguard. As the hon. gentleman himself has said, the Government and members of the House are subjected to "intolerable pressure" from their supporters to get unfit persons appointed, and he confesses