

a new departure constitutionally, and it is a new departure legislatively. The principle of the referendum is a new thing. The features of the bill are so new in many other respects I can only ask the House, with the utmost care, to consider its meritorious clauses, and the circumstances with which members of the House are more familiar than I am, in order that when the bill receives the approval of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor it will have been perfected by the members of this Legislature with the utmost care.

As the Premier resumed his seat he was heartily applauded by his supporters.