

Cartwright,
Casgrain,
Catudal,
De St. Georges,
Fairbank,
Fisher,

Laurier,
Lister,
Livingston,
McOraney,
Mills,
Mulock,

Sutherland (Oxford),
Trow,
Vail,
Watson,
Weldon,
Wells.—36.

NAYS :
Messieurs

Abbott,
Allison,
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Baker (Victoria),
Barnard,
Beaty,
Bell,
Benoit,
Bergeron,
Billy,
Blondeau,
Bowell,
Campbell (Victoria),
Carling,
Caron,
Colby,
Costigan,
Coughlin,
Curran,
Cuthbert,
Daly,
Daoust,
Dawson,
Desaulniers (Mask'ingé),
Desaulniers (St. Mau'ce),
Dickinson,
Dodd,
Dugas,
Farrow,
Ferguson (Leeds & Gren.)

Forbes,
Fortin,
Foster,
Girouard,
Gordon,
Grandbois,
Guillet,
Hackett,
Hesson,
Hickey,
Homer,
Jamieson,
Jenkins,
Kaulbach,
Kilvert,
Kranz,
Labrosse,
Landry (Kent),
Landry (Montmagny),
Langevin,
Lesage,
Macdonald (King's),
Macdonald (Sir John),
McMillan (Vaudreuil),
McCallum,
McDougald (Pieton),
McDougall (C. Breton),
McLelan,

McNeill,
Massue,
Moffat,
Orton,
Paint,
Pinsonneault,
Pruyn,
Robertson (Hamilton),
Robertson (Hastings),
Royal,
Small,
Smyth,
Sproule,
Stairs,
Taschereau,
Tassé,
Taylor,
Townshend,
Tupper,
Vanasse,
Wallace (Albert),
Wallace (York),
White (Cardwell),
White (Hastings),
White (Renfrew),
Wigle,
Wood (Brockville),
Wood (Westmoreland),
Woodworth.—88.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I rise to move an amendment to the tenant clause of the Bill, and I wish to call the First Minister's attention to that clause for a few moments. I find there is an invidious distinction made between the tenant and the other two classes who vote on property qualifications. As regards the owner of property, there is nothing required with regard to the amount of interest he has in the property; he is simply required to be nominally the owner of it. The property may be mortgaged for all it is worth, and he may be in debt besides, but still he is allowed to vote on the property. Then, again, as regards the occupant, it is not necessary he shall have any monetary interest in the property at all. He may be simply a squatter, but still he has a right to vote. It is entirely different when we come to the tenant clause. There the distinction is made, that he must pay a certain amount of rent, no matter what the intrinsic value of the property may be. Not only that, but a certain portion of that rent, up to \$20, shall be paid before he will be allowed to vote. I say, again, that is an invidious distinction. Then I find there is one class of tenants entirely debarred from the franchise. The section only provides for two classes of tenants: first, the class that pays the rent in money; and next, the class that pays, instead, in kind, or a part of the produce of the land. But in Ontario, and I suppose in the other Provinces as well, there is a large class of tenants not included under either of these heads. We have often tenants who, instead of paying money or produce, remunerate the owner by making improvements, by making, for instance, fences, or clearing a portion of the land, or draining a portion of the land; or erecting buildings, or in some way or other not included in either of these classes. This I take to be a great hardship. A tenant of this class may be paying a large consideration. The property he is holding may be worth \$1,000 or \$10,000, and the consideration he is giving for the use of it may amount to hundreds of dollars; yet, under this Bill, he will have no right to vote. The clause, as it stands now, requiring that this rent shall be paid, will also be troublesome in finding out the correct amount of rent, and, in many cases, will cause a good deal of annoyance. That annoyance may be very much inten-

Mr. Trow.

sified. Poverty is no disgrace, if a man has not brought it on himself through his own misconduct, but there is no man, no matter how poor he is, who wishes to have that poverty flaunted in the face of the public. Under the Bill, as it is, when a tenant goes to vote, the first question asked is whether he has paid his rent or not; and it has always been open to the landlord, if he is on the opposite side of politics, to trump up a bill against him and dispute whether he has paid the amount of rent required or not. Not only that, but we can easily conceive a poor tenant may often be subjected to another species of annoyance. We know that not only candidates, but agents, are in the habit of canvassing a party who is supposed to have a vote. A tenant who is unable to pay his rent may be from day to day annoyed by these parties coming to solicit his vote, and at last, in order to get rid of them, he will have to acknowledge that he has not and is not able to pay his rent. I say, again, an invidious distinction is made against the tenant. It may be said the principle of the Bill is that not the value of the property, as regards the tenant, but the rent paid, is to be the qualification. But why should a principle of that kind be adhered to when it is not only going to debar a large number of voters from the franchise, but is going to make an invidious distinction, not productive of any good or not answering any useful purpose? 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 qualification of a tenant shall be determined by the actual value of the property of which he is tenant, the same as in the case of occupant or owner in all the Provinces in which the actual value appears on the assessment roll.

House divided on amendment of Mr. Armstrong.

YEAS :

Messieurs

Armstrong,
Auger,
Bernier,
Burpee,
Cameron (Middlesex),
Campbell (Renfrew),
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De St. Georges,
Fairbank,
Fisher,
Forbes,

Geoffrion,
Gillmor,
Holton,
Innis,
Irvine,
Langelier,
Laurier,
Lister,
Livingston,
McOraney,
Mills,
Mulock,

Paterson (Brant),
Ray,
Rinfret,
Somerville (Brant),
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