

was one of the links that reminded us of our connection with the British Empire, and if we could strike it out without doing the bill any serious injury perhaps it had better be expunged. For his own part, he thought it absolutely necessary we should have some such Court as this. Every day cases were arising involving doubts as to Provincial or Federal jurisdiction which ought to be clearly defined by some authority.

The question was then put on Hon. Mr. Allan's amendment, which resulted in a tie (29 to 29), as follows:—

CONTENTS—The Honorable Messieurs Aikins, Alexander, Allan, Armand, Bellerose, Benson, Botsford, Bourinot, Campbell, Carrall, Cornwall, Dever, Dickey, Dumouchel, Ferrier, Flint, Hamilton (Inkerman), Hamilton (Kingston), Howlan, Kaulbach, Macfarlane, Macpherson, Price, Read, Ryan, Shaw, Skead, Trudel, Vidal—29.

NON-CONTENTS—The Honorable Messieurs Archibald, Baillargeon, Brown, Bureau, Chaffers, Chapais, Chinic, Christie (Speaker), Cormier, Fabre, Glasier, Guevremont, Haythorne, Leonard, Letellier de St. Just, McClelan, McMaster, Macdonald, Miller, Montgomery, Muirhead, Pâquet, Penny, Scott, Seymour, Simpson, Sutherland, Wark, Wilmot—29.

The Speaker therefore declared the motion lost.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE moved, seconded by Hon. MR. ARMAND, that the bill be not now read a third time, but that it be re-committed with instructions to amend it by adding to the 15th clause the following words:

"In relation to all matters not coming within the classes of subjects by the British North America Act assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces."

HON. MR. SCOTT—Of course we cannot accept that amendment, as it would destroy the whole vitality of the bill.

The amendment was declared lost on a division.

HON. MR. DICKEY moved, seconded by Hon. MR. ALEXANDER, that at the end of the 80th section the following words be added:—

"And that such rules shall only be enforced for thirty days after the opening of the session, or until approved by Parliament."

Motion lost on division.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE moved, seconded by Hon. MR. ARMAND, that section 81 of the bill be amended by adding after the words "under order of the Governor in Council" the following:—

"But in so far as this Act concerns the Province of Quebec, no such proclamation shall have effect, unless and until this Act is adopted and approved by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, as to the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in cases relating to property, civil rights, and civil procedure in the said Province of Quebec."

He added that he wished to put on record his protest that the Province of Quebec should not be denied these rights. He was not willing to vote away the privileges now possessed by that Province. He held that this House had no right to interfere with the legislation of the Provinces. He had always understood that by the British North America Act the Provinces were to have sole control of their own affairs. If he had not so understood it he would never have voted for the Act of Confederation in 1865, as he had done. He expected the Hon. Minister of Agriculture would appoint two of his friends as the Supreme Court Judges from the Province of Quebec, who would not represent the opinion of the majority of the people of Quebec. Therefore he would rather go to England where justice had always been accorded them.

The amendment was put, and lost by 18 to 35, as follows:—

CONTENTS—The Honorable Messieurs Armand, Bellerose, Bourinot, Chapais, Dever, Dickey, Dumouchel, Ferrier, Guevremont, Hamilton (Inkerman), Howlan, Price, Read, Ryan, Shaw, Skead, Trudel, Wilmot—18.

NON-CONTENTS—The Honorable Messieurs Aikins, Allan, Archibald, Baillargeon, Botsford, Brown, Bureau, Campbell, Carrall, Chaffers, Chinic, Christie, Cormier, Fabre, Flint, Glasier, Haythorne, Leonard, Letellier de St. Just, McClelan (Hopewell), McMaster, Macdonald (Victoria), Macfarlane, Macpherson, Miller, Montgomery, Muirhead, Pâquet, Penny, Scott, Seymour, Simpson, Sutherland, Vidal, Ward—35.

HON. MR. DICKEY moved, seconded by Hon. MR. ALEXANDER, that the 65th clause be struck out.

Lost on division.