

Mr. WILLIAMS (Hamilton) supported the clause.

Mr. MCGALL (Norfolk) excited some laughter by advocating female suffrage.

Dr. MCGILL said he thought the discussion had shown the correctness of his suggestion at the outset, that this Bill should have been laid over. The proposition was one which he heartily endorsed, and he would be inclined to carry it further. He was not prepared, however, to say that, at the first blush, it should be carried. Let it be laid over for eight months, with the rest of the Bill, and then let it again be brought before the House, after it had been well considered by the Ministry. He was not prepared at present to vote for or against the proposition.

Mr. GALBRAITH moved to amend the clause by striking out the words "in which he may have resided for one month previous to the election," and to strike out all the words after the word "income," in the second line from the end, and insert the following words: "and shall have paid taxes thereon."

This amendment was negatived.

The motion to strike out the clause was then agreed to.

Mr. MCKELLAR said he would move its re-insertion at the third reading, when the yeas and nays could be taken.

Mr. OUBRIE moved in amendment to the 11th clause that fifty dollars be the qualification in townships, instead of one hundred dollars—Lost.

The clause was agreed to.

The 12th section was agreed to.

Hon Mr. WOOD moved a new clause after the 12th, as follows:—

"That the following be substituted for the 51st section of the Act:—Every male person, entered on the then last revised assessment roll for every city, town, village, or township, as the owner or occupant of real property of [the actual value in cities, of \$500, in towns of \$300, in incorporated villages of \$200, and in townships of \$200, shall be entitled to vote at all Parliamentary elections, subject to the provisions of the Act, chap. 6 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, except sub-sections 1 & 2 of section 4 of the said Act, which are hereby repealed, in so far as they relate to Ontario."

He said this was as near as might be, what the Parliamentary franchise was, prior to the Municipal Act of 1866.

The clause moved by Mr. WOOD was agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 18 were agreed to.

Clause 19, with some verbal amendments, was agreed to.

Clauses 20 and 21 were agreed to.

Clause 22, with reference to seats in Councils being vacated by crime, insolvency, &c.

Mr. LOUNT moved to strike out the words, "or proceedings be legally taken against him in insolvency," and to substitute the following, "or becomes insolvent within the meaning of the Insolvent Act of 1864." Carried.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON moved to amend the clause, by adding the words—"and the Council shall declare the seat vacant and order a new election." Carried.

The clause, as thus amended, was agreed to.

Clauses 23 and 24 were agreed to.

Clause 25, which allows a Councillor to act as Commissioner, Superintendent, or Overseer over any road or work undertaken by the municipality.

Mr. HAYS moved to amend it by striking out the words, "and all payments heretofore made by any municipality to any Commissioner, Superintendent, or Overseer, acting as such, are hereby declared to be legal."

Mr. GIBBONS thought the house should, as much as possible, put a stop to litigation. The member for North Huron naturally desired to keep work for the lawyers.

Mr. BLAKE suggested that provision should be made with reference to the costs of suits now in progress, which had been commenced on the faith of the existing law.

Mr. RYKERT moved a clause to carry out the view suggested by Mr. Blake.

This, after some discussion, was agreed to, and the clause as amended passed.

Clauses 26 to 29 were agreed to.

Mr. MCKELLAR moved an additional clause to amend sub-section 2 of section 282 of the Act, with reference to the assessment of expenses for draining, by adding the words "in the same manner as taxes are levied." Carried.

Clauses 30 to 35 were agreed to.

Clause 36, giving Corporations authority to sell the mineral rights to the roads over which they have jurisdiction, being moved, there were cries of "Lost! lost!"

Mr. GRAHAM (Hastings) explained that when roads had to be improved by cutting down hills, corporations, in some cases, might sell to miners the right to cut them down.

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