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Clauses 1 and 2 were struck off the Bill. Hon. Mr. CROOKS moved that the following words be added to clause 3:—"Notwithstanding the sum may be less than \$12) or excess of \$240 per annum."

Mr. RYKERT objected to the amendment as unconstitutional. It was a recommendation affecting the revenue of the country, and should have been embodied in a message from His Excellency. He requested the ruling of the Chairman on the subject.

The CHAIRMAN said he would report the objection when the Committee rose.

The other clauses of the Bill were then agreed to, and the Bill, as amended, with Mr. Rykert's objection, was reported.

Mr. SPEAKER said he thought the Chairman should have decided upon the question in Committee.

The objection was not disposed of, when, it being 1:30, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. CLARKE (Wellington) presented the ninth report of the Committee on Printing.

Mr. McLEOD presented the fourth and final report of the Public Accounts Committee.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS moved the House into Committee of Ways and Means.

The Committee on rising reported the resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

The report was received.

SUPPLY BILL.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS introduced the Supply Bill, which was read a first, second, and third time and passed.

RAILWAY AID FUND.

Mr. RYKERT renewed his objection in reference to the appropriation of any portion of the public revenue without a previous message from the Crown having been received.

Hon. Mr. CROOKS had no doubt as to the soundness of the constitutional point, but in this case they were only introducing a measure for the disposing of an appropriation which was provided for by an Act passed in the session of 1871-1872.

Mr. SPEAKER considered that the Bill under consideration did not come within the rule referred to by the hon. member for Lincoln. It was merely proposed to vary the amount already appropriated by the Crown. Therefore, he did not consider the question of order sustained.

The report of the Committee was then received, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE EXTENSION OF THE ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR moved the House into Committee on the Bill to extend the Elective Franchise—Mr. Hodgins in the chair.

Mr. WOOD urged upon the Government the re-consideration of the first clause. There were, he believed, grave objections to the extension of the provisions of the Bill to municipal elections this year, and he would suggest that the measure should not come into force until next year.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR said the Government were quite prepared to accept the suggestion of the hon. gentleman, and cause the Bill to come into force in January, 1875.

Mr. MEREDITH thought the measure should not be delayed until next year, but that it should come into force at an earlier date, so that its advantages would be felt at the next general election.

Mr. BETHUNE was not sure but that it would be advisable to omit the portion of the Bill providing for the right of voting at municipal elections under any circumstances. He was of opinion that the Bill should not come into force until after the general election.

Mr. DEACON said the effect of postponing the operation of this Bill was to keep the class for whose benefit it was enacted from voting at the first election.

Mr. RYKERT said he would test the House upon this question at the third reading, and show whether or not hon. gentlemen opposite were sincere in their promises to the class concerned. He thought the franchise in cities, towns, and villages should be graduated, and the voters upon income should be called upon to pay taxes. He moved in amendment that all the words after the word "property," in the 12th line, be struck out of section No. 1, and the following words inserted:—"Provided that he derives such income from some trade, calling, office, or profession of not less than, in cities, \$600; in towns and incorporated villages, \$500; and in municipalities, \$400 per annum, and is

assessed for such income in and by the last revised assessment roll of the municipality; and provided also that no person assessed for income as aforesaid shall be entitled to vote at such election, unless he shall have paid his taxes before tendering his vote at such election."

The amendment was lost by a vote of 13 yeas to 20 nays.

Mr. MEREDITH then moved in amendment that the following words be inserted after the word vote, in the eighth line:—"And who has been resident in the Province of Ontario for at least three years previous to such election."

The amendment was declared lost.

Mr. RYKERT moved that the following words be inserted at the end of the first section:—"Provided also that no person assessed for income, as aforesaid, shall be entitled to vote at any Parliamentary election unless he shall have paid his taxes before tendering his vote at said election."

After some discussion the amendment was lost.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR moved that the blank on the 14th line be filled up by the insertion of the sum of \$400. Carried.

The first clause was adopted as amended.

Mr. MEREDITH, on the adoption of the second clause being moved, moved in amendment that all the words after income secondly occurring be expunged.

The third clause was passed without amendment.

The remaining clauses were adopted with slight verbal amendment.

Hon. Mr. McKELLAR moved an additional clause, which was as follows:—"That this Act shall take effect on January 1st, 1875."

Mr. RYKERT moved in amendment the following clause:—"That this Act, so far as relates to Parliamentary elections, shall take effect immediately after its passing, and to municipal elections on January 1st, 1875."

The original motion was carried.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill as amended, and the report was adopted.

On Hon. Mr. McKELLAR moving the third reading of the Bill,

Mr. RYKERT moved in amendment that the Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to strike out the seventh clause and substitute the following:—"That this Act, so far as relates to Parliamentary elections, shall take effect immediately after the passing thereof, and so far as relates to municipal elections this Act shall take effect on and after Jan. 1st, 1875."

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said the hon. gentleman asked them to do that which was impracticable, and which would apply unfairly to different classes.

Mr. BETHUNE moved, in amendment to the amendment, that all the words after that in the amendment be struck out, and the following be substituted; that is to say, "Inasmuch as nearly all the assessments in the various municipalities have this year been completed, and inasmuch as no fair and general application of this Bill can be had this year, it is inexpedient that the Bill should go into operation till the 1st of January next, and that the said Bill be now read a third time."

Mr. MEREDITH contended that this amendment to the amendment was out of order, as it was an embodiment of the original motion with reasons why the House should so vote.

Mr. SPEAKER ruled the amendment to the amendment in order.

The members were then called in, and the division resulted as follows:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Barber, Baxter, Bethune, Bishop, Chisholm, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Craig (Glengarry), Crooks, Farewell, Fraser, Gibson, Gow, McCall, McGowan, McKellar, McLeod, Monk, Mowat, Oliver, Pardee, Paxton, Pritchard, Read, Sinclair, Smith, Springer, Striker, Watterworth, Williams (Hamilton) Wood—32.

NAYS.—Messrs. Boulter, Carrie, Daly, Deacon, Meredith, O'Donoghue, Robinson, Rykert, Webb—9.

Mr. RYKERT moved another amendment to the amendment as amended, that the Bill should be referred back to Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the first clause, so as to provide that no person should be entitled to vote who had not paid the taxes imposed on him.

Hon. Mr. FRASER held the amendment was out of order.

Mr. SPEAKER ruled that the amendment was irregular.

Mr. MEREDITH moved in amendment that the Bill should be referred back to Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the second section by striking out the word "income," secondly occurring therein.

Mr. BETHUNE held the motion was irregular, inasmuch as the Bill had been read a third time.

Mr. SPEAKER ruled the amendment in order.

The members were then called in, and the