

Legislature thus recreant to popular rights. By the abolition of Separate Schools, even if that could be brought about, they would not have the Roman Catholic children going with their Protestant neighbors to schools, but they would have a voluntary tax placed upon the Roman Catholic ratepayers to sustain Separate Schools as was done in the United States. He followed Mr. Meredith in the legal argument of the case to show that so far as this Legislature was concerned the British North America Act deprived it of all powers to make these changes. He demanded to know where the line of public control should be drawn, and pointed out that in the amendment of the hon. member the words "except religious instruction" were put in, being added in writing to the type-written copy, showing that even Mr. Meredith recognised the difficulty. He would not attempt to draw that line, but would leave it to the courts to interpret the law. He moved in amendment to the amendment to refer the bill back to add these words as a section of the bill:—

"Except as provided in sections 5 and 7 of this act nothing in this act contained shall be deemed, taken or construed as in any manner, or for any purpose altering, varying or affecting any power, right or authority which before the passing of this act was by law vested in or held, had or possessed by the Minister of Education or the Department of Education in respect either of Roman Catholic Separate Schools or of any matter or thing whatsoever pertaining to or affecting said Separate Schools."

Mr. Meredith in a short speech contended that the amendment to the amendment was unsatisfactory and that he should have no hesitation in voting against it.

Mr. Mowat spoke briefly on the question, showing that the amendment to the amendment declared in the most specific manner that the control of Separate Schools by the department and the Government was to remain exactly as it was made under the organic law of the Separate Schools.

The vote on the amendment to the amendment resulted in 52 yeas, 31 nays, as follows:—

Division List.

YEAS—Allan, Awrey, Balfour, Baxter, Biggar, Bishop, Blezard, Caldwell, Carpenter, Charlton, Chisholm, Clarke (Wellington), Cleland, Conmee, Dack, Davis, Dowling, Dryden, Ferguson, Field, Fraser, Garrow, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Guthrie, Harcourt, Hardy, Lockhart, Loughrin, McKay (Oxford), McKay (Victoria), McKechnie, McKenzie, H., Mack, Mackenzie, C., Moore, Mowat, O'Connor, Paton, Porter, Rayside, Ross, Sharpe, Smith (York), Snider, Sprague, Stratton, Tait, Waters, White, Wood (Brant).—52.

NAYS.—Barr, Bush, Campbell (Algoma) Campbell (Durham) Clancy, Clarke, H. E. (Toronto), Dunlop, Fell, Glendenning, Godwin, Hammell, Hiscott, Hudson, Kerns, McCleary, McColl, McLenaghan, Magwood, Marter, Meacham, Meredith, Miscampbell, Monk, Preston, Reid, Rorke, Smith (Froetenac), Whitney, Willoughby, Wood (Hastings), Wylie—31.

Mr. Metcalfe opposing the amendment, was paired with Dr. McMahon.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Harcourt, the House went into Committee of Supply on concurrence. Mr. McLenaghan submitted a motion to the effect that the House regrets that a grant to the Eastern Dairymen's Association equal to that of the Western Dairymen's Association had not been made. As a matter of fact they should have been granted another \$500. Hon. Mr. Dryden explained that the Western Dairymen's Association were experimenting with matters of an educational character. They had a school and dairy, and it was towards the expenses of such an institution that the grant was made.

Progress was reported, and the House rose at 11.30 o'clock.

Notes.

The Legal Committee held a short meeting this morning and considered two bills which had been referred to it. One was Mr. Dack's measure to amend the act respecting joint stock companies for supplying cities, towns and villages with gas and water. It was decided to allow this to be placed on the order paper without alteration. The other was the bill which was submitted by Mr. Meredith to amend the act to regulate travelling on public highways and bridges. It was passed with a verbal alteration.

The Public Accounts Committee sat for a few minutes only and considered the draft of their report which will be submitted with the evidence at to-morrow's session. The draft was approved with a few verbal alterations suggested by Mr. Clancy.