

Mr. Richmond in the chair.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Committee then proceeded to re-consider Electoral Bill No. 3. (Qualification of Electors.)

Clause 1 read.

Moved by Mr. Carleton :—

That a sub section, to stand as No. 5, be added to Clause 1, as follows :—

Or being a Graduate of any University within the British Dominions, or a Member of any of the learned professions and having resided within such District for 6 months at least at the time of Registration. Carried.

Committee then proceeded to re-consider Electoral Bill No. 4, (Registration of Electors.)

Moved by Mr. Carleton :—

That in Clause 2, 6th line, the word "List," be substituted for the word "Roll," and that the Chairman be requested to make corresponding corrections where necessary in other Clauses of the Bill. Carried.

Question put and passed.

That Clauses 2, 8, 9, and 24, postponed at a sitting of the Committee on the 23rd April last, do stand as read, subject to the preceding resolution.

Committee then proceeded to re-consider Electoral Bill No. 7 (Corrupt Practices).

Moved by Mr. Carleton :—

In reference to a Resolution of the Committee adopted at its last sitting (21st June inst.,) by which it was resolved : " That it is inexpedient to discontinue the practice of open voting, and that in the opinion of this Committee, secret voting is calculated to produce greater evils than those which it is intended to remedy" the following words in Clause III "and every "Elector who shall corruptly accept or take any such meat, drink, entertainment, or provision, "shall be incapable of voting at such Election and his vote if given shall be utterly void and "of none effect," struck out at a sitting of the Committee on the 4th of May last be re-inserted.

Question put.

*Ayes.*

Mr. Carleton

Dr. Monro

" Weld

" Hall

" Packer.

*Noes.*

Mr. Ollivier.

Moved by Mr. Ollivier :—

That Clause 8 be expunged.

*Ayes.*

Mr. Ollivier

Dr. Monro.

*Noes.*

Mr. Weld

" Carleton

" Hall

" Packer.

Committee then proceeded to re-consider Electoral Bill No. 8 (Provincial Elections).

Question put that the new Clause to follow Clause 3 postponed at a former meeting be now passed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Carleton, by way of Resolution, and in reference to Clause 5 as printed of the Electoral Bill No. 8.

That every Election of the Superintendent or of a Member of the Provincial Council of a Province shall be conducted, *mutatis mutandis*, in manner prescribed by the laws having reference to the Election of Members of the House of Representatives.

*Ayes.*

Mr. Carleton

" Beckham

Dr. Monro.

The other Members present, viz., Mr. Ollivier, Mr. Packer, Mr. Hall, not voting.

Moved by Mr. Packer, with reference to Clauses 6 and 7 of the Electoral Bill No. 8:—

"That the Provincial Councils ought to be Judges, in the first instance of the validity of the Members thereof, subject to an appeal to the Supreme Court." Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hall :—

That subject to the above mentioned resolutions of Mr. Carleton and Mr. Packer, and to resolution in reference to Clause 4 of the Bill, proposed by Mr. Hall and adopted by the Committee on the 5th May last, the Bill be passed. Carried.

Committee then adjourned to Tuesday, 29th June, at 12 o'clock.

C. W. RICHMOND.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1858.

Committee met.

*Present :—*

Mr. Richmond

" Weld

" Packer

" Hall

Dr. Monro

Mr. Beckham

" Ollivier

" Merriman