

Mr. LEONARD. (Translation.) moves :

1. That the Bill be not now read a third time but be recommitted to a committee of the whole House with an instruction that they have power to amend it, by adding the following as subsection 2 of section 2 :—

2. Such rights to separate schools and such educational privileges as are guaranteed or granted to the Catholic or the Protestant minority in the Northwest Territories, under chap. 50, of the Revised Statutes of Canada, shall be continued by this constitution to the minorities of the said provinces.

I do not deem it necessary, Mr. Speaker, to go again at any length over the grounds which I gave to the House last week to justify the passing of this amendment, but let it suffice to state that I intend to embody in the constitution of the two new provinces the provisions which I find in chap. 30 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, section 14.

Mr. BRODEUR. (Translation.) Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I call your attention to the fact that the hon. gentleman having seconded the motion of the hon. member from Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk), he has no right to speak again to the motion.

The hon. member for Laval (Mr. Léonard) has already spoken on the motion of the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk). He has no right to move an amendment, because he has already seconded a previous amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER. I think the point is well taken.

Mr. LEONARD. (Translation). I never spoke on the motion; but in answer to the objection raised by the hon. minister, I may say that if my name has been given by the Speaker, as having seconded the motion, it was altogether without my knowledge.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. SPEAKER. I think the point has been well taken. If the hon. member desires to appeal from the ruling of the chair of course, he may.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY (Calgary). I have an amendment which I desire to make to the motion of the right hon. the First Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) to read the Bill a third time. The motion which I propose to offer in amendment is similar to the one which I had the privilege of introducing when the matter was under discussion in the committee. The intention of that motion was that the distribution of the local seats in the province of Alberta should be referred to a commission of judges of the Supreme Court residing in that province. While this matter was being discussed in the committee I assigned then reasons which I had hoped would have induced the government to have looked at the proposal in a

favourable light and to have referred this matter to a commission of judges. I do not propose to repeat the arguments that I then assigned or the reasons why I thought that this matter should be referred to a commission of judges. I therefore will move, seconded by Mr. Herron :

That all the words after 'now' to the end of the question be left out, and that the following words be inserted instead thereof :

Recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House with an instruction that they have power to strike out section 12 of the Bill and to substitute the following section therefor :

12. Until the said legislature otherwise provides the legislative assembly shall be composed of twenty-five members to be elected to represent the electoral divisions hereinafter mentioned.

(a) Such division shall be made by a board of commissioners consisting of at least three persons resident in the said province and being judges of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories who shall for that purpose be appointed by letters patent under the great seal immediately after the coming into force of this Act, and who shall divide the said province into twenty-five electoral divisions.

(b) The letters patent appointing the commissioners shall require the commissioners in making the divisions to have due regard to the distribution of population, the public convenience, the existing local divisions and such other considerations as appear to them best calculated to do substantial justice.

(c) In case of the death or resignation or refusal of any one or more of such commissioners to act a successor or successors shall in like manner be appointed; and in the event of their being no resident judge or judges available any judge or judges of the said Supreme Court may be appointed such successor or successors.

(d) Within a time to be limited by the said letters patent the commissioners shall complete such divisions and report the same to the Lieutenant Governor of the said province setting forth in such report the boundaries of the electoral divisions to which such report refers, and the ranges, townships and sections comprised therein and shall assign an appropriate designation to each electoral division. Upon receipt by the Lieutenant Governor of the said province of the report of the commissioners completing the divisions aforesaid the respective territories described as constituting the respective electoral divisions into which the said province shall have been divided as aforesaid shall become and be the electoral divisions of the said province as if the same had been so set apart and established as such by this Act.

(e) The commissioners shall also within the said time limited forward a duplicate of their said report to the Secretary of State.

(f) The said report and the said duplicate thereof shall be signed by the commissioners or in case of a disagreement by the majority of them and the report of the majority of the commissioners shall be the report of the commissioners.

(g) The said report shall be published in the 'Canada Gazette' and in the 'Official Gazette' of the said province forthwith after the receipt thereof.

(h) The commissioners may frame rules and orders for regulating the conduct of their pro-