

DOMINION ELECTION ACT AMENDMENT—  
SECOND READING.

Bill (148) to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900, read the second time; and House went into committee—Mr. Fitzpatrick (Minister of Justice) 7228. Progress reported—7228.

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles* (Minister of Justice)—7228.

Agrees to report progress—7228.

*Haggart, Hon. John G.* (South Lanark)—7228.

Leader of opposition (Mr. Borden) who is away, would like to be present when Bill is in committee—7228.

House in committee on Bill (148) to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900—Mr. Fitzpatrick (Minister of Justice)—7649. Amendment dropping Nipissing and West Algoma—Mr. Fitzpatrick—moved and carried—7655. Progress reported—7669.

*Bennett, W. H.* (East Simcoe)—7651.

Algoma election in 1900, same day as general election—7651. Confident of that; could be done after division—7652. Repeats assertion as to date in 1900—7653. Eastern Algoma postponed—7655. Wrong about Algoma in 1900, Manitoulin accessible—7659. No difficulty at any season—7664.

*Blain, Richard* (Peel)—7652.

Local elections same day as general in Nipissing—7652. Why two returning officers—7654.

*Borden, R. L.* (Halifax)—7650.

Provision absolutely unjustified; provincial elections all same day—7650. Should be imperative necessity for postponement—7651. Reads letter against necessity in Algoma—7653. All elections in Yale-Cariboo on same day—7655. Blot on statute-book to postpone elections unnecessarily—7656. Algoma and British Columbia constituencies should not be pressed 7657. Returning officer does not go round in Halifax—7660. In British Columbia, deputies could come to returning officer—7665. Might use same districts and polling-places as in provincial elections—7666. Reads letter of A. H. McNeil, K.C., on British Columbia conditions—7668. Bring in deputies on day of nomination—7669.

*Boyd, Nat.* (Macdonald, Man.)—7653.

No need to postpone Algoma—7653.

*Brock, William Rees* (Centre Toronto)—7660.

Extraordinary commerce has done what politics cannot—7660-1. Government should drop the Bill and stand for uniformity—7662. If you will you can—7663.

*Clancy, James* (Bothwell)—7653.

Manitoulin Island only difficulty in Algoma—7653. No good reason could apply to East Algoma—7658. Power taken as mandatory rather than discretionary—7659.

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*Clarke, E. F.* (West Toronto)—7657.

Algoma should have been removed—7657. No trouble with Manitoulin Island—7658.

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. C.* (Minister of Justice)—7649.

Algoma law made applicable to divided constituency—7649. Nipissing added—7650. Necessary in Quebec; in hands of committee as regards Nipissing—7651. Mr. Bennett speaks from personal knowledge; drops Nipissing—7652. Moves to drop West Algoma and Nipissing—7655. Trying to remove blot—7656. Quebec same as in provincial elections; willing to take time—7657. Remember power only discretionary—7658. Chicoutimi and Saguenay same day in 1900, insists on East Algoma—7659. Trying a remedy—7661. Could not hold winter elections same day in Gaspé—7662. Improper conditions regarding ballot boxes—7663. Question whether all parts of constituency are accessible—7664. No reason for exception—7665.

*Gallihier, W. A.* (Yale and Cariboo)—7653.

In Kootenay, nine local ridings form one Dominion—7653. Physical impossibility; same of Yale and Cariboo—7654. Remarks apply equally to both—7656. One federal officer to nine provincial—7659. Miners should have chance to vote—7660. Speaks from knowledge—7665. Conditions differ from Northwest—7667. Districts within reach, but not every part of district—7668. Not personally concerned; matter impossible—7669.

*Henderson, David* (Halton)—7664.

Returning officer delegates duty of distribution; may have several delegates—7664.

*Holmes, Robert* (West Huron)—7663.

Ballot papers printed after nomination—7663. Takes two days—7664.

*Macpherson, R. G.* (Burrard)—7654.

Conditions in Comox-Atlin—7654. Takes fourteen days to distribute ballot boxes—7655.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—7658.

Trouble with Manitoulin for few weeks spring and fall—7658. How ballot boxes are furnished in Ontario—7663. Holmes had experience—7664.

Bill (148) to amend the Dominion Elections Act of 1900 read a second time and taken in committee—Mr. Fitzpatrick (Minister of Justice)—8028. Progress reported—8029.

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. C.* (Minister of Justice)—8028.

Intends eliminating Algoma; Bill only applicable to British Columbia and Quebec—8028-29.

*Haggart, Hon. John G.* (South Lanark)—8028.

Asks Bill to stand over on account of Mr. R. L. Borden's absence—8028.