Thirty-Two Specific Charges | men high up. He mentioned specifically Lord Beaverbrook (Sir Max Aitken) and Lieut.-Col, C. M. R. Graham, former mayor of London, These charges appear in an adjoining colof Fraud and Election Crime Names the Deputles. After reading his thirty-two specific charges, Mr. Copp read a list of the deputy presiding officers in whose polls it was alleged fraud had been practiced. He cited also a series of military votes of men resident in Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, which had been endorsed for Prince Edward County in Ontario.

A. B. Copp, M.P., on His Responsibility as Member of the House of Commons, Makes Most Serious Accusations-Soldiers Told How to Vote; Many Not Allowed to Vote as They Would-Overseas Polling Booth of C. M. R. Graham. Former Mayor of London, Mentioned as Especially Bad.

FRAUDS AND ELECTION CRIME

Dealing with the taking of the overseas soldiers' vote, A. B. Copp, M. P. for Westmoreland, N. B., declared in the House of Commons yesterday that an investigation should be held into the votes of soldiers polled in Canada and overseas. He claimed that irregularities had taken place in connection with the voting in Canada and letters received from soldiers convinced him that in taking the overseas vote irregularities had been practiced which amounted to frauds and an election crime.

Mr. Copp then proceeded to read a statement which contained 32 direct charges in this connection. He declared that a carefull y-organized conspiracy existed which affected a large number of constituencies throughout Canada. The charges covered the various allegations in connection with the taking of the soldiers' votes which have been made at various times throughout the session, but covered a number of specific details not hitherto

Mr. Copp's charges were as follows:

"I hereby state on my honor and on my responsibility as a member of this honorable House: "That in the recent election a carefully-organized conspiracy existed by which extensive frauds were perpetrated in connection with the soldiers' votes."

soldiers' votes.
That the aforesaid fraudulent "That the aforesaid fraudulent conspiracy was particularly operative in the electoral districts of King's and Queen's, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton North and Victoria, Richmond and Cape Breton South, Cumberland, Digby and Annapoli, Pictou, Westmoreland, Restigouche and Madawaska, Kent, N.B., Northumberland, N.B., Brome, Sherbrooke, Chambly, Vercheres, St. Ann's, Montreal, St. Antoine, St. Henri, St. Lawrence and St. Henri, St. Lawrence and St. George, Standstead, Wright, Algoma East, Bruce North and South, Essex North and South, Hamilton East and West, Huron South, Kent, Outarlo Leade and Pacific Heat. Ontario, Leeds and Brockville, Lennox and Addington, London, Middlesex West, Nipissing, Ontario South, Ottawa, Oxford South, Peel, Prince Edward, Russell, Welland, Calgary, Edmonton and the Yukon.

Directed By Officers. "These frauds were directed and practiced by responsible officers of his majesty's Canadian forces coperating with deputy presiding officers and poll clerks appointed under the authority of the crown. That military electors were officially advised how to fill in Form B. on the back of the envelopes containing their ballots, in order to successfully and fraudulently place their votes in constituencies other than those in which they were legally entitled to vote.

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"That evidence will be submitted by me to a commission of inquiry establishing the fact that there was an organization to transfer a large fraudulent vote to certain selected constituencies in order to overcome the legitimate vote of the said electoral districts. toral districts.
"That in certain of the said con-

stituencies a fraudulent soldiers' vote was polled largely in excess of the legitimate military franchise.

the legitimate military franchise, Irregularities Overseas.

"That throughout camps in Great Britain the answers to questions in Form B. on the back of the ballot envelopes were filled in by commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers outside the polling booths, instead of being filled in by the military electors, or the presiding officers inside the polling booth, and the said envelopes were given to the officials recording the votes without the said questions etes without the said questions eing addressed to the said voters being addressed to the said questions being addressed to the said voters by the presiding officers.

"That Opposition scrutineers were prevented from attending certain polling booths while the military vote was being recorded.

"That the representative of the Opposition was forcibly removed from a polling booth and arrested and confined in a camp prison during the period when a large fradulent vote was being recorded in the said polling booth.

"The ballot envelopes, partly filled in, signed and scaled by the deputy presiding officer, and each containing a ballot marked in favor of the Government, were in circulation, with the blank space left open for the insertion of the name of a military voter, as a means of facilitating the perpetration of the frauds hereinbefore mentioned.

ereinbefore mentioned.
Canvassed By Officers.
"That military electors were canrant military electors were can-vassed by superior officers in direct contravention of the King's regula-tions and orders, and were directed how they should mark their ballots. "That military electors in non-

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with a number of subjects of the ballots for the Government in the presence of and in the manner pre-United States, were induced to cribed by the deputy presiding falsely declare their residence to be in Brockville, in the electoral district of Leeds (Sir Thomas White's

officer.
"That military electors who at directed, but afterwards did so directed, but afterwards did so under compulsion, were, neverthe-less, removed to regiments proceed-ing to the fighting line.

"That military electors were not afforded facilities for proper observ-ance of the secrecy of the ballot as provided by the military voters' act.

riding).

"That at the said polling booth, in the presence of the said Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham, and the deputy presiding officer, it was arranged that the votes of the military electors whose surnames commenced with the letters ranging from A to H should be polled in the electoral district of Grenville, and the said votes were so polled after

the said votes were so polled after the said electors had been induced to falsely declare their domicile to be in the town of Prescott, in the elec-

in the town of Prescott, in the electoral district of Grenville.

"That a large number of citizens of the United States voted in the electoral districts of Peel, Digby and Annapolis, St. Ann's (Quebec), Prince Edward County (Ontario), North Essex, Bruce North, Edmonton, Cape Breton South and Richmond, St. Lawrence and St. George, Ottawa, Brome, Renfrew, Laurier and Outremont, Wright, Cape Breton North, and Victoria, Pictou, Westmoreland, Cumberland, Leeds, Yarmouth, Hants, St. Antoine and Port Arthur, and Kenora.

Some Voted Wice.

Some Voted Twice.

"That military electors voted twice in the same polling booth. "That deputy presiding officers gave military electors two ballots in

direct violation of the election act

"That military electors voted on behalf of and personated other mil-

"That after military electors had voted, ballot envelopes were fraudu-

of the said electors were trans-ferred to electoral districts other

than the constituencies indicated by the said electors in their reply to questions 6 and 7 in Form B.

"That persons were fraudulently allowed to vote by deputy presiding officers with knowledge that such persons were not qualified under the election act.

"That a large number of Canadian officers fraudulently voted in electoral districts other than where they were entitled to vote."

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reindorsed, so that the votes

"That scrutineers, appointed on behalf of the Government, were sworn in as scrutineers for the Opposition by deputy presiding offi-cers in polling booths where it is believed frauds were practiced owing to the Opposition not having bonafide representatives therein. Beaverbrook's Handlwork.

"That election campaign litera-ture which was dishonest and un-truthful was circulated among the military electors with the authority and by the direction of Lord Beaverbrook, and that the said Lord Beaverbrook was an active participant in the hereinbefore mentioned fraudulent practices.

impair toned fraudulent practices.

"That letters mailed through the Canadian army branch of the British postoffice, addressed to military electors, in which was inclosed campaign literature on behalf of the Opposition were opened, and the cald literature was removed these sald literature was removed therefrom before the said letters were de-livered to the military electors to whom they were addressed, and the delivery of 1.25 said letters was also systematically delayed by the said postoffice authorities. "That ballot boxes and bags con-

tained a number of ballot envelopes tightly folded together in parcels or wads too large to have been in-serted in the sald bags or boxes through the proper aperture, and in addition, bearing dates showing that the votes had been polled not on the same day, but at intervals of time. 15,000 Such Votes.

"That the contents of these ballot boxes or bags which thus appeared to have been fraudulently tampered with, were, contrary to the pro-visions of the elections act, allo-cated and counted in the United Kingdom to the number of 15,000 votes under instructions from the ass stant clerk of the crown in

That several thousand ballot envelopes were fraudulently indorsed and the votes allocated to constitu-encies other than those in which the aid military electors were entitled

"That military electors were systematically persuaded to give answer for indorsation on their ballot envelopes setting forth residence in constituencies in which they did not reside, and upon which declaration of declarations of declarations of the setting of the

not reside, and upon which declaration of domiciles, their qualification to vote, was based.

"That fraudulent votes were recorded for the electoral district of Cumberland, N. S., by Capt. H. M. Burke, deputy returning officer at Ashford, county of Kent, England, in which voters declared their residence to be Springhill, Tignish, Joggin Mines, Shulie and Nappan, Pugwash, Oxford and Amherst, whose domicile was, in fact, in some one of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec.

This City's Ex-Mayor—Oh!
"That similar conditions to those referred to in the preceding paragraph prevalled in the polling booth presided over by Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham, of the 156th Battalion, Witley, in which military electors, whose domicile was in other parts of Ontario and Manitoba, together

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Colonel Currie—"Were those votes counted? The ruling was that such votes were not to be counted."

Mr. Murphy—"That is not the point. If the fraud was prevented, that does not excuse those guilty of conspiracy." not excuse those guilty of conspiracy."

Mr. Copp—"I am not discussing that branch of the question at this moment. I am giving a statement on the officers and men who voted in constituencies other than those in which they reside."

Colonel Currie argued that there was no evidence to show that the votes were not correctly given. It was nonsense not correctly given. It was nonsense. not correctly given. It was nonsense to waste the time of the House in such

Thirteen Thousand of Them. "There are thirteen thousand of them," remarked Mr. Murphy.

Proceeding, Mr. Copp cited a case where 999 votes had been improperly indorsed for Quebec constituencies. He claimed that the cases of alleged fraud were not isolated. If his information was correct, in practically every camp where the votes of soldiers were taken, the deputy presiding officers had simply taken part in a conspiracy to defeat the will of the people.

Mr. Copp proceeded to read a considerable number of affidavits from soldiers who had acted as deputy-returning officers in connection with the taking of the vote, more particularly at Camp Whitley. In nearly all of the affidavits the allegations were made that the soldiers were given, before they entered the booths, envelopes containing ballots with the question in Form B on the back of the envelopes already filled in. The affidavits included those of Sergeant W. McCoy, Q.-M.-S. Faulkner of 185th Battalion and Thomas D. McFarlane of 156th Battalion. The latter, in his affidavit, said that he saw officers and non-commissioned officers filling in the Form B questions on the back of the envelopes, and that he had directed the attention of the returning officer to the matter.

Mr. Preston Under Arrest.

Mr. Copp he said, had referred to certain of the proceedings in connection with the elections as fraudulent, but he (Burrell) thought it was a crime to go into the matter at such length so near the end of the session. Without a single soldier's vote, he said, the Union Government had been so unanimously indorsed that there was near the end of the session. Without a single soldier's vote, he said, the Union Government had been so unanimously indorsed that there was never given, before they entered the booths, envelopes containing ballots with the question in Canada, England and France, Mr. Copp, he stated, had made practically no charges in regard to the administration of the act, in Canada and in France, but had confined his allegations mainly to the manner, in which the elections were and the had been excluded from a poll, and that the poil had been held in his absence. Mr. Preston declared further that he had been excluded from a poll, and that he poil had He claimed that the cases of alleged fraud were not isolated. If his informa-

been illegally detained in the guardroom.

Another affidavit was produced to show that a ballot was taken, filled and signed by a deputy returning officer, and Mr. Langlois, who represented by a deputy returning officer with the name of the elector left blank. A statement by G. D. McFarlane, Opposition scrutineer in the United Kingdom, went to show that undue influence had been used on military electors in Canadian war hospitals.

Mr. Copp produced an affidavit by Donald Darcy of the 203rd Experiments.

before the House so late in the session. Beyond these observations, and an attack upon W. T. R. Preston, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's agent in England (who, by the way, was clapped in Jail while certain of the things mentioned in the charges were being pulled off). the Government had really no answer to Mr. Copp's charges. Neither did it show any inclination to grant the request for an investigation by a committee of inquiry.

Stuffing Ballot Bags.

Several affidavits were read by Mr. Copp in support of his allegation that the pale.

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Regiment Trained to Vote.

It was a wonderful story which Joseph Archambault told of his own contest in the County of Chambly Vercheres against Joseph Rainville, the former deputy speaker of the House. Mr. Archambault told how a regiment of 1,200 men, stationed at St. John, quite outside of Chambly County, had been trained and induced to vote for his opponent in that county.

Even the officers in charge, one of whom was a lieutenant-colonel from Woodstock, N.B., (where Hon. F. B. Carvell comes from), declared that bags opened by them contained a town when was a lieutenant-colonel from Woodstock, N.B., (where Hon. F. B. Carvell comes from), declared that bags opened by them contained a town which could not have been inserted in the aperture provided for the purpose. whom was a lieutenant-colonel from Woodstock, N.B., (where Hon. F. B. Carvell comes from), declared that they did not know or had forgotten their former dwelling place in the Dominion or where they had resided prior to enlistment

Mr. Copp dealt at length with the to Prince Edward County, ario; 18 to South Huron, and gave illar figures as to transfers of votes other constituencies. Mr. Davidson Annapolis asked Mr. Copp if he was

ware that the Unionist candidate in rince Edward County had a majority f 1,000 and over on the civilian vote.

Wrong, Just the Same.

The member for Westmoreland relied that the overseas returning official of the county of the er did not know this when the soliers' votes were taken Further instances, regarding the al-location of votes to constituencies other than those in which the voters were

domiciled, were given by Mr. Copp, and at 5:30 p.m., after he had been speaking for two hours and forty-five minutes, W. H. Butts, South Cape Breton, asked:

"I wonder if the honorable gentle-men knows how long he had been inknows how long he has been inman knows how long he has been inflicting punishment on this House?"

Mr. Copp stated in reply that he did not know and did not care. Several more attempts to question the speaker were made by Mr. Butts and Mr. Davidson, and finally Deputy Speaker Boivin declared that members were abusing their privilege in connection with questions

with questions,
Soldiers Are Influenced.
Resuming his speech at the evening
sitting, Mr. Copp read a list of soldiers
who had not been residents in the from Philadelphia and placed sitting, Mr. Copp read a list of soldiers who had not been residents in the Yukon, but had cast their votes in that constituency. There were twenty of these names, and he declared that as far as he could see, these men must have been influenced by someone higher up to vote as they had done. Soldiers have voted twice in various constituencies, according to Mr. Copp, and he furnished the names of men who had cast these votes and other details to substantiate his statements. These few cases indicated, he said, that there were probably thousands of similar instances.

substantiate his statements. These few cases indicated, he said, that there were probably thousands of similar instances. Another abuse which had been practiced was the placing of two ballots in a single envelope. The act distinctly stated that each voter was entitled to only one ballot. It was easy to understand that in certain instances mistakes might have occurred whereby a soldier would receive two ballots, but this had happened in so many cases that it looked like a deliberate contravention of the act. Impersonation had been carried on, soldiers voting on the wrong number. This was illegal.

Votes cast in certain constituencies had subsequently been transfered to other constituencies.

In concluding his speech Mr. Copp moved a resolution to the effect that an investigation be held, conducted by a judge of a court of superior jurisdiction and two counsel, one to be appointed by the prime minister and one by the leader of the Opposition, to examine into the taking and counting of the military votes cast at the last election. The motion was seconded by Mr. Archambault.

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on your plate

H.P. is thick, fruity. and delicious can be taken with the meat just like mustard.

Jur. and Kenora.

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bers.
"As promptly as possible," the min-

ister replied.

Mr. Doherty expressed regret that

possession of information as to irreg larities, should have placed his info mation in the hands of parties who mation in the hands Mr. Doherty emphasized the point that judicial inquiry would be limited to the special case put in before the Government. He argued that it would not be wise or advisable to grant the larger inquiry demanded by the motion, and which related principally to the election in England and France n England and France Replying to a question by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he minister of justice said that all specific charges such as those made by Mr. Archambault will be promptly

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