

**Mr. Brewster would not take such a risk**, thus indicating how much belief he had had in his campaign accusations. If he had had knowledge of wrong-doing he would have been only too glad to lay a charge which would result in production of the evidence to prove it.

#### **A MEAN INSINUATION.**

The straits to which the Liberals were reduced in their efforts to find some fact about which they could make petty insinuations is indicated by the fact that Mr. Brewster asked if Sir Richard McBride supplied the Indians with liquor at a tea-party he gave them at his home. Needless to say, the Indians stated that this was not true.

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### **ARCHITECT TESTIFIED VALUE RECEIVED FOR EVERY DOLLAR**

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On the platform the Liberal party had charged that "graft" worse than any that had ever taken place in Canada featured the erection of the magnificent addition to the parliament buildings at Victoria. The public accounts committee made an exhaustive inquiry into this matter, taking up in detail the circumstances relating to every sub-contract.

It was shown that the new wing of equal floor space with the older portion of the building had been **built of modern fire-proof materials and with much more elaborate ornamentation** in the portion devoted to the library than anything in the old structure. The cost of the new building was \$1,100,000 as opposed to \$800,00 for the old wing built 25 years ago, when labour and materials were fully 35 per cent. cheaper. **Surprise was occasioned** that the much more elaborate new wing with its fire-proof materials and gorgeous ornamentation in the library, could have been **built at such a low figure.**

#### **AMERICAN FIRM TURNED DOWN.**

Seven tenders for the general contract were received. The lowest was \$939,000, but as this was from an American firm the government decided to ask the next lowest firm, McDonald & Wilson (Canadians), to **reduce their tender.** They did so by \$20,000,