

forever remain concealed from courts of enquiry under any and every form of election trial. Another section is probably considered by Mr. Bowser to be a very rigid safeguard. It is perhaps one of the most curious in a very remarkable Act. If packages of ballots previously counted before the agent-general or the returning officer disappear, election courts must accept as conclusive evidence the written memorandum made by one of these gentlemen at the time he counted the ballots.

In a series of articles we have

carefully compared the Soldiers' Voting Act with the Federal Act from which it was copied in part, and with the Provincial Elections Act. It is impossible to account for its many sins of omission and commission except on the theory that it was drawn expressly to facilitate the manipulation of votes. The appointment of Mr. Welsh under the circumstances was all that was necessary to complete the details of an impudent and dangerous conspiracy against the rights and liberties of the electorate under representative government.