

the hon. gentleman who now leads the House, and the other hon. gentlemen who are prepared to take so much on trust at present were very suspicious of other people, and with much less reason than we have to be suspicious of the officers who are to be created under this Bill. For instance it will be remembered that a few years ago this Chamber re-echoed with denunciations of a certain transaction in connection with steel rails, where the whole thing was a most uncharitable and unreasonable suspicion and nothing else.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—Do not let us go back to that now, please.

HON. MR. POWER—Why not go back to it?

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—One reason is that the hon. gentleman from Quinte is not now in his place, and he knew all about it.

HON. MR. POWER—The hon. gentleman who leads the House was also one of the suspicious ones, although he did not express himself so violently as some others. In that instance, the House had to deal with a man of the highest and well known integrity; still they were ready to suspect all kinds of horrible things, and this House appointed committees to find out if there was any corruption in cases when there was less reason for suspicion than there is here. In party politics the only way to get along seems to be for one side to suppose that the other side are prepared to commit any kind of rascality that will help them along; and, as regards the present Government, I think that rule is a good and sound one, and I am afraid the Liberal party have not acted upon it sufficiently in the past.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—I think we ought to apply the same rigid rule upon all occasions and at all times, and then it imputes nothing to anybody in particular. I think it ought to be the duty of every Legislature to anticipate all possible knavery and corruption, and so frame our laws that such ends may be rendered impossible. I do not cast a special imputation on the Government; I want to make it so that the people will have confidence

in the integrity of those Courts, and to make it impossible for the officers to commit in that case possibly a crime. I think it is a great mistake to presuppose that a revising barrister may be guilty of an error. There is an appeal from the barrister, and none from the judge, though all men are liable to error.

The clause was agreed to.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved that the Committee rise and report the Bill.

HON. MR. TRUDEL called attention to the fact that the qualification of a tenant in the city, an annual rental of \$20, or a monthly rental of \$2, was the same as the qualification of a tenant in the county. He thought the qualification of a tenant in the county should be proportionately lower than that of a tenant in the city.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—As to the qualification of a rental of \$2 per month, it is very low, and includes almost everybody; but there is a certainty that a man who pays \$2 a month has got what is called a permanent interest in the country.

The motion was agreed to.

HON. MR. READ, from the Committee, reported the Bill without any amendment.

CONSOLIDATED MILITIA ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THIRD READING.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved the third reading of Bill (152), "An Act to amend the Consolidated Militia Act of 1883."

HON. MR. TRUDEL—I do not think it is a proper policy to increase the Mounted Police. I think it would be far better to create a regular army, no matter how small it may be. In fact I do not think the general feeling of the country is very favorable to the Mounted Police, and there are many doubts as to their efficiency. I think it would be better to