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ELECTION FRAUDS.

The speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament in 1906 informed the two Chambers that they would "be invited to consider among other subjects" a bill to amend the Dominion's Elections Act. This seemed promise legislation for the prevention of election frauds and kindred offences which have been a scandal and a disgrace to the country. The Session passed, however, without any Government legislation to this effect.

Before the opening of the last Session the London Election conspiracy and a few other incidents of the kind were partially exposed. When the House met the address from the Throne repeated the promise of legislation "amending the election acts." Speaking on the address Sir Wilfrid said that the law must be made more severe.

The Premier went on to say: "We have to improve the law and to make wrong doing as difficult as it is possible to make it, in order to have pure elections. Bribery is bad, but ballot switching is ten times worse, and although it is impossible to have any sympathy with bribery or the briber, still there is not for them the same contempt that there is for the ballot switcher, and if the law is to be made effective it must be absolutely severe and provide the severest penalty possible for anyone attempting to tamper with the ballots. That is the view that I think ought to be taken when we come to deal with the matter."

Sir Wilfrid's opinion as to how the House should deal with the matter proved to have no great value, for he never asked the House to deal with it at all. Parliament was in session five months after he spoke, and the Government introduced no bill to amend the election law either for the punishment of bribery or of ballot switching.

In the previous session Mr. Borden and several other opposition members had introduced bills for the prevention and punishment of election offences and these at the request of the Government went to a special committee since they were not taken up as government measures they were crowded out by government legislations as usually happens with public bills introduced by private members.

In the Session of 1907 Mr. Borden offered a motion setting forth very clearly what in his opinion ought to be done. The following is the motion:

This House deplores the existence of corrupt and fraudulent practices at elections as evidenced by the disclosures during recent years of bribery, patronage, ballot switching and other similar frauds carried on by organized methods and upon a very extensive scale.

This House strongly condemns the organized system of corrupt practices by which the election of a minister of the Crown as a member for the city of London was secured in 1905.

This House is of opinion that the existing electoral laws should be amended forthwith, and that provision should be made:

- For the more effective suppression and punishment of bribery.
- To prevent the fraudulent marking, counting or substituting of ballots and other similar frauds.
- For the better regulation of the conduct of elections on the part of both officials and candidates.
- To prevent the accumulation of huge campaign funds and to prohibit contributions thereto by corporations, contractors and promoters.
- To expedite the hearing of election petitions, to prevent collusive arrangements for the disqualification thereof, to provide for thorough investigation of corrupt practices and to simplify the procedure therefor.
- To carry out more effectively the law so amended.

This House regrets that notwithstanding the pledge of the Government contained in the speech from the Throne, and notwithstanding the declarations of members of the Government from time to time during the past four years, no such measure has been submitted to Parliament at the present session and no effective steps have been taken by the administrator either to amend the laws or to punish their violation.

The discussion on this motion dealt with many recent incidents besides the London conspiracy case. Mr. Borden reminded Sir Wilfrid Laurier of the pledge made at the beginning

of the session nearly five months before and recalled the Premier's own course a few years ago in shielding a notorious gang of ballot switchers. An inquiry had been begun into the frauds by which the seats for West Huron and Brockville had been stolen for Government supporters. This investigation by a committee of the Commons went so far as to prove beyond question that bogus ballots had been used. These were marked for Liberal candidates and substituted for the Conservative ballots which had been regularly voted. The fraud was shown by a comparison of the pole books with the ballots and by comparing the bogus ballots with the genuine ones which were printed on thicker paper.

Government supporters in the committee obstructed the inquiry at every stage so that it lingered on to the last days of the session when by a vote of the majority it was postponed to the next year. Among the witnesses summoned was a deputy returning officer named Farr, at whose poll some of the ballot switching occurred. Mr. Borden as a member of the committee asked for a summons for Farr and made arrangements to have it served. But the word was conveyed quickly to the machine headquarters at Toronto, and as Farr afterwards swore the party organizer called upon him and paid his way out of the country.

Next session Mr. Borden took up the matter at the first stage possible and moved another reference to the committee. Meanwhile he had obtained a confession of J. G. Pritchett, who had instructed the deputy returning officers of Brockville and Huron in the ballot switching art. This affidavit was read in the House. Here was Sir Wilfrid's opportunity to bring a group of ballot switchers to justice. The Premier rose magnificently to the occasion by calling upon the majority of the House to vote down Mr. Borden's motion, thus burying the inquiry altogether. Sir Wilfrid promised to appoint a commission to investigate the whole matter, but no inquiry ever took place and no further exposure was then accomplished and no one was punished. The members for whom the seats were stolen remained in possession.

SUMMER AILMENTS

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PEASANTS SHOT DOWN.

Russian Police Exact Lives for Cutting of Grass.

Riazan, Russia, July 19.—Peasant disorders on the Kholoshevniki estate resulted Wednesday in a sanguinary conflict with the rural police. A number of policemen were dispatched to the estate upon receipt of news that the peasants had begun arbitrarily to cut down the grass on the meadows.

Upon their refusal to desist the police fired a volley, which killed or wounded a total of 11 of the countrymen.

Surrendered Ringleaders. Katan, Russia, July 19.—The Cortello estate, the buildings of which were burned down by peasants recently, was visited yesterday by Gov. Kabanov.

He found the peasants in a pent mood and they surrendered to the authorities a score of the ringleaders in the disorders.

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AULD LANG SYNE

FROM PLANET FILES OF HALF A CENTURY AGO

From The Planet files from Dec. 5, 1867, to Dec. 19, 1867.

There is an exquisite joke embodied in Ohio on a man who was discharged from the service in the war of 1812 on the ground of old age, and still survives. He is 103.

In Cleveland on Saturday a photographer named Gregory was found in his room with his throat cut, and a girl named Isabella Roy shot — both dead. Domestic troubles are supposed to be the cause for the act.

A fatal shooting accident occurred at Sarnia on Sunday afternoon. A man named Finch, a county constable, was endeavoring to arrest a man named Carroll, when Finch drew his revolver for the purpose of intimidating Carroll. While this fracas was going on, a man named Halbrook came up and stood a witness of the struggle when suddenly the revolver went off and Halbrook was killed. The other by miracle escaped. The bodies were shocking mangled. The conductor and unbroken on learning of the same, stopped their train and came back to render what assistance they could.

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was received by an enthusiastic crowd of admirers, and made the lion of the day. He accomplished the trip from Portland, Me., to Chicago, inside of the time specified in the agreement and therefore wins the wager of \$10,000, minus one-fifth, which he forfeits in consequence of not having walked one hundred miles in twenty-four consecutive hours.

A sad accident occurred on the G. W. R. at Tecumseh on Saturday night. A farmer and his wife and little boy were on their way home and when crossing the railway track the night express train going east ran completely over them, killing the man and woman instantly, and so badly wounding the boy that his life is despaired of. One of the horses was killed, the other by miracle escaped. The bodies were shocking mangled. The conductor and unbroken on learning of the same, stopped their train and came back to render what assistance they could.

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Orangeville, July 18.—Nominations for the bye-election to fill the vacancy for Dufferin in the Legislature, caused by the death of Dr. Lewis, M.P.P., were held yesterday. The town hall was crowded. While eleven names were recorded as farmers' representatives, only two, Mayor C. R. McKee, the Conservative nominee, and Woods, Independent, remain in the running.

Mr. Woods, although endorsed by a convention of prohibitionists, appeared for support as farmers' representative. His friends last night were saying that he would carry the riding by 200. The Conservative organization, while not apprehensive, is not taking any chance of an "over-confidence" speech, and will work hard in getting out the vote a week hence.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

SUMMER TIME.

When night has pulled the curtains down And set the stars to blinking, When foxy chickens go to roost And daylight starts a-shrinking, That hour whose praises have been sung So ably by the poet, Then is the time for slumber, but The average man don't know it.

His hope is that the day perhaps Might have been made for snoring; The night for purposes like that He'd hardly think of using. Along toward morning when the day Out in the east is breaking, He might consent to take a nap And leave no call for waking.

He doesn't like to waste the night In bed serenely sleeping, When there are many kinds of dates That call aloud for keeping. If in the daylight he can doze Away at gentle pressure, He feels he's just that much ahead And for the night time fresher.

They say that nature does not make Mistakes in many cases, But here is one where that smooth girl Fell down in several places. To man she should have handed out, Along with her best wishes, Eyes on the order of those worn By owls and little fishes.

Away From Home. "Has he land out west?" "Just five acres in the suburbs of Omaha."

"That is not an extensive farm." "No, but it is large enough to allow him to pose as a prominent western ranchman when he goes east."

Knew Better. "Jones' children can't be very bright." "Why not?" "I never heard him bragging on them."

"No; that is because he is."

Looking For a Few.



If kissing goes by favor, Unbought like bread and cheese, But free if you can get them, Just pass the favors please.

She Combed Him Down. "They are on their honeymoon." "Indeed, I am surprised!"

"Why?" "Because the way she has been going over him I thought it must be the honeymoon."

Not Bitter Enough. "He is a bad man from Bitter creek."

"How does he know the creek is bitter? I'll bet \$10 to a shoe button that he never tasted it to see."

The Popular Brand. "Do you ever use condensed milk, condensed meats and the like?" "No, but we used condensed cold this winter. Our dealer only delivered 1,000 pounds to the ton."

Escaped. He ordered some musicians For his attraction, and When it turned out a failure He ran to beat the band.

No Lemon For Her. "Would you like some lemonade?" he asked tenderly. "The idea!" she exclaimed, and it was all off.

Nothing Doing. "I always say what I think." "Yes; I have heard you called the silent man."

Never Your Own. "What constitutes a fraud?" "The other fellow's pretense."

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Some people inform their minds and others deform theirs.

Ever notice that as soon as you get the cash down some unfeeling wretch wants you to settle up?

Often the fellow who stands pat is up against it and can't do anything else.

All votes look alike to the defeated candidate.

The best we can ask for some people is that they will outlive their usefulness.

When luck starts out to play tag with you, the suspense is terrific.

The less a young fellow thinks about getting married the more apt the dear creature is to land him.

When a man falls in love at first sight, he is apt to climb out at first sight.

Curiosity can beat love of labor in a race seven days in the week.

Most of us don't seem to mind getting into trouble so much as having to stay there.

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Man Who Grabbed Lady's Watch Gets Severe Sentence.

Montreal, July 19.—"You will go to the penitentiary for seven years," were the concluding words of a scathing judgment rendered by Judge Choquet on Alfred Beauchamp, who snatched a gold watch pinned to the breast of Miss Blanche Hardy on Tuesday afternoon, and made a desperate attempt to escape up City Hall avenue. He was overhauled and captured by the gentleman who was with the lady at the time of the robbery.

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ACID EXPLOSION KILLS TWO.

Midland Woollen Mills Wrecked — Man May Lose Eyesight.

Midland, July 19.—An explosion which caused the death of two men and the injury of another occurred yesterday in O'Hara's woolen mills. The dead are Edward O'Hara of Midland, and Elmer Hewson of Thornbury. John O'Hara, brother of the dead man, was seriously injured and will probably lose his eyesight. John O'Hara was examining a tank of acid when the gas became ignited. A violent explosion followed, partially wrecking the building and killing the two men.

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CAID MACLEAN ESCAPES.

Sir Harry Takes Refuge On Sacred Marabout Territory.

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JOHN R. HOLDEN.

Witness, Perry Baker.

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