

anything of what he is doing? I want to ask the right hon. gentleman if he thinks that is the right kind of a man and the right kind of a spirit or if that is a thing for a high spirited and honourable man to do. Surely politics is not one vast trickery. Surely an honourably minded man would have said to this deputy returning officer, Duggan: I cannot do anything with your lists; I have no right to; you are the man to make these rearrangements; go to work and rearrange your own lists. An honourable man would have said that. But, this gentleman leapt at the chance, took to himself the lists, made erasures and changes absolutely disfranchising voter after voter, and he was the means by which the present hon. member for the constituency sits in this House by his present majority of ten. My right hon. friend denied that Mr. Leach disfranchised a single man. Well, technically my right hon. friend may be right. Leach could not disfranchise a man, he had not the power, but, if, through the co-operation, the willing co-operation of Duggan, he manipulated the list so that man after man, Conservative after Conservative, was left off from his proper polling place and therefore could not and did not get his vote in, what does it amount to in the end? It amounts to the disfranchisement of every man whose name was stricken off that list. Technically you may say that Mr. Leach did not disfranchise him, technically you may say that the returning officer disfranchised him, but Leach was the representative of the returning officer and he possessed the knowledge which enabled him to do this work that Duggan himself could not have done. And yet, in that polling place and in that constituency Duggan had been fifteen years a resident and knew the people. Leach was not a resident and did not know the people except through his greater knowledge as organizer for the Liberal party and through the men he had at his beck and call all through the province. Now, Sir, I contend that no small tribute of mitigated praise from the 'West' of Regina with reference to Mr. Leach's making some fair turn in reference to the distribution of seed grain is anything to set against that kind of conduct. It stamps Leach as being of the same pattern as Rudneski. Is that too strong a phrase? I stand by it. Rudneski did what he did wrongfully, knowing that it was wrong because he was paid for it. Leach did what he did wrongfully knowing that it was unfair and illegal and he did it receiving pay as organizer for that party and receiving the rewards of that party. What is the difference between Rudneski and Leach? Only this, that Leach had probably a Biblical education and should have and did know better. But Rudneski did not have that advantage. The first part of his name

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may be an index of the character of his training.

At six o'clock House took recess.

After Recess.

House resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC BRANCH LINES.

On the order for the House to go into Committee of the Whole on:

Bill (No 151) respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company—Mr. Crawford.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Stand.

Mr. LENNOX. I have no objection to the Bill standing but I will not be here on Friday when it may come up.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. It can be taken on Monday.

Mr. LENNOX. Yes.

BELLEVILLE, PRINCE EDWARD BRIDGE COMPANY.

House in committee on Bill (No. 20) respecting the Belleville Prince Edward Bridge Company—Mr. Porter.

Mr. LENNOX. The hon. gentleman in charge of the Bill is not here; perhaps he wishes to speak on it. I move that progress be reported.

Progress reported.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS.

Bill (No. 131) respecting the Occidental Fire Insurance Company.—Mr. Ross (Yale-Cariboo).

Bill (No. 137) respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company.—Mr. Dymont.

Bill (No. 155) respecting the Pontiac Central Railway Company.—Mr. Bickerdike.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT—AMENDMENT.

The hour for private Bills having expired, the House resumed consideration of the second reading of Bill (No. 115) to amend the Dominion Elections Act and the proposed amendment of Mr. W. J. Roche thereto.

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I come now to the remaining and vital proposal in the Bill, namely, the proposal to seize the Brit-