

ment and no expenditure shall be made by the commission until it has been approved of by parliament.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—That will be out of the \$300,000 we voted?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—Is it possible the commission is in the hands of the land owners of Quebec, when the hon. gentleman says the prices are going up? An arrangement is being made to purchase these battlefields next week, and if no option has been secured, as my hon. friend from Stadacona seems to think there has—

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The hon. gentleman knows more than I do about it.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—The government should know.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—How should they know?

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—I am afraid the government will be far more responsible in the end.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I cannot understand how they can be held responsible. They do not ask for any more money. If any more money is wanted, they will have to come to parliament for it. I say that to my knowledge at all events, unless the hon. Senator from Quebec says they have actually obtained options, that we are only making it more difficult for the commission to buy the land the longer it is put off.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the 2nd and 3rd times and passed.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THIRD READING.

The House resumed in Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill (115) 'An Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act.'

(In the committee.)

On subsection 8 of clause 1.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I was going to suggest a fair compromise, that in addition to sending a list to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a list should be filed with the sheriff and the candidates can get their copies there.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—If the sheriff loses that list, what shall happen?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—A duplicate will be printed in Ottawa.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I cannot understand why, on a question of this kind, it should be termed a compromise. There was no compromise asked for. The objection taken to procuring these copies was that it would take up too much time, and it was impossible to prepare three copies, one for the sheriff and one for each of the candidates. Now the hon. gentleman proposes a compromise to have a copy made for the sheriff. In making that copy, with the use of the typewriter, you can make three copies just as easy as you can make one. It seems to me there must be some hidden reason.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I will make no more attempt.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I do not accuse the government, but there seems to be some hidden reason for depriving candidates of this information. Why should we take so much time and trouble in connection with a matter of this kind, when three copies can be made as well as one, if there is not some ulterior reason for the course suggested?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Does not my hon. friend think it rather unseemly that we should attempt to amend the provisions of this Bill which can affect only the members of the Commons, and which has been carefully thought out and lengthily discussed in that House? It seems to me it is presumption for us to do so. True we have a right to do so, but that observation applies much more strongly in this case than to other Bills. If a list is withheld from a candidate and sent to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and then to the Printing Bureau, what guarantee has the opposition candidate that the printed list is a copy of the revised list? I know of an instance in northern Ontario, in one of those same constituencies where this same thing happened last session, where the printed list omitted as many as a dozen names of the supporters of the Conservative candidate in one poll, and it happened that this