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**YESTERDAY IN PARLIAMENT**  
Dominion Elections Act Amendment Under Consideration—Drastic Changes Are Proposed With Stiffer Penalties for Bribery and Ballot Switching—Quebec Bridge Commissioners Condemn Engineers Who Planned It.

Ottawa, March 9.—The dominion elections act amendments were introduced in the house of commons today by the minister of justice. In presenting his bill, Mr. Aylesworth said that complaints had been made in respect to the law as to the administration of the existing law and not against the enactments themselves. It would be difficult to suggest any wider definition of what constituted corrupt practices than was the case now found in the statute. The amendments which he had framed related to minor matters, things perhaps of substance, but speaking generally to different details in carrying out of elections under the statute. In this regard there was some room for improvement.

The principal feature of his bill was a provision with regard to contribution to election funds. Contributions from any source to any election contest should be made to and through a statutory agent and that agent should be required to make public to the returning officer the amount and source of all election contributions so received. Contributions made otherwise than to an agent would be illegal and it would be the duty of the agent to publish the amount and source of all contributions made to him.

There is also a provision prohibiting any company against contributing any amount whatever to an election campaign fund and enforcing that prohibition by heavy penalties upon directors, shareholders or legal officers of any company which transgressed the law.

Mr. Aylesworth pointed to a case where a candidate had to withdraw from a contest because of false statements against his character, which afterwards turned out to be without foundation. Following the English statute, he proposed to make it illegal to circulate false statements regarding a candidate with a view to affecting his return. All hand bills, placards, advertisements containing libellous statements circulated in an election should show the name of the printing office where prepared.

In regard to administering the oath to voters he proposed that a special form incorporating not only the clause administered in provincial elections but also the form with regard to bribery would be in the dominion act should be sent to the returning officers.

A voter whose name was omitted in transcribing would be allowed to vote on a specially numbered ballot.

No mark or number which a deputy returning officer would make on a ballot would cause the vote to be void.

There were other amendments for increasing the severity of penalties already provided, for any one who paid a bribe or took money as a bribe would be subject not merely to a monetary penalty which the law now imposed, but to a period of eight years he should be disqualified and disqualified from holding any office under the crown or in the gift of government-in-council. He also increased the penalty against a candidate who tampered with a ballot. The bill was read a first time.

Mr. Graham replying to Mr. Johnston said that Joseph Dumas, overseer of the section of St. John, who retired from the railway service in 1905 and received a total disability allowance could not share in the provision fund.

Mr. Martin (P. E. I.), moved for all correspondence, telegrams, reports, and other information in reference to winter communication, and the construction of a tunnel between Prince Edward Island and the mainland of Canada. He proceeded to give his oft-told story of the island not receiving justice at the hands of the government.

Mr. Martin proceeded to show that the island was not properly treated in regard to representation, subsidies and other grants, and favored the construction of a tunnel.

Mr. Lefurgy and MacLean (P. E. I.), supported the resolution, all favoring the tunnel.

Mr. Hughes (Kings), deprecated the fault finding of Conservative members. Better facilities on transportation were required but the government would be justified in going on with the tunnel until the fullest investigation was obtained. The island should be put in the same position as the other provinces in respect to freight and passenger rates, and with the new ice-breaker, which was being constructed, the island, he thought, would not have much to complain of.

Mr. Chisholm (Antigonish), advocated the route between Georgetown and Cape George which would solve the whole difficulty as to winter transportation. He attacked the Pictou route.

Mr. MacDonald (Pictou), did not intend to say anything on the subject, but for the reference which Mr. Chisholm had made to the Pictou route. Mr. MacDonald said that after thirty-two years trial it had been amply demonstrated that the best route was by Pictou. At Cape George there was nothing but a cape—not a harbor, all seafaring men knew that the route by Pictou was the best one and not a day was lost this season.

Mr. Wright, Renfrew, favored a tunnel if it was feasible and could be had for \$10,000,000.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that there was no injustice on the part of his government, or past governments as far as representation with the island was concerned. Ontario had its representation reduced just as P. E. Island had. P. E. Island was also treated equally as well with the subsidies. In respect to exhibitions there other provinces had dominion exhibitions and got \$30,000, but the island would not have a dominion exhibition and therefore did not get as much. He thought that Mr. Martin was more anxious for a grievance than a tunnel. When the terms of

agreement of confederation were entered into it is not at all likely that a tunnel was thought of. His own view was that apart from the agreement whatever was possible and feasible should be done to give every facility possible in the way of giving better transportation to the island so that the province might have the fullest measure of prosperity.

R. L. Borden denied that the Conservative members who had spoken were more anxious for a grievance than a tunnel. He favored a tunnel if it was practicable and could be had with reasonable cost. Full information should be had on the subject.

Mr. Borden proceeded to say that the government had been in power for twelve years and he was able to when in opposition. It ought not to be possible for one of the provinces to be in a position to say that the terms upon which they entered consideration were not being fulfilled. The matter was one which ought to have had more consideration from the government than it was receiving. That information should be obtained without delay. Information had been put forward that tunnel would cost no more to maintain than the existing services. That should be properly investigated. The motion was carried and the house adjourned.

The report of the royal commission appointed to enquire into the collapse of the Quebec bridge was presented to parliament today. The commissioners acknowledged the heavy co-operation throughout the enquiry of all officials of the companies directly concerned. Messrs. Cooper, Szlapka, Deane and Hoare, especially have been commended for the commission, made every effort in their power to assist to establish the facts and have not attempted to spare themselves. "Some clearly contradictory statements," the commissioners say are to be found in the evidence in the early days of the enquiry by certain witnesses on whom the burden of the disaster fell. These statements may be attributed to the nervous tension under which the witnesses were laboring at the time.

Your commissioners find:

(A) The collapse of the Quebec bridge resulted from the failure of the lower chords in the anchor arm near the main pier. The failure of these chords was due to their defective design.

(B) The stress that caused the failure were not due to abnormal weather conditions or accident, but were such as might be expected in the regular course of erection.

(C) The design of the chords that failed was made by P. L. Szlapka, the designing engineer of the Phoenix Bridge Company.

(D) This design was examined and officially approved by Theodore Cooper, consulting engineer of the Quebec Bridge & Railway Company.

(E) The failure cannot be attributed directly to any cause other than errors in judgment on the part of these two engineers.

(F) These errors of judgment cannot be attributed to lack of common professional knowledge, neglect of duty, or to a desire to economize. The ability of the two engineers was tried in one of the most difficult professional problems of the day and proved to be insufficient for the task.

(G) We do not consider that the specifications for the work were satisfactory or sufficient, the unit stresses in particular being higher than any established by law and the specifications were accepted without protest by all interested.

(H) A grave error was made in assuming the dead load for the calculations at a low value and afterwards revising this assumption. This error was of sufficient magnitude to have required the details of the lower chords had been of sufficient strength because, if the bridge had been completed as designed, the actual stresses would have been considerably greater than those permitted by the specifications. This erroneous assumption was made by Mr. Szlapka and accepted by Mr. Cooper and tended to hasten the disaster.

(I) We do not believe that the fall of the bridge could have been prevented by any action that might have been taken after August 27, 1907. Any effort to brace or lay down the structure would have been impracticable owing to the manifest risk of human life involved.

(J) The loss of life on August 29, 1907, might have been prevented by the exercise of better judgment on the part of those in responsible charge of the work for the Quebec Bridge & Railway Company and for the Phoenix Bridge Company.

(K) The failure on the part of the Quebec Bridge & Railway Company to appoint an experienced bridge engineer to the post of chief engineer was a mistake. This resulted in a loose and inefficient supervision of all parts of the work on the part of the Quebec Bridge & Railway Company.

(L) The work done by the Phoenix Bridge Company in making the detail drawings and in planning and carrying out the erection, and by the Phoenix Iron Company in fabricating the material was good and the steel used was of good quality. The serious defects were fundamental errors in design.

(M) No one connected with the general designing fully appreciated the magnitude of the data upon which they were depending. The special experimental studies and investigations that were required to confirm the judgment of the designers were not made.

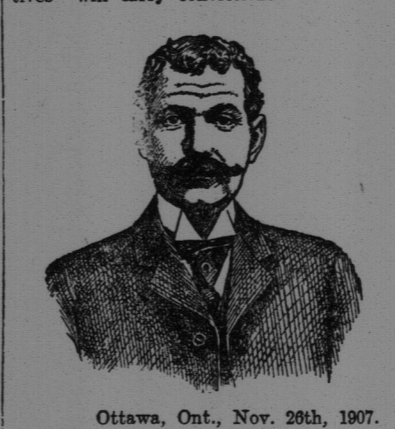
(N) The professional knowledge of the present day concerning the action of steel columns under load is not sufficient to enable engineers to economically design such structures as the Quebec bridge. A bridge of the adopted plan that will unquestionably be safe can be built in the present state of professional knowledge a considerably larger amount of metal would have to be used than might be required if our knowledge were more exact.

(O) The professional record of Mr. Cooper was such that his selection for the position that he occupied was warranted and the complete confidence that was placed in his judgment by the officials of the dominion government, the Quebec Bridge & Railway Company and the Phoenix Bridge Company was deserved.

The meeting of the Robinson government arranged for Tuesday in Fredericton has been postponed until Thursday evening next. Hon. Messrs. LaBrosse and Farrie are at the Royal. They were on the way to Fredericton to attend the meeting but received word here that the meeting was postponed as stated.

## NO MORE RHEUMATISM

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## CUPID'S PRANKS

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The excellent work of the child acrobat was a marvel and with the other members of the Amittie family made a big hit. The hit of the evening was the singing by the colored queens of song, Hyer and Bohee. Tonight the Jealous Wife will be repeated and Shamus O'Brien will be given on Wednesday afternoon.

The other pictures were novelties as well, but not the great feature. The Edison film was. Customs Officers Mystified explained how a countryman in France got past the toll gate without paying tribute and the scheme worked out to do this successfully was highly amusing. What a Razor Can Do simply went on to show how a cut from a shaving knife might so enrage a hot-tempered man that direful consequences might ensue—which they did in this picture. Tramps Go Roller Skating was a short scream. The Face in the Firelight with much acceptance and Mr. Beckley pleased those who like something new and classical with "Forever and Forever; same show today."

## McAULIFFE A HIT

Popular Comedian Scores Again at the Opera House

The second week of the McAuliffe Stock Company was opened last evening at the Opera House when the capacity of the theatre was again tested. The play was the four act melodrama A Jealous Wife. The drama affords an excellent opportunity for the popular comedian to show his versatility as an actor. He is seen at his best in the character of Bill Mack in the drama.

The company were all happily cast and the play was pronounced one of the best yet given. There is an entire change in the big vaudeville features, among them being Mr. McAuliffe's parody on his last year's experience while frozen in the ice on the P. E. Island steamer Minto. The

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song made a hit and he was obliged to respond to several encores.

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Board of health officials fumigated the exhibition hall and the room next to it in Winter street school yesterday afternoon. The inspectors report that the drains are all right, and the sanitaries, although not modern, are kept perfectly clean. The overcrowded condition of the school is however detrimental to health, and it is the duty of a teacher to dismiss school on learning that any of the pupils have come from an infected house. It is also the duty of the board of health and the school board to fumigate.

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Miss Gladys Nickerson, in her serpentine dance, with special electrical effect, was very pretty and received her share of applause. Dick Henderson and the regular bill of pictures were of the usual high character.

## DR. JEYKILL AND MR. HYDE

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde made a big hit at the Princess Theatre last night. It is the finest feature film ever shown in this city, giving a complete illustration of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous book. Shearing Sheep; Elephants in India, Tale of a Mouse, complete a first class programme of pictures. The singing of Master Frank Garnett, and Frank Austin was received with applause. The above programme will be repeated for the last time tonight.

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