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government had been to buy directly from the farmers whenever possible. Hon. Frank Oliver, in expressing his dissatisfaction with what has transpired, said that when the representatives of other countries were told to withdraw from the Canadian market the government should have strong representations as to conditions here. It should have been pointed out here. It should have been pointed out that while there were many horses for sale in Canada money was scarce, and that an exchange of one for the other would have been in the interests of everybody concerned. The government, he said, had not acted in the best inter ests of the farming and horse raising industry of the Dominion.

J. A. Robb, of Huntingdon, pressed

upon the government the desirability of paying farmers a higher price for horses than has ruled in the past. The cost of feed during the winter months, he said, had been exceptionally high, and the farmers having wintered the animals should receive compensation

Sir Robert Borden appeared to be impressed with the justice of the request. While denying that there had been any disposition to arbitrarily fix the price of horses purchased, he said that the suggestion made by the member for Huntingdon was one which would receive the consideration of the authori-

Election Laws

The efforts of the House to improve the electoral laws of the Dominion have not been productive of any remarkable results. The bills to amend the Elections and the Controverted Elections Acts have been given a third reading. As a consequence of this legislation the trial of election petitions will be materially shortened, while workingmen will be given an extra hour on election day on which to vote without loss of pay. Truly the mountain has labored only to bring forth a mouse. The mat-ter of publicity of campaign contribu-

tions has been carefully avoided. Hon. W. Pugsley fathered an amendment to the Controverted Elections Act which would have made for an improvement in these matters, but it was rejected. He proposed that when a member of the House and his agents have been found guilty of corrupt practices the seat should go to the other candi-date, providing it had been established that he had conducted a clean election. Such a law would certainly have been an inducement to candidates to conduct clean fights. But the House would have none of it. All kinds of objections were raised, and the amendment was rejected. As a result, apart from the two improvements in the law noted above, elections in Canada will be conducted in the future just as they have been run in the past.

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The Ontario legislature adjourned recently after completing its first session under Premier Hearst. The most important measures were the "war tax" of one mill on all property, a decision to maintain English in all schools, and the creation of a previncial commission to control all liquor licenses. The session was shorter than usual.

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