

could use a synonym. Of course, when I said filched I meant took by legerdemain. I suppose there is a French expression that is used in English, "from the pockets of the people," that is to say, from the public, for the purposes of the Government. The Government was authorized to borrow, I think, \$500,000,000.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes; we were authorized to borrow in all \$1,750,000,000; that was the entire borrowing power. The subscriptions exceeded that amount by practically the amount in the Bill, and we therefore ask authority of Parliament for that additional borrowing power which, in any event, would have to be secured for the purpose of an additional loan if we did not take advantage of this over-subscription.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I understand how it was done; the people over-subscribed the last loan; but I feel all the same that the Government was enabled through that surplus subscription to boast lately that it would not appeal to the public this year for another loan. The question is as to the accounting, and I suppose that the close of this Session may be the end of this Parliament, and we may have a full accounting for the total sum.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: I am surprised, now that the honourable gentleman understands just how this money came, that he should not withdraw the word or apologize for its use as applied to the Government, because the people had so much confidence in this Government that when it asked them for \$400,000,000, or whatever it was, they gave them \$350,000,000 in excess. So that it was not necessary, you see, to filch even if they had been so minded; but the people, having that confidence in this Government that they would expend the money properly, and having that patriotic feeling that they must put up the money because it was needed for public purposes, over-subscribed. Now, this legislation is simply to take advantage of that over-subscription and use that money, not for the Government's purposes, but for public purposes. So that the honourable gentleman's language is astray on two counts: one, that he has accused the Government of filching the money from the people, and the other, that he claims the money is being used for Government purposes instead of for public purposes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think the honourable gentleman is very much mis-

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taken if he takes for granted that the surplus amount subscribed by the people means confidence in the Government. It means confidence in themselves, in the people of Canada, because the several by-elections we have had in the last few years do not seem to imply over-confidence in the present Government.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Those can all be accounted for.

Section 1 was agreed to.

The preamble and the title were agreed to.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: While the Chairman of the Committee is performing his duty of signing this Act, and as the honourable gentleman from New Brunswick is within the reach of my voice, I would like to read for his benefit a statement made by President Wilson, which could be altered in one word, in explanation of the fact that, in spite of his protest a year or two ago that my voice irritated him, I am still on my feet. President Wilson was asked to say a few words at a charity musicale, and as he was surrounded by ladies he said:

For beauty I am not a star;
There are others more handsome by far.
My face I don't mind it,
Because I am behind it:
It's the people in front that I jar.

I can alter this by saying:

My voice, I don't mind it,
Because I am behind it;
It's the people in front that I jar.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: That latter part is correct.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: The people feel so badly about your voice, but I am quite accustomed to it now: it is like a saw-mill.

The Bill was reported without amendment.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

DOMINION ELECTIONS BILL.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

'Bill 12, an Act respecting the Election of Members of the House of Commons and the Electoral Franchise.—Hon. Sir James Lougheed.