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THE ELECTION LAW.

Mr. Aylesworth's amendments the Dominion election law are in the direction of greater security to the public. The provision that all contributions towards the election of a candidate shall be published, together with the names of the contributors and that no company or corporation shalf make such contributions is valuable, and if it is strictly enforced ought to be productive of a great deal of good. The value of all laws lies in the enforcement of them, and this is specially true of those relating to elections.

That there was great necessity for That there was great necessity for very stringent legislation for the prevention of corrupt practices at elections has long been only too evident. When the present form of voting was adopted the hope was expressed that it would render corruption futile, because no one could be sure that the corrupted voter "delivered the goods," but it was soon seen that this was too optimistic a view to take of the ease, and that there was just as much crooked work done as in the past. The remedy, so far as it can be applied by legislation, lies, we think, in publicity. We do not believe that public men have any desire to practice bribery or resort to improper means to carry elections, but they get into a contest and when the fighting blood is roused, conscience is apt to means to carry elections, but they get into a contest and when the fighting blood is roused, conscience is apt to have to stand aside. Often men are absolutely convinced that what they are advocating is for the public benefit, and they justify to themselves almost any means of securing it. If, however, it becomes the law that all contributions to election funds shall go through a certain channel, and that a strict account of all receipts and disbursements of such funds shall be published, the effect cannot be otherwise than good. Candidates will then be in a position to refuse even the most indirect sanction to corrupt practices, and their accredited rep-

then be in a position to refuse even the most indirect sanction to corrupt practices, and their accredited representatives will not dare indulge in them. We are not so simple-minded as to suppose that there will be no way of getting around the most stringent law that ingenuity can devise, but the more difficult such a way is made, the less likely it is to be resorted to.

The provision against contributions from companies and corporations seems to be similar to one contained in a Bill introduced by a private member, upon which we commented at the time. Probably no one will welcome such a law more heartily than the companies and corporations themselves. The penalties upon persons firing or letting conveyances to take people to the polls is made heavier. There are worse practices than this one, but it is subject to such abuses that it ought to be stopped. The sooner the people learn that an election is their business quite as much as that of the candidate, and are compelled to go to the polls themselves in such way as they find most conas that of the candidate, and are compelled to go to the polls themselves in such way as they find most convenient, the better. The other provisions in the Bill seem to be well devised, but after all is said on the subject, we come down to the fundamental principle that the remedy for corrupt practices at elections lies with the voters themselves. It is a strange comment upon popular government that it is necessary to pass stringent laws to keep a free people from allowing themselves to be corrupted. It is the fashion to talk of the priceless heritage of the franchise, but many a man's franchise has a market quotation at every election.

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THE B. C. TIMBER RESERVE.

The action of the British Columbia government in placing all vacant crown lands under reserve, as far as the timber is concerned, excited a great deal of comment in the United States, and all of it is favorable, although in many instances, the ignorance displayed by those speaking of the system of government in this

like some of our western states, British Columbia does not hang back in sullen protest while salvation is forced upon her by a distant national authority.

The New York paper is a little astray when it says that lands not in the reserve may be leased, and for its information we may add that any lands not already leased cannot be, and that the larger part of the area not under reserve is held under license, the timber being subject to royalty, the annual license fee and the royalty both being subject to increase. No doubt this is what Collier's had in mind when it said that persons wishing to cut timber must deal with the government. It is certainly very gratifying to the friends of the local government, which grappled so vigorously with this important question, that its policy is appreciated so highly by

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multime Provinces as feeders of the intercolonial, and a great addition to the railway mileage of the West. There is have been some very pronounced deplay the possible that this project may be included. In any transportation programme upon which the Government many decide. If the All-Red scheme is synchromade to materialize so as to synchromade to materialize as to synchromade to materialize so as to synchromade to materialize so as to synchromade to materialize as to synchromade to materialize so as to synchromade to materialize as the synchromade to materialize so as to synchromade to materialize so as to synchromade to materialize so as to synchromade to materialize the control of the sections of the sections of public affairs. Experience justifies the opinion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will not bring on the elections of the synchromade to make it in the prosent time is that of transportation of the people, and as the greatest of all Canadian problems at the present time is that of transportation, there will be no occasion for surperial in the prosent time is that of transportation, there will be no occasion for surperial in the prosent time is that of transportation, there will be no occasion for surperial in the prosent time is that of transportation, there will be no occasion for surperial in the prosent time is that of transportation, there will be no occasion for surperial in the prosent time is that of transportation, the proposition control to the proposition of some stion, or popular endorsation, or popular endorsation, or popular endorsation will be capable to the proposition of the proposition of some stide of the proposition of the proposit

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nouncement as the government may have to make on the subject, and we assume that the report will be the subject of a very serious discussion in

change.

The most touching scene on record was the meeting of Ruef and Schmitz the two champion San Francisco grafters. They almost fell upon each others' necks. How sweet and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell to-gether in unity! Meanwhile it would be wise on the part of the people of San Francisco to lock up everything that is not nalled down.

To those not familiar with the peculiar methods followed by the government of the United States in man prising to find that so grave a question as the structural fitness of the navy should be discussed in public and the testimony of expert witness be telegraphed to the four corners of the

It is quite in accord with what might naturally be expected to find that New Westminster has the distinction of being the first point in finction of being the first point in British Columbia seriously to go about the securing of local option for liquor licenses. The good people on the banks of the fraser have long enjoyed the reputation of holding very advanced notions on the general subject of temperance reform.

It is proposed at Ottawa to place telegraphs, telephones, sleeping cars and railway cartage business under the control of the Railway Commission. That body is playing an everincreasing part in the affairs of Canada, and perhaps it is not untimely to say that to Mr. J. S. Willison, now of the Toronto News, next to the late A. G. Blair, Canada owes the most thanks for the inauguration of it

The bill to provide government annuities, introduced by Mr. Fielding, has been read a first time. Judging from the brief synopsis of its provisions contained in the press dispatches it has been carefully framed and will work in the interests of the people. It is urged in some quarters that it may interfere with fraternal societies. An examination of the plan leads one to believe that if, certainly is open to that objection, though we would be surprised to see it contended that the government should abandon it on that score.

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