

DOMINION ELECTION ACT AMENDMENT—  
SECOND READING—*Con.*

House again in Committee on Bill (148) to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900. Mr. Fitzpatrick (Minister of Justice)—8136. Moves to leave out East Algoma—8136-37. Amendment agreed to—8137.

Amendment providing that fourteen days shall elapse between nomination and polling in certain constituencies, but that polling day shall be the same throughout Canada—Mr. Alcorn (Prince Edward)—8142. Amendment negatived—8142. Bill as amended reported—8146.

*Alcorn, G. O.* (Prince Edward, Ont.)—8140.

Distribution could be done in eight days with sufficient men—8140. Extremely desirable that elections should all be held on same day—8141. Both dates should be fixed by Governor General; moves an amendment—8142. Glad Marcell thinks fourteen days sufficient—8146.

*Borden, R. L.* (Halifax)—8137.

Yale and Cariboo held on general day in 1896—8137. Quotes section 29 of Act to show whole difficulty is with the distribution of the proclamation—8138. Cannot alter law to meet individual cases—8139. Can distribute ballot boxes in three or four days—8140. Where are Bills to amend Northwest Representation Act and Yukon Territory Representation Act—8141. Amendments seem to be very moderate—8142. Facilities for both sides obtaining certificates—8143.

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. C.* (Minister of Justice)—8136.

Moves to leave out East Algoma—8136. No reference to Ontario; Quebec as at present, optional; discretionary in British Columbia—8137. Returning officer has to distribute ballot boxes and papers after nomination—8138. No change in conditions to justify departure from law—8140. Bills prepared but session too far advanced to allow of introduction—8141. Will look over Bill before to-morrow and see what can be done—8143. Suggestion must have come from Quebec—8144.

*Gallher, W. A.* (Yale and Cariboo)—8141.

Wants everyone to have opportunity of voting, not willing to risk one being prevented—8141.

*Macpherson, R. G.* (Burrard, B.C.)—8139.

Conditions in Yale and Cariboo quite different from in 1896—8139. Communication same as forty years ago, settlements go further back—8140.

*Marcell, Charles* (Bonaventure)—8144.

Explains conditions in Gaspé—8144. Must send to Quebec to have ballots printed—8145. Best leave returning officer to be the judge—8146.

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*Monk, F. D.* (Jacques Cartier)—8137.

Provincial elections same day all over province—8137. Elections might be held on same day by using telegraph, except Magdalen Islands—8143. Easy to amend Act so as to give returning officer power—8144. Can now make proclamation by telegraph—8145. Means of communication increasing every day—8146.

DOMINION ELECTION AMENDMENT—THIRD  
READING.

Motion for third reading of Bill (148) to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900—Mr. Fitzpatrick (Minister of Justice)—8390.

Amendment providing for 14 days between nomination and polling, with the elections on the general day, in certain constituencies—Alcorn (Prince Edward)—8390-1. Amendment negatived, on division—8392. Motion agreed to, Bill read the third time and passed—8392.

*Alcorn, Geo. O.* (Prince Edward, Ont.)—8390.

Moves amendment in regard to certain constituencies in Quebec and British Columbia, providing for polling on the general day, but 14 days between nomination and polling—8390. Rule usually followed allows thirty days, proposes to allow fourteen days; amendment will suit the case 8390.

No reason for exception in regard to Brit-

*Borden, R. L.* (Halifax)—8391.

ish Columbia; Mr. Fitzpatrick desirous of doing what is right but misled by friends for party considerations—8391-2.

Again mentions two Bills introduced by Mr. Casgrain—8392.

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. C.* (Minister of Justice)—8290.

Moves third reading—8390. Cannot see any good reason why they should depart from old law—8391. Will be prepared to make statement with regard to certain Bills—8392.

## DOMINION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Motion for second reading of Bill (54) to incorporate the Dominion Fire Insurance Company—Mr. Macpherson (Burrard)—1338.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the second time—1338.

*Fielding, Hon. W. S.* (Minister of Finance)—1338.

Question of title can be considered in Committee on Banking and Commerce—1338.

*Henderson, David* (Halton)—1338.

Objection to use of word 'Dominion' in title, applies to insurance companies as well as to banks—1338.

## DOMINION STEEL COMPANY'S STRIKE.

On the Orders of the Day Mr. Ralph Smith (Vancouver) asks Minister of Labour if intervention has been sought or offered—4215.