

AMENDING ELECTIONS ACT.

Minister of Justice Explains Rigid Amendments Proposed.

OTTAWA, March 10.—In the Commons yesterday Mr. Aylesworth introduced a bill to amend the Dominion Election Act. He said that in examining the present election law with a view of improving it he had found himself in most instances unable to suggest any substantial betterment.

Whatever complaints have been made had reference to the administration of the existing laws and were not complaints in regard to the enactments themselves. It would be difficult to suggest any wider definition of things which constitute corrupt practices or to prescribe by any form of language or in a more general signification than that which was already to be found on the pages of the statute book. The widest and fullest means of investigating corrupt practices at elections already existed in these circumstances it had not seemed to him that he could suggest any improvements in the law in these respects and the amendments which he had framed related to minor matters, but speaking generally to different details in the carrying out of elections under the statute in regard to which there was some room for improvement.

He acknowledged his indebtedness to the special committee which had conducted an inquiry into Mr. Alcoms bill and to the bill prepared by the Attorney General of Ontario.

The principle feature, perhaps, of the bill was a provision with regard to contributions, to election funds. He proposed that contributions from any source to any election contest should be made to and through the statutory agent, and that the agent should be required to make public to the returning officer in the same way in which he makes public his disbursements for the candidates the amounts and source of all election contributions so received. Contributions made otherwise than to the 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.

Connected with this there was a provision prohibiting any company against contributing any amount whatever to an election campaign fund and enforcing that prohibition by heavy penalties upon the directors shareholders or legal officers of any company which so transgressed the law.

There were also minor provisions pointing in the same direction.

The circulation of false estimates with regard to persons conduct of character of a candidate was something which in one, more or less notable instance of comparatively recent date had probably worked the defeat of the candidate necessitating his withdrawal from the contest, although subsequent circumstances seemed to demonstrate that the reports which had been in circulation were entirely without foundation.

There was already a foundation in the English elections act on the subject and adopting that provision he proposed to make it illegal to circulate false statements in regard to a candidate at an election as to his personal conduct, if such statements could be shown to have been circulated with a view of affecting his return.

He further proposed that all hand bills, advertisements, placards or bills containing libellous statements and circulated in connection with an election should show upon their face the name of the printing office where they had been prepared.

Another clause would forbid the intervention of non-residents in the Dominion unless they are voters in some constituency of the country.

To prevent any further difficulties in regard to ascertaining for the candidates of limits of polling stations he proposed that a certain number of copies of the proclamation should be sent by the returning officer or delivered personally to every candidate, and that a penalty should be imposed upon any one who mutilated or tore down a proclamation before voting had taken place. The penalty would be doubly severe if the mutilation or tearing down was done by an officer who had a duty imposed upon him in connection with the election. The bill also provided that every nomination paper should contain the address of the candidate so that any election paper could be validly served upon him.

There had been some difficulty in some recent election in Ontario in regard to the oath administered to voters.

He was unable to see how there need be any difficulty if the provisions of the statutes were adhered to and observed, but to prevent the possibility of the difficulty he proposed that a special form of incorporating not only the clause administered in the provincial elections, but also with regard to bribery required in the Dominion act should be given to the returning officers. That had been done in the recent bye-elections and the bill would authorize such a course.

He also proposed a clause in the bill to preserve of blank paper in the hands of the officials before polling, and it was provided that a voter whose name might have been omitted in the transcribing of the list, but who was entitled to vote should be able to vote on a specially numbered ballot on taking an oath that he believed his name had been inadvertently omitted. Mr. Aylesworth referred to the Manitoba cases and said the circumstances connected with these alleged evasions of the act had been very much misunderstood. He was satisfied that a few names had been omitted and that there was nothing of intentional wrongdoing.

The bill also provided what he regarded as a very essential amendment, namely that no number or mark which the deputy returning officer might make on ballot would void that vote.

There was other provisions in the way of increasing the severity of the penalties which the act already imposed for infractions.

He proposed that a man who paid money as a bribe or took money as a bribe should be subject not merely to momentary penalty which the law now imposed and to the penalty of imprisonment, but that he should for a period of eight years be disfranchised and disqualified from holding any office under the Crown or in the gift of the governor general in Canada.

The bill also sought to increase the penalty and make more severe the punishment for a man who tampered with a ballot.

Mr. Bergeron thought there should have been apportionment in the direction of one man one vote, with the view of preventing the carrying of voters from one place to another, and that the government should have redeemed their pledge to hold the elections on the same day. The bill was read a first time.

Peculiarities of Light Hair.

Among the difficulties met by owners of light hair is this: The center and ends of the hair shafts are light, while toward the roots the shade is decidedly darker. This makes the knot disagreeably suggestive of an artificial addition that is badly matched. In some cases this is caused by an excessive secretion of oil. If that is true, frequent shampoos—say once a week—should keep the hair toward the roots light and fluffy. To keep the hair from growing brittle under such treatment a good brilliantine or vaseline should be rubbed lightly on the palms of the hands; then gently stroke the shafts, taking a few strands at a time between the palms. Never allow the oil to reach the scalp. There is one woman whose light hair is affected by washing in quite a different manner. It seems that the bath, in washing away all the oil, leaves the hair dull and dry. The natural oil on her hair is what gives it its gloss. She is amused by the regular recurrence of the remark after a shampoo, "Why, your hair is growing darker." There may be others that experience the same results of shampooing, but the former is the more common.

Water Hanging Plants.

Be sure that plants in hanging pots and baskets get all the water they need. Because they are near the ceiling, where the temperature is much higher than at the window sill, they will dry out much more rapidly than ordinary plants. They are also very

MINOR INJURIES.

The Proper Way to Treat Cuts and Bruises.

There are no external applications, such as ointment, liniments or lotions, that will or can "heal" a wound. Nature alone does this, and she can do it in the least possible time when her methods are not retarded.

If a cut or laceration is made with a clean instrument, it is best to dress the wound without even washing off the exuding blood. If the injury was caused by anything not clean or if any foreign matter be present and a suspicion of infection exists, of course the injured surface should be thoroughly cleansed. In the absence of an antiseptic solution plain hot water may be used and the particles of dirt or grit removed with a new needle or wooden toothpick, says Mother's Magazine.

The healing of wounds is often materially interfered with by the application of useless or injurious "remedies" and overattention in the disturbance or changing of dressings. If a wound is perfectly clean and the edges correctly brought together, the only way nature can be assisted is by keeping it so. However, it is sometimes not only advisable, but necessary, to make an application of some kind to relieve severe pain, particularly in children and nervous subjects, and a splendid preparation for this purpose is prepared by rubbing together equal parts of pure carbolic acid crystals and gum camphor till an oily liquid is formed, after which twice the quantity of sweet oil is added. The mixture is non-irritating, antiseptic and is good for any injury, burns and scalds included, that is liable to happen in a family.

It should be kept in a tightly corked bottle and is always ready for use.

AMERICAN RABBITS.

The feet of some Australian rabbits show a gradual adaptation to a new mode of locomotion. The rabbits are becoming climbers and often ascend trees in search of food. Their feet in consequence are said to be growing slither, and the claws longer and sharper.

KINGSLEY.

March 6.—We are enjoying a very fine and mild winter.

Quite a number of the boys have returned from the lumber woods.

Miss Maud Calder of Marysville, is visiting friends on McLeod Hill.

Rev. J. C. Berrie delivered an impressive sermon to quite a large congregation in the Methodist church on Sunday last.

Rev. F. Orchard of Fredericton, held service here in the Baptist church on Sunday evening, Mar. 8th. The many friends of Mrs. George Seymour are sorry to learn of her recent illness which was caused from a severe fall on the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Shortell are receiving congratulations on the arrival at their home of a baby boy.

Miss Annetta Charters of St. Mary's, has charge of the school at Royal Road West.

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, at Nashwaagis, when Miss Margaret Booker was united in marriage to Mr. Fraser Currie, by the Rev. A. A. Rideout. The bride was prettily attired in a costume of cream silk voile. Mr. and Mrs. Currie left on Tuesday evening for Seattle, Wash., for an extended bridal trip through the western cities.

Man yields to custom as he bows to fate—in all things ruled, mind, body and estate.—Crabbe.

Macaroni.

Macaroni is taken from a Greek derivation which means "the blessed dead," in allusion to the ancient custom of eating it at feasts for the dead.

Hot Water Bags.

When a hot water bag is emptied, there is always a little moisture left inside and one will notice that the inner sides cling together, which is not well for the bag. After emptying, blow hard into the bag, quickly screw in the stopper and your bag, being slightly inflated, will dry quickly inside, and you will find that the rubber will last much longer.

Bee Hives.

It is calculated that Europe and America have between them about 8,000,000 hives of honeybees.

Britain.

Britain was known to the Phoenicians as Baratanac, or "the land of tin," as far back as the year 1037 B. C. Some 500 years afterward the island was alluded to by the Romans under the name of Britannia, which subsequently became shortened into Britain.

Fire Extinguishers.

The first successful fire extinguisher was invented and operated by one T. Phillips of London, in the year 1849. This apparatus, while a success at putting out fires, was commercially a failure.

Old Roman Women.

Among the Roman women at one period there was a morbid ambition to grow beards, and they used to shave their faces and smear them with unguents to produce these inappropriate appendages. Cicero tells us that at one time to such an extent did the mania for beards grow upon women that it was found desirable to pass a law against the "adornment."

London Theaters.

The oldest London theaters are Drury Lane theater, opened 1663; Sadler's Wells, started as an orchestral assembly room in 1683; Haymarket, 1720; Covent Garden, 1732; and Lyceum, 1795.

Peter's Pence.

Peter's pence was presented by Ina, king of the West Saxons, to the pope about 725, for the endowment of an English college in Rome. The fund took its name from the fact that it was agreed to be paid on Peter mass, Aug. 1. The tax was laid on all families possessed of 30 pence yearly rent in land, out of which they paid 1 penny.

The Cent.

It is an interesting fact that the cent was first proposed by Robert Morris and named by Thomas Jefferson.

Pillow Wrinkles.

Sleeping with the eyes buried in the pillow will bring wrinkles all around them and will produce that look of very old age that wrinkles bring into the face. Even a baby who sleeps with its face in the pillow will wake up with a thousand wrinkles.

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MOTHER'S CONGRESS.

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Norah, the "green" cook, poked her head in at the dining room door. "Please, mam," she asked, "an how will I be knowin' when the puddin' is cooked?" "Stick a knife into it," said her mistress, recalling the cook-book instructions. "If the knife comes out clean the pudding is ready to serve." "Yes, ma'am." "And, oh, Norah!" The mistress had had an afterthought. "If the knife does come out clean you might stick all the rest of the knives into the pudding."—Everybody's Magazine.

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Should not be allowed to Undermine Health.

It is impossible to go into details on this subject but the experience of many a poor woman who is crippled for life, just because she didn't use a good remedy in time, should be a warning to others.

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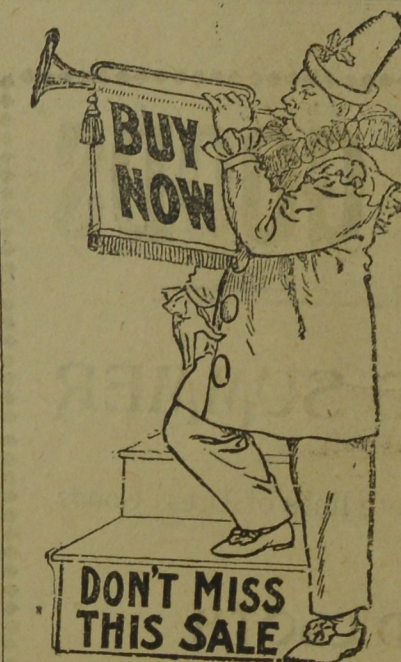
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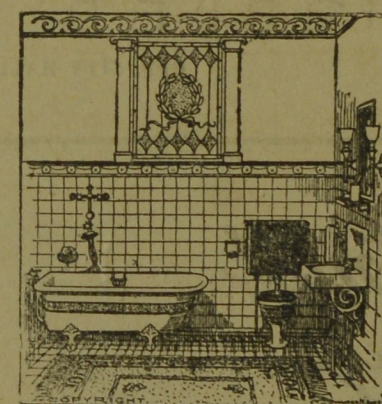
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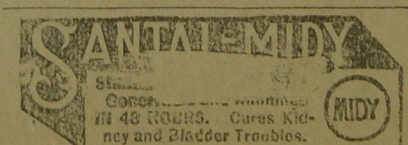
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