

gestions were already embodied in the law, but others he would be willing to consider. He hoped the sincerity of the Government in desiring to put such laws upon the statute book as would secure, not greater severity of punishment, but more certainty of punishment, would not be questioned, and he expressed the expectation that before the session closed amendments that would be satisfactory to both parties would be resolved upon. In conclusion he moved in amendment to the amendment to the following effect:--"That this House expresses its satisfaction that certain persons reported by the election Judges for corrupt practices in the South Riding of Ontario have been duly proceeded against and punished, as provided by the election act, and that inquiries are being made by a royal commission with a view to reporting to this House the frauds and irregularities reported by the Judges in the election held in the West Riding of Elgin on the 12th day of January, 1899."

Mr. Whitney suggested the possibility of the amendment to the amendment being out of order, as it declared the scope of the West Elgin Commission to be broader than was actually the case, the inquiry being limited to the conduct of the returning officer, deputy returning officers and poll clerks.

Mr. Gibson replied that inquiry would be made into all the misconduct that took place at the West Elgin polls.

The Speaker ruled that the amendment to the amendment was perfectly in order.

Mr. Lucas (Centre Grey) charged that the Government had connived at the shielding of some of the West Elgin officials. The Government had appointed many royal commissions in the past when in a close corner, but little or nothing had come of them. He ventured to say that unless they granted a full investigation in West Elgin they would bring an explosion about their ears. It was the duty of the Government to see that their officials initiated the prosecution of the men who were charged with corruption, just as they did when there was a plethora of incendiarism or other crimes in the Province. (Opposition applause.)

At 11 o'clock Mr. Lucas moved the adjournment of the debate. It was agreed that the House should adjourn at 6 o'clock to-night, but sit late to-morrow night in order to finish the debate.

Deputation From Prescott.

A deputation from the County of Prescott will reach the city this morning. It is for the purpose of asking a subsidy for some twelve miles of railway from Pointe Fortune to the Town of Hawkesbury. This will complete the C. P. R. line in Prescott County. The deputation is composed of County Councillor Higginson, Mayor Cloran, M. M. McWaters, John Morrow, John Murray, Councillor McWaters, Town Clerk Costello, John Kirby, James McAllister, Robert Ross, also representatives of the C. P. R. Company. The deputation will be introduced to the Premier at 11 o'clock a.m. by the Hon. Mr. Evanturel, member for that county. The Speaker will also give a lunch at 1 p.m. to the deputation in his quarters and accompany them through the buildings.
