

# THE ELECTION ACT

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Mr. Whitney's Amendments Are  
to be Considered.

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## MEASURES KILLED.

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**Proceedings in Railway and Private  
Bills Committees—Several Depu-  
tations Interview the Govern-  
ment.**

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Mr. Whitney's bill containing stringent provisions for the punishment of electoral misconduct received its second reading in the Legislature last evening, and it will be considered in committee, together with a measure of similar purport introduced by the Attorney-General. The House will then be at liberty to select the best there is in both bills and embody it in the existing law. The Opposition leader's bill, as Hon. Mr. Gibson pointed out, contained some good features, but there are other provisions which were altogether fanciful and did not commend themselves to the Government. The weak point about the measure was that it did not distinguish between the miserable creature who accepted 50 cents or \$5 for his vote and the rascal with his pockets stuffed with money who went about debauching the electorate. Both measures will be thoroughly threshed out in committee. Mr. Hoyle's bill to prevent the future appointment of a junior Judge in the County of Ontario, and Mr. Eilber's bill to permit mutual fire insurance companies to issue policies for five years, were thrown out after a division. Progress was made with several other public bills.

The Attorney-General will introduce a bill to empower trustees to invest in municipal debentures.

### Upper Canada College.

The talk in the lobbies is that the Cabinet are considering a proposition to place Upper Canada College under an administrative body free from Government control, with five ex-officio mem-