

cult by the personation of deputy returning officers, and did not come within the meaning of personation as defined by the Ontario election act.

Will be No Commission.

Whatever steps might be taken against persons charged with fraudulently changing, defacing or injuring ballots in the North Waterloo election, and whose names had been reported to the House, it was not the intention of the Government to appoint any commission on the subject. In view of the fact that the Judges who made inquiry into the charges of alleged irregularities in the West Elgin case found that the ballots were destroyed inadvertently, along with those of the general election, and not designedly or with deliberate purpose, no further steps would be taken in the matter, nor did there seem to be any reason for further investigation.

The Remount Station.

Mr. Ross, replying to Mr. Whitney, said that the attention of the British Government had been drawn to the desirability of establishing a remount station. The reply was unfavorable, but correspondence on the subject was still going on through Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner, and the Government had not abandoned their intention to press the matter.

Mr. Whitney secured an order of the House for copies of all correspondence with or instructions to any County Attorney, or any other person, with reference to the prosecution of any person or persons accused of complicity in the ballot frauds in the West Elgin and North Waterloo elections.

The Factory Inspectors.

Hon. Mr. Dryden informed Dr. Pyne (East Toronto) that four inspectors had been appointed to carry out the provisions of the Ontario factories act, three male inspectors and one female. For the purpose of factory inspection the Province was divided into three districts, eastern, central and western, one male inspector being assigned to each district. It was the duty of the female inspector to inspect throughout the Province factories and places of business where the majority of the employees were females, and especially to look after their interest. Inspector Barber was originally a woollen manufacturer, afterwards a commission agent, and was 57 years of age. Mr. Brown was originally a journeyman woodworker, and is 69 years old. Mr. Roque was a farmer and is 52, and Miss Carlyle was a milliner. Miss Carlyle, Mr. Dryden added, is in full vigor and performs her duties with perfect satisfaction. She was absent from town, and may plead the privilege of her sex with regard to the question as to age. (Laughter.)

The House adjourned at 3.40 p.m.

Young Men to Vote.

Mr. Hoyle (North Ontario) introduced a bill empowering Judges to put young men on the voters' list who are within 30 days of being of age when the list is prepared.

Sanitation of Isolated Camps.

A bill respecting sanitary regulations in unorganized territories was introduced by the Provincial Secretary. It is one of considerable importance to those employed in lumber, mining and railway construction camps. The object of the bill is to give the health authorities control of these camps, with a view of establishing sanitary regulations and consequent improved condition of these camps. There are many instances of the water supply for both the men and horses of camps of 500 or 600 men having been taken from the ice of the frozen lake below the camps. In such cases it was inevitable that this source of supply should be dangerously polluted and poisoned by the daily offal, etc., from the camp above.

Under the proposed act an officer of the Public Health Department may be authorized to visit lumbering, mining and railway construction camps in un-

organized districts, to inspect, cleanse and place such camps in the best possible sanitary condition. The act also provides for the inspection of houses and premises occupied by workmen, with a view to providing the breathing space for each required by proper sanitary conditions. There is also provision for the employment of a duly qualified medical practitioner for these camps, and also for the erection of temporary hospitals for the accommodation of the sick. It shall be the duty of the Provincial officer to see that the camp arrangements are in accordance with sanitary requirements.

The cost of carrying out the requirements of the act shall be borne by the persons, firms or corporations answerable for the health of those in their employ.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Russell (East Hastings) gives notice of a bill allowing municipalities to adopt proportional representation.

Mr. Whitney will ask if it is the intention of the Government to enforce by proclamation last year's amendments to the mines act, imposing a tax on nickel matte or ore not refined in Canada.

Manual Training.

The Town of Niagara Falls is one of the first in Ontario to take up manual training in its schools. The boards there have just decided to at once introduce geometrical drawing, etc., for boys, and sewing for the girls, in the public schools and collegiate institute. They will be entitled to a grant from the Government out of the sum set apart for technical education. The school boards at Niagara Falls are very progressive, being the first in Ontario outside of the cities to introduce the kindergarten system.

Many of the veterans of 1866 who are applying to the Government for land grants state that they have sons who are ready to at once go upon the land and settle.

Notes.

A new case of smallpox has been reported to the Board of Health at Nairn Centre, thirty miles from Sudbury, and