

Prosecutions For Corruption.

Mr. Ross briefly spoke of the prosecutions in connection with the corruption in the recent elections, which numbered about 30 cases in all, and more would yet take place. The Liberals who were corrupt learned it from the Conservative school, he claimed. When hon. gentlemen on the opposite side of the House could not get on the treasury benches by fair means, he proceeded, their friends adopted other methods, and attempts were made to buy members of the Government. The Premier dealt briefly with this bit of political history, and then spoke of the Dominion elections of 1896, comparing the number of spoiled ballots in several specific cases with the number in the elections of 1900. In the former year the number was very large, as compared with 1900, and there could only be one inference, namely, that ballots had been spoiled on behalf of the Conservative party. He alluded to the Attorney-General's statement that it was not to be supposed that the Government would do nothing in some of the cases which had been referred to, and said that proceedings would certainly go on in cases where the law could be brought to bear.

Mr. Ross concluded with a declaration as to the Government's record of pure elections for 30 years, and resumed his seat amid loud cheers.

The Amendment.

The amendment by Mr. Hoyle was as follows:—"That this House desires to express its regret that the Government has taken no steps to discover and bring to trial the person or persons who destroyed or removed from the vault of the Parliament Buildings the box containing the ballots and other papers relating to the election in the West Riding of the County of Elgin, held in January, 1899; and also regrets the declaration of the Government that no steps will be taken to discover and bring to trial such person or persons."

The Division.

The amendment was lost on the following division:—

Yeas—Allen, Barr, Beatty (Leeds), Bowman, Brower, Carnegie, Carscallen, Colquhoun, Crawford, Dempsey, Duff, Ellber, Evanturel, Falls, Ferguson, Fox, Gallagher, Garrow, Harty, Hoyle, Jamieson, Jessop, Joyne, Kidd, Kribbs, Little, Lumsden, Marter, Matheson, Monteith, Morrison, Macdarmid, McDonald, McKay, McLaughlin, Pardee, Pettypiece, Reid (Durham), Robson, Thompson, Tucker, Wardell, Whitney—34.

Nays—Auld, Aylsworth, Barber, Beatty (Parry Sound), Blezard, Boyd, Breithaupt, Bridgland, Brown, Burt, Caldwell, Carpenter, Charlton, Clarke, Connee, Davls, Dickenson, Douglas, Dryden, Farwell, Foy, Garrow, Gibson, Graham, Gross, Gulbord, Harcourt, Hill, Hislop, Holmes, Latchford, Leys, Loughrin, Lucas, Malcolm, Miscampbell, Munro, Nutrie, McKee, Patte, Patulo, Powell, Preston, Pyne, Reid (Addington), Richardson, Ross, Russell, Smith, Stratton, Taylor, Truax—44.

The following were paired:—Hon. Mr. Harty, with Mr. Foy; Pardee, Lucas; Lumsden, Powell; Ferguson, Reid (Addington); Pettypiece, Boyd; McKay, Pyne; Bowman, Miscampbell.

The motion to go into supply was carried on the same division, reversed.

The House went into supply and passed one item and adjourned at 11.55.

The Public Accounts Committee will meet to-morrow morning.

Spent \$60,000 on Concession.

The report of the Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates, Limited, who hold a concession to explore an area in New Ontario for minerals, on the work accomplished during the year 1900 shows an expenditure of about \$60,000 in explora-

tion, prospecting, plant, wages, etc. The company are developing two properties on their lands, called the Reliance and the Elizabeth mines.

Want Railway Aid.

A deputation, headed by Messrs. Farwell and Holmes, M.P.P.'s, saw the Government yesterday, and asked for aid to the extent of \$3,000 cash, or \$2,000 cash and 5,000 acres per mile, for the Bruce Mines & Algoma Railway Company. There were present also Messrs. L. C. Holden, B. G. Coryell and John McKay. The line now proposed would be 15 miles long and would extend from Bruce Mines to the Rock Lake copper mine. The company has spent \$250,000 in developing this mine, which, although of low grade ore, is said to contain 5 per cent. of copper compared with 2½ per cent. in the famous Calumet and Hecla mines in Michigan. A good agricultural country would also be tapped.