

ACT AGAINST **SEDITION** CAUSED INDIA'S STRIFE

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Home Rule Element
in Bombay.

Canadian Press Despatch.

London, April 15.—Widespread disturbances in India were referred to in Parliament last night as being the outcome of what was described as the "passive resistance" movement against the recent Indian legislation known as the Rowlatt Act intended to combat sedition. The trouble originated with the Home Rule element in Bombay and has taken shape in attacks on officials and Europeans and on property.

The India Office last night issued a long statement describing the general situation. It was shown that there have been disturbances recently at Lahore and a few casualties at Amritzar, thirty-three miles eastward, where three bank managers were burned to death in the town hall, two banks destroyed, the telegraph office wrecked and three Europeans killed. At Ahmedabad, a mob attacked and burned the telegraph office and two Government buildings. Here also, there were a few casualties.

There have been disorders in which some persons have been wounded at Bombay, but the statement says, in most of these places military forces are now maintaining order.