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*Cockshutt, W. F.*—*Con.*

Tupper was the first to introduce the doctrine of preference; not jughanded preference such as we have—5130. Believes tariff reform is a 'comer' and will prove a bond such as the world has never seen—5131. Resolution at the Chamber of the Empire in 1903. Passed three times over—5132. The British market is the market that pays best. This is a policy of empire preference—5133. We must have a give and take policy in this matter. Must be united in a policy of development—5134.

*Lanctot, Roch.* (Laprairie-Napier)—5147.

In the last electoral contest the electors did not vote on reciprocity but on the navy question—5147. Our opponents said that should the Laurier government be defeated the navy would no more be a question—5148. This or any other government must one day make that reciprocity treaty that the farmers are asking for—5149. In the last campaign this reciprocity question was not decided on its merits. Who fought it most vigorously—5150. It must come—5151.

*Maclean, A. K.* (Halifax)—5011.

Congratulations to Mr. White on his presentation of the Budget. Not much of a controversial nature. The success of the fiscal policy of the late government indisputable—5011-2. The last Budget. Gratifying surplus, same success attended Mr. Fielding's last year as had the others—5013. Annual surplus under the Liberal government. Deficit in expenditure and increase in net debt—5014. The increase of revenue without any increase in the rate of taxation. Agricultural exports—5015. Imports and exports. Comparative table. Development of Canada under the Liberals—5016. Is pleased to hear that the Finance Minister anticipates as satisfactory a year next year—5017. The Conservative party when in opposition protested in parliament and out of parliament against the rising expenditure—5018. Quotes Mr. Foster in 1909-10, and again in 1897—5019. What would Mr. White say to Mr. Foster if confronted with his criticisms in 1910?—5020. Such were his protests against lesser taxation. A campaign sheet of 1908 quoted. 'Time for a change'—5021. Might reasonably have expected an announcement of a reduction in taxation and expenditure, but on the contrary find increased expenditure. The P.E.I. car ferry promise—5022. What amazes him is the shocking wickedness of the Prime Minister in making such a promise at such a time. Sir James Whitney expects more generous financial aid—5023. Evident everywhere an intent to make financial attacks upon the federal treasury. Mr. McBride a very costly political ally—5024. Mr. Crothers and losses by the Farmers' Bank failure. Mr. S. Hughes is engaging in extraordinary expenditures in his department. The Premier's capacity for promise—5025. Defies any man to say that the cost

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of the eastern section of the N. T. R. is unnecessarily excessive—5026. The late election. The real issue involved in that campaign was one of taxation and markets. The introduction of other issues in various provinces—5027. Does not take it that the people of Canada have pronounced against wider markets. Reciprocity dead, defeated fairly or unfairly—5028. The Liberal party believe in increasing as much as possible the markets for our productions, especially natural productions—5029. A revision of a tariff does not mean the extinction of a tariff necessarily—5030. In his province the Conservative party stated that reciprocity in fish would be a bad thing for Nova Scotia. It is not even arguable—5031. They resorted to misrepresentations of the issue. Asks if they believe everything is well in the prairie provinces—5032. The serious problem of markets which confronts them. Population, average production of oats and wheat in the three provinces. Conditions in the Canadian west and those in the United States west to-day—5033-4. They talk as if the question of markets for Canadian grain was a trivial matter. Production of wheat and oats and barley by countries, 1911. Will soon produce more than Great Britain can purchase—5035-6. Mr. Foster had to apply to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Years before the Canadian lines can handle the western products—5037. Mr. Borden in 1910 quoted on western conditions—5038. After taunting the late premier with not having obtained markets would expect his promises to be kept—5039. They have been promising that they can obtain preferential treatment for Canadian goods in the United States market. It is up to them to implement the promise—5040. There will be great disappointment in the country that the tariff policy is not announced—5041.

*Maclean, W. F.* (South York)—5041.

Disappointed that there was no reference to Canada's participation in Imperial defence. The largest question this session—5041. Our great transportation facilities have to go to London for money loans. Advocates a cash contribution and a Canadian navy—5042. Results of lack of money from a great war. We must protect our great sea power if we wish to enjoy it—5043. The very country which is supplying us with these millions for the development of the country is supplying us with the money and the navy to defend our country—5044. Canadians have been allowed to go to sleep on this question. We ought to do it now and to do it liberally—5045. Regards a navy and a contribution to naval defence as a necessity to Canada. England's supremacy—5046. We have made a start for a navy in this country, he supported that measure. In Ontario there is a widespread feeling in favour of such an expenditure—5047. Trusts that this parliament will immediately