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importance to the farmers than these fads. This is of little importance to the great majority of the people—4105. If the government wants to do something for the farmers extend rural mail delivery. The farmers want this—4106. In preference to any of the fads they have discussed—4107.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—4088.

Agrees with Mr. Armstrong in some respects—4088. Powers of the Railway Commission. The question of cheap cable rates. Quotes Sir Hennicker Heaton—4089. Efforts of the Post Office Department to secure cheaper rates. Five companies doing business between Canada and Great Britain. Reduction effected—4090. Reduction only a first instalment. Original cable rates and gradual reductions—4091. The rate war and the American Cable Pool. Three pence a word sufficient for press messages—4092. Press despatches to Canada more or less tainted, so that large papers are obliged to send special correspondents for great events—4093. Resolution of the Imperial Press Conference resulted in lowering of Pacific cable rates. Mr. Pelletier should aim at further reduction—4094. We must have a state-owned cable across the Atlantic between Canada and Great Britain. Estimate of cost—4095. Prepared by Mr. Smith of the P. O. D., a decided authority, revised by Sir Sanford Fleming—4096. Mr. Armstrong neglected cables in favour of other subjects. Moves his amendment 4097. Mr. Armstrong spoke for three hours—4110.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—4097.

Sympathizes with both speakers but goes further. Favours immediate state ownership and operation of telegraphs, telephones and cables—4097. The telegraph and telephone business in Canada all under American control. An absurd condition—4098. Profits of cable business in the Atlantic zone so great that if we had one cable tomorrow we should want another in 15 months—4099. In all European countries there is a good service which is allied with the post office—4100. The only way to get at these companies is for us to get into the business ourselves—4101. As long as they can get off with promises of concessions they will do nothing serious. The case of Manitoba—4102. Telephones in Denmark. This government has a chance to make good in regard to public ownership in the case of the I.C.R.—4103. If you cannot have state ownership, state competition is the only thing that will bring down tolls—4104.

Nesbitt, E. W. (North Oxford)—4088.

Asks if telephone rates have increased in Winnipeg under provincial government took over control—4088. Is opposed to any member taking up the time of the House talking about some fad, talking

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in generalities without one tittle of evidence—4107. Hopes the Postmaster General will follow up the policy inaugurated by his predecessor—4108.

Pelletier, Hon. L. P. (Postmaster General)—4108.

As the amendment is a new question Mr. Armstrong would have a right to speak—4108. Regrets that Mr. Armstrong has not been able to put his motion. He gave most valuable information. Mr. Lemieux's an academic motion—4114. The steps he spoke of have been taken. The matter of cable rates has engaged the attention of the government. Will place rural mail delivery on a more businesslike basis—4115. Does not agree with Mr. Lalor as to the cheapness of cable and telegraph rates. Telegraph rates too high—4116. If they prove to be so will come to their relief. A letter from Mr. Samuel. His speech in the Imperial House—4117. If Mr. Samuel has the right to practically control rates, the self-governing colonies have the right to ask him to act—4118. The day will come when the motherland will have some kind of reciprocal relations with the colonies. Steps were taken already—4119. Mr. Lemieux should withdraw his motion. It can have no good effect—4120.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—4111.

Had no idea that Mr. Armstrong had not finished his speech. Mr. Lemieux quite in order—4111. The time not yet arrived for government ownership. Powers of the Railway Commission—4112. Would not be prepared to countenance the very large expenditure necessary for a state-owned cable. Only used by a small number—4113. Allow the Railway Commission to deal with the matter—4114.

Speaker, His Honour the—4104.

Reminds Mr. W. F. Maclean that the question is in regard to cable rates—4104. Mr. Lalor is wandering from the question—4106. Thinks that this being an amendment to go into Supply a second speech is not in order—4108. No matter who speaks he should confine himself to the amendment—4109.

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Remarks on motion to go into Supply—Mr. W. F. Maclean—645.

Blain, R. (Peel)—668.

Express companies operating in Ontario and their charges—668. The fruit growers have some substantial grievances in regard to express charges—669.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—657.

Owing to short tenure of office has not been able to give due attention to all these subjects—657. Parcel post. Does not know what information there is.