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taxation is sound, but the principle must be carried out in a sound way. The advantage of direct taxation is that the tax can be levied according to the ability of the person to bear it, 382-4. Boots and other manufactured articles referred to, 385-6.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—470.

Reference made to statement of Shortt *re* dismissals, 471. Suggests the cutting down of public works expenditures, 472-5. The arguments of Mr. Maclean endorsed, 563. Different items in estimates criticised, 564-76. British preference referred to, 576.

Scott, F. T. (Waterloo South)—590.

The tariff and finances discussed, 590-1. The war and its results touched upon, 592.

Stevens, H. H. (Vancouver)—599.

Reply to Mr. Nesbitt, 600. This Government could not possibly indulge in a more foolish act, in my estimation, than to curtail the expenditure on public works at this crisis in the history of the country, 602-4. Deals with arguments of opposition speakers *re* war tax, 613-16. The markets of Russia referred to, 617-20. I desire to say that the Finance Minister, in bringing down this Budget, met the most critical condition with which the country has ever been faced, and met it well and wisely, 621.

Thomson, Levi (Qu'Appelle)—811.

Messrs. Bradbury and Blain's speeches criticised, 811-12. Blames Government for shortage in revenue, 813. Tax increase discussed, 814-17.

Tremain, H. B. (Hants)—824.

The difference in the theory of Government held by individual members opposite and their putting into practice of these economic theories, dear to the hearts of many of our opposition friends, is indeed startling, and impresses the thoughtful throughout the country with the fact that the Liberal party out of office were prodigal in promise and in power furnished the country with a striking example of being bankrupt in fulfilment of the promises so prodigally made, 826.

Turriff, J. G. (Assiniboia)—417.

We find that the country is in a most depressed condition, not on account of the war altogether, 418. Is it a time to go in for lavish expenditures when the revenue is falling away tremendously, 419. So that this, instead of being a direct tax for the war as the Government is trying dishonestly to make out, is a tax that Mackenzie and Mann have more interest in than anybody else, because they will get the greatest share of it—in fact, they have it already, 421. Government officials in Canada referred to, 423. Thinks time has come for re-

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trenchment, 424-5. The increase in tariff and British preference dealt with, 426,30.

Turgeon, O. (Gloucester)—700.

War features and internal administration of the Budget discussed, 700-714.

Wilcox, Oliver J. (Essex North)—630.

Criticises speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Pugsley, 689-92. Cost of G.T.P. discussed, 693-4. Fertilizers referred to, 695. Policy of Government favourably received, 696-700.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—431.

The Budget now before us is known as the War Budget, and as far as I have been able to put my finger upon the pulse of public opinion I have found that the

general opinion of this country favours the proposals of the Finance Minister, 431. I think it is manifest to every man that the nation, beginning at the bottom must, from the very nature of things, which wishes to build up its industries give a certain measure of protection to its industries for a time at least, and that is just what we are doing in Canada, 433. Mr. Turriff's speech criticised, 434-5. Markets of United States and Canada compared, 443-6. Trade matters dealt with, 447-9.

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Motion in amendment:

This House is ready to provide for the exigencies of the present situation and to vote all necessary ways and means to that end, but it regrets that in the measure under consideration duties are imposed which must be oppressive upon the people whilst yielding little or no revenue, and that the said measure is particularly objectionable in the fact that instead of favouring, it is placing extra barriers against Great Britain's trade with Canada, at a moment when the Mother Country is under a war strain unparalleled in history.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 841.

Ball, R. J. (Grey South)—955.

Mr. Copp's speech referred to 955-6. The Budget and war discussed, 957-9.

Bennett, R. B. (Calgary)—1089.

It remained for hon. gentlemen opposite once more to precipitate into the politics of this country, at this time, after we had had a very considerable truce and the promise of a long-continued one, the controversy, conflict, passions and prejudices that have long been incident to their discussion of public questions and of fiscal measures, 1089. There is no tariff that has obtained and prevailed in this country and that has been submitted to the Canadian people, that has been more favourable to the people of the West than the tariff we are now considering, 1092. The criticisms of the Budget dealt with, 1093-1103.