

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH
FROM THE THRONE—*Con.*

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—29.

No reduction on brandies, spirits and other articles mentioned, 29. Items included because they were in the Treaty of 1893, 30. Recalls a little incident in his early modest political career, 94. Foster's speech sufficient to convince the loyalty of any wavering Liberal, 95. The choice of Cabinet ministers and leaders of the opposition dealt with, 96. Experienced men on the Conservative side passed over, 97-98. Not much concerned with what he himself or Borden did twenty years ago, 99. Strong dislike of the opposition to any mention of surpluses, 100. Must make allowances for the opposition if comparisons are odious, 101. There is a material reduction of taxation now as compared with 1896, 102. Opposition abandoned adequate protection and adopted new government tariff policy, 103. Sir Charles Tupper could hear the wail of manufacturers whose industries were ruined in 1897, 104. The Liberal policy to reduce the tariff with due regard to existing industries, 105. The Liberal platform carried out to a far greater extent than are most political platforms, 106. Quotes a Winnipeg despatch demanding the calling of a Conservative convention from the *Ottawa Journal*, 107. The post office service now compared with that in 1896, 108. Reduced postage to the old country and all round and have a surplus; provincial subsidies, 109. The conference of premiers. Borden in British Columbia tried to disturb what was done, 110. The conference was not prompted by any ungenerous spirit towards British Columbia, 111. Quotes the resolution against submitting any claim to arbitration, 112. The attitude of the Dominion government in the matter was absolutely fair, 113. The other provinces did not want commissions or delay but action and money, 114. McBride's action was a breach of faith with the other provinces, 115. As far as we were concerned the settlement was final and unalterable, 116. Foster had not taken the trouble to get facts or he would not have said there was a compact with Mercier, 117. Borden allowed the Quebec bridge agreement to go through without one word of opposition, 118. Need not fear comparisons with the Conservative party in the matter of election trials, 119. Who would have thought hearing Foster denounce corruption that he had ever been unseated? 120. All the corruption not on one side, 121. Complaints in Colchester about economies on the Intercolonial Railway, 122. People will compare the Halifax platform with eleven years of Liberal government, 123. What Laurier said as to the cost of the Transcontinental Railway, 161. Not the time to discuss the Quebec bridge; when the papers come down, 531. They are responsible for everything concerning the company of which they are directors, 532. The enterprise was undertaken from

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high minded and patriotic motives, 533. The records show there was no opposition on the part of the opposition, 534. The attack made on the Quebec Bridge Company neither fair nor reasonable, 535. The gentleman expressed dissent, no vote was taken, 538.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—213.

Found an entire misconception at that time of the scope of the regulations, 213. Clements was invited to the platform to take part in the discussion, 214. He was invited to the platform with the intention and object of giving him an opportunity to speak, 215. Only one objection to that regulation from any other part of Canada, 216. Farmers have suffered in the past from lack of due precautions, 217. They did not want the safeguards removed, but arranged so as not to interrupt business, 218. Arrangements carried out in a slightly different way have done it, 219. If Clements will send him the names of the inspectors complained of, he will look into the matter, 220. Prevented American hogs being brought in to be made up into Canadian bacon, 221. Rural mail delivery and the extension of postal facilities, 222. Have to count the cost and weigh advantages against disadvantages, 223. Statistics of post office expansion, 224. Must not plunge lightly even into a discussion of rural delivery. The bugaboo of the balance of trade, 225. During the past five years there was an excess of imports, 226. Our manufacturers have been producing more and more to an enormous extent, 227. Figures of exports and imports for forty years, 228. Comparative statistics of other countries, quotation from *La Revue Economique Internationale*, 229-30.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—42.

Asks the names of those who wished to make the daughter colonies subordinates or satellites, 42. You've lost it entirely, 50. Laurier covered a great deal of ground and travelled far from the speech, 66. Seems that the real speech was the manifesto of the Conservative party, 67. Laurier has trafficked in offices from judge-ships down to the lowest, 68. He has stood up against investigation of crimes and corruption, 69. What has Laurier done in reference to reforming the Senate, 70. Land deals in the West, 71. Build up your platform out of experience and the needs of the country, 72. Quotes Graham on transportation, 73. Graham has not read the sentiments of the West, Laurier able to change his mind, 74. Almost came to the conclusion that there was a deep dark conspiracy somewhere, 75. Laurier's whole argument against government ownership, 76. Laurier's argument on Japanese immigration is publicly immoral, 77. Is not disposed to draw a colour line in this country, 78.