

BUDGET, DEBATE ON THE—*Con.*

*Brodeur, Hon. Louis P.* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—4857.

Hesitation in speaking in strange tongue; these days certain men and certain newspapers are not above casting serious reflections on men because of slips made in using an unaccustomed tongue; government has not acted at the instance of the Standard Oil Company, but in the interests of the people—4857. Government action in the appeal regarding discrimination in rates; Gall-Schneider Company's appeal for lease in Montreal given against the Standard Company—4857-58. Reduction intended to loosen the shackles of the Standard Company; Independent Company, American capitalists; watered their stock and raised prices in combination with the Standard Company—4858. People were in the hands of these companies; reduction in duty was intended to and did reduce price; action entirely in interests of the people—4859. British preference has increased trade; preference increased by changes—4859. Larger revenue possible with decreased taxation; table of average rate of duties; have decreased taxes—4860. Expenditure not increased in same respects because it costs less to collect revenue; proves economy—4860-61. Debt per head reduced—4861. Balance of trade with United States; goods imported free come in for benefit of Canada; deducting free goods the balance is in our favour—4862. Increase of duties on agricultural products would lead to retaliation and injure our farmers—4863. Are opening up new markets for farm products; that is what farmers want, not higher duties—4864. Comparison of imports and exports of farm products—4864-65. Market gardeners have all the protection they want—4865. Farmers are protected; imports into Yukon from United States due to Conservatives having stopped the construction of a railway—4866. Conditions here preferable to those in the States; quotes Montreal 'Gazette' on American strikes—4867. On same day read that men are being discharged in the States and advertisements for men to work in Canada; friends opposite want fiscal system introduced which has been disastrous in States—4868. Quotes Mr. Bell demanding abolition of duties on sugar and tobacco; so opposition want to remove the duties which have built up the Canadian tobacco trade despite increase of duty on raw leaf, tobacco is today cheaper to the consumer; more factories, larger output—4868-69. Paying attention to exclusive contracts—4870. Government policy has displaced the use of foreign leaf, and benefited Canadian farmers and manufacturers; Conservatives when in power refused to give protection to farmers on these lines—4870. Duty to consumer reduced by Liberals; colour of stamps under consideration—4870-71. Issue between Conservatives and Liberals is trust tariff or a people's tariff—4871. Government will not create combines or trusts, but will aid and protect legitimate industries; work not finished, will work to the end for the advantage of people of the country—4872.

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*Campbell, Archibald* (West York)—4536.

Budget national stock-taking; this year's statement gratifying—4536. Very little criticism from opposition; wonderful progress of Dominion; comparison between the two regimes—4537. Liberal increase in trade analysed—4538. Wise direction of government enabled farmers to seize opportunities; removal of United States cattle embargo—4539. Cold storage perfected—4540. Increase in bank deposits; post office returns and manufactures—4541. Tariff of 1897 built up manufactures; two ways in which tariff was revised—4542-43. Development and prosperous times largely due to wise legislation, the exodus stopped; immigration set in—4544. Increase in homestead entries; sweating system abolished—4545. Fairwage clause introduced in contracts; employees must be paid; the Conciliation Act—4546. Tariff changes will help the great industries; larger business requires larger expenditure—4547. Conservative scandals reviewed—4547-48. If Conservatives could they would point out jobbery; works completed; Intercolonial Railway extended to Montreal—4548. Other extensions of Intercolonial Railway—4549. Crow's Nest Pass Railway, concessions from Canadian Pacific Railway obtained by the government—4550. Wharfs and piers the salvation of the fishermen—4551. Government record one the people will commend—4551.

*Cartwright, Rt. Hon. Sir Richard* (Minister of Trade and Commerce)—4406.

Moves adjournment—4406-07. Mr. Bell's thirst for knowledge great, his need for knowledge still greater; quotes report of speech by Adam Carr Bell, 1891, that free trade arguments were unanswerable—4417. Form of words open to misconception as a purely speculative opinion, but understands Mr. Bell was coquetting with Liberals in 1891. Wherein he concurs with Mr. Bell—4418. Taxes and revenue not the same; British preference reduced taxation; went far towards converting entire tariff into revenue tariff; created good feeling; serious depression exists in many countries—4419-20. Tariff Commission to be composed of ministers, not paid manufacturers, as in 1878-79, who made Finance Minister their mouthpiece—4420. Cycles of good and bad times; mistakes may be made; men who never sat in cabinets commit themselves to policies which afterwards turn out to be absurd; little to withdraw save certain dealings with the Conservative cause; R. L. Borden's liberal record—4420-21. Mr. Bell delighted with prosperity belittles it; if Conservatives were delighted as Mr. Fielding dwelt on prosperity they are experts at concealing their feelings; sight of surpluses must harrow them—4422-23. Mr. Bell's principle-debit everything credit nothing, report the result; three indicia of prosperity—4423. Growth of immigration; immigrants stay; no great exodus—4423-24. Enormous amount of new territory under cultivation; homesteads taken up; land sales; change from 1885-96 most pregnant fact; Cana-