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Black, J. B. (Hants)—4071.

A good deal has been written by emotional people, and hysterical people, who always exaggerate—4071. The great majority of deaths in children are preventable—4072. I do not think we can prevent the importation of tobacco or cigarettes. I do not think we can really prevent the sale of them—4073.

Blain, R. (Peel)—4053.

Moved: A resolution prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of cigarettes—4053. The resolution which I move today is one of vital importance to the youth of Canada—4054. Gives some figures to show the nature of the question we have to deal with—4055-6. Total consumption of cigarettes in Canada. Quotes Ontario Act—4057. Reads report of the Toronto Teachers' Association with Mr. Fenier's testimony—4058. A communication from the president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union—4059. Quotes opinions on cigarette smoking from business institutions, colleges, United States army and navy schools, &c.—4060-61. Quotes a letter published in the 'Lancet' on the cigarette craze. Overwhelming public opinion in favour of giving effect to the resolution—4062. I believe that the people of this country are favourable to a legislation of that kind—4063. I think I can promise at least a fair measure of support from this side of the House—4064. The parliament of Canada have power to place upon the statute books, a law to prohibit the importation, sale and manufacture of cigarettes—4065. My object is to deal with this from the boy's standpoint—4066. Various provinces have already placed upon their statute books legislation of that kind—4086. It is only fair to me that I should have an opportunity of saying a few words—4090.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4090.

Laurier has taken up part of your time—4090.

Broder, A. (Dundas)—4073.

I am not an advocate of the theory that the old man should sow the wild oats for himself and the boy too—4073. Any law that proposes to deal effectively with this question shall have my hearty support—4074.

Devlin, Charles (Nicolet)—4081.

I decidedly object to the last clause—4081. The resolution if carried into effect would do away with the smoking of cigarettes in this country—4082. I think this is one of the matters that can be very well left to the parent—4083.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—4076.

This is a very important question and it is one as to which we should not act hastily—4076. The influence of the home,

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the school, the church, is lessening in Canada to-day in regard to the bringing up of our youths—4077. I am led to believe that the use of tobacco in any quantity or form is rather hurtful to the user—4078. I hope that a Bill of this kind will be brought in next session and passed, unless we can find other means—4079.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4068.

I would like to ask what the Premier would propose, within the powers of this parliament, to mitigate the evil which he deplores—4068. It is well agreed that every effort should be put forward to prevent the waste caused by that destroyer of life in this country—4069. I would be sorry if something could not be done to voice the opinion of this parliament in a more moderate way—4070. Hopes some method may be devised by which that evil would be to some extent, if not altogether mitigated, at least largely repressed—4071.

Gunn, B. B. (Huron South)—4076.

Laurier has the power to enact legislation of that kind if he chooses—4076.

Hughes, J. J. (Kings, P.E.I.)—4088.

I certainly object to this motion so far as I am concerned. I think this question is worthy of discussion by this House—4089. I may say that I am very heartily in accord with the principle expressed in the resolution moved by Blain—4089. I repeat that I think this is a very summary way to dispose of this question—4090. I cannot conclude my remarks if hon. gentlemen interrupt me—4091.

Johnston, A. (Cape Breton)—4084.

I desire to raise the question of the right of Monk to propose an amendment—4084. I raise the question that he had already exhausted his right to speak—4085. As to the power of this parliament to legislate I am not a constitutional lawyer and would not venture an opinion—4086.

Kennedy, J. B. (New Westminster)—4074.

I am heartily in sympathy with the spirit of this resolution—4074. I can hardly see how we can expect to carry any legislation of this kind through this parliament considering the number of smokers who are among our members—4075. The example of the older people is at the bottom of the evil—4076.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—4066.

The use of cigarettes is universally admitted to have very injurious effects, both physical and mental, on immature youth—4066. He did not pretend to say it was injurious to men, and I am convinced he will not—4067. I have nothing to propose at this moment, but I