

AUDITOR GENERAL—*Con.*

Clancy, James (Bothwell)—*Con.*

annuation the last resort; unfair comments in the press; quotes Sarnia 'Observer'—6591. Government want to tie the hands of chief officer of parliament—6592. Unwilling to believe resignation will take place—6593.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6566.

Mr. Borden moved abstract resolution, implying that Auditor had ample power; differs entirely from Auditor General and Mr. Borden—6566. Principles of Audit Act established years ago. Mr. Lennox motion not pressed to division. Auditor has full powers to audit; power to obstruct—6567. Wants power to deal with matters never contemplated by the Act; if opposition really thought there was need of amending the law they should have acted years ago—6568. Borden's proposals takes control of public money from people's parliament—6569. Davis claim, Treasury Board overruled because claim was legally collectable—6570. Cancelled at request of Auditor; subsequent agreement approved by Auditor General—6571.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—6624.

Opposition cannot point to single dollar improperly paid out; if overrulings have been improper why has not parliament investigated—6624-5. Overrulings not increasing; Auditor's standing grievance—6626. If money has been spent without value given, where is the inquiry before the Public Accounts Committee—6627. The opposition's duty to the country—6628. Only payment made Davis under amended contract approved by Auditor General—6629. If amendments are necessary government will welcome Auditor's informing them—6629. Safeguards existing; powers of investigation unlimited—6630. Treasury Board overrulings and correspondence reported—6631. Parliament provides Public Accounts Committee for further investigations—6632. Do not want to share responsibility with any courts—6633. Audit Act contains all that is necessary—6634.

Heyd, Charles B. (South Brant)—6593.

Studied Davis contract, in light of articles in certain papers—6593. Finds that Auditor General was wrong in his dates, his facts, his inferences and his conclusions; quotes his letter implying that contract was in consideration of liberal political subscription—6594. Purchase clause removed any taint of corruption; no second contract—6595. Quotes Mr. Aylesworth on what parliament contemplated as Auditor's position—6596. Has quite enough power to discharge his duties—6597.

Lennox, Haughton (West Simcoe)—6571.

Mr. Fielding remained silent as the Sphinx on his motion, which was lost on division—6571-2. Great injustice done the people by the delay in amending the Audit Act—

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6573. Public officials who differ from administration must go—6574. Mr. Fielding's inconsistencies; new conditions have arisen—6575. Very bad of Mr. Fielding to open up upon the Auditor General—6576. Quotes Sir Charles Tupper in praise of Auditor General—6577. Sneers and insults mark departmental correspondence with the Auditor—6578. Intended to have brought in Auditor's Bill last year—6579. Will force government to state whether they are prepared to deny reasonable measure of justice—6580. Corry and Laverdure contract an injustice to the Auditor General—6580. Were paid \$96,000 more than they were entitled to—6581. Extras on the Farran's Point contract—6582. No constitutional question in giving Auditor right of appeal to Exchequer Court—6583. Quotes Sir Charles Tupper as indicating present position; and Mr. Cartwright—6584. Main object of Audit Act to inspire public confidence; quotes Mr. Cartwright—6585. In few years Cabinet will have destroyed last vestige of responsible government—6586.

Robinson, Jabel (West Elgin)—6634.

Pleased government are willing to amend Audit Act—6634. Better keep the present Auditor, it will cost less—6635.

Sproute, T. S. (East Grey)—6597.

Auditor's honesty proved by his consistent conduct—6597-8. Change in Davis contract proved it wrong, resolution simple, only asks more power if necessary—6599. Public Accounts Committee decided that Act was not ample—6600. Auditor ought to have power that Mr. Aylesworth says he has not—6601. Quotes statute to show that Mr. Aylesworth is wrong—6602. Auditor ought to have as wide power as is necessary—6603. Auditor says either amend the Act or I go—6604. If opposition fail in House they will appeal to country—6605. Sorel bridge instance where tens of thousands of dollars are paid out without consideration—6606. Auditor prevented payment; instances Corry and Laverdure and Farran's Point contracts—6607. Government prevented paying by Auditor—6608.

AUDITOR GENERAL AND THE DAVIS CONTRACT.

On the Orders of the Day, attention is called to the Auditor General's appeal to the people in the public press, and inquiry made as to whether government intended to give that gentleman an opportunity of making explanations before the Public Accounts Committee—Mr. Puttee (Winnipeg)—6879. Is informed that Auditor General has taken extraordinary course and government have not yet decided on its action—6879-80.

Borden, R. L. (Halifax)—6880.

Perhaps Mr. Fielding will be able to state course intended to be taken at as early a date as possible?—6880.