

SUPPLY—TRADE AND COMMERCE—*Con.*

*Perley, Hon. G. H.* (Minister without Portfolio)—6269.

Matter still under negotiation, 6269. As soon as there is anything definite to place before House, it will be submitted, 6270.

*Pugsley, Hon. Wm.* (St. John City)—6269.

Any contract entered upon for steamship service between Canada and West India Islands? Matter of great importance to Canada. Time has arrived for information on subject, 6269. Suggest having two separate lines leaving St. John and Halifax. Service be independent and direct, 6270.

Civil Government—Department of Trade and Commerce—salaries and contingencies, \$118,237, 6728.

*Perley, Hon. G. H.* (Minister without Portfolio)—6728.

There is no change, except that census and statistics branch has been taken over from Department of Agriculture by Trade and Commerce Department. Item provides for permanent staff just the same as before, 6728.

## SUPPLY BILL.

Naval forces of the Empire.—Motion for third reading of Bill No. 249.—*Mr. White*, 12139.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L.* (Prime Minister)—12139.

The question is one that deserves serious consideration and a plain answer, 12139. He charged Sir Charles Tupper with having violated the constitution. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was willing to give a guarantee of the peace of the world, he was in the secrets of all the chancelleries of the world and he could answer to Canada and the empire that we could disarm, 12140. The ill-devised action of the Senate is intensely humiliating to the people of the Dominion, 12141. It is the firm intention of the government to bring down at a later date, a proposal for the acquisition or construction of three dreadnoughts as was proposed in the Naval Aid Bill of 1912, 12142.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Quebec East)—12139.

I think we are entitled to know what action the government proposes to take as a consequence of the action of the Senate in this regard, 12139. The Senate has done nothing but defend the rights of the Canadian people, 12142. Liberals do not follow the dictation of anybody, 12143. He should do what the Senate invites him to do: appeal to the masters of us all, 12144. Where is the mandate of the people for this expenditure of \$35,000,000, 12145. The charge was made in Ontario against the former government that they were disloyal, 12146. There is no emergency whatever, 12147. I know quite well that their answer will be that the

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policy of a Canadian navy is a separatist policy, 12148.

*Macdonald, E. M.* (Pictou)—12158.

God save Canada if Toronto is the embodiment of the patriotic ideas of this country, 12160. We believe that a Canadian is as good as any other man in the British empire, 12161.

*Pelletier, Hon. L. P.* (Postmaster General)—12155.

The French-Canadians in this country owe a great deal to England and I have never changed my mind in this regard, 12155. I never said we would have a plebiscite or a popular consultation about an emergency or temporary policy, 12157.

*White, Hon. W. T.* (Minister of Finance)—12149.

The members of the Senate are a body not responsible to the Canadian people or they would not have dared to reject this measure, 12149. What is the position of that question in Canada to-day? 12151. It is a position of humiliation in the eyes of the empire, 12152. A body blow has been struck at the unity of the empire, 12153. Is the British empire to suffer by reason of the calamity which has overtaken the legislation introduced by the Prime Minister, 12154. Providence is on our side and there will come a time when a majority will not throw out a measure of this kind, 12155.

## TARIFF DUTIES ON LUMBER.

## Motion:

For a copy of all papers, documents, petitions, Orders in Council, letters and telegrams in any department of the government of Canada, or that passed between the Department of Trade and Commerce and the Department of Justice or any solicitor, counsel, association, company or individual, during the past twelve months, respecting the imposition of tariff duties upon imported lumber dressed on one side and sized, or respecting the interpretation of tariff item No. 504, together with a printed copy of any stated case, appeal, factum or argument used before the Exchequer Court of Canada or the Supreme Court of Canada, in the matter of the judicial interpretation of tariff item No. 504.—*Mr. Maclean*, 817

*Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L.* (Prime Minister)—818.

The hon. member has not asked for the judgments. It might be desirable to have them, 818.

*Maclean, Hon. A. K.* (Halifax)—818.

Meant the Department of Customs. If the Prime Minister will be good enough to direct the minister to embody the judgments, it might come in as a document, 818.