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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7649.

There is a very strong sentiment in the British parliament against the repudiation of legislative Acts which grants pensions or gives any financial service; quotes the Rt Hon. W. E. Gladstone from British Parliamentary Debates of 1889—7650-1. The point is, not as to the constitutional right, but as to the justice of parliament—7651.

ARBITRATION BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY
AND THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY
COMPANY.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks what is position of the arbitration between His Majesty the King and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada—224.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—225

Are the findings final?—225.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—224.

Have seen some reference to report, and it would be convenient to have information conveyed to the House—224.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)

Arbitration is practically disposed of; only two questions remain of six or seven submitted. Might bring down findings already made.—Findings are final—225.

'ARCTIC' EXPEDITION, THE

Notice that to-morrow a motion will be moved in connection with the purchase of supplies for the steamer 'Arctic'—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—3503.

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As a matter of privilege Sir Wilfrid Laurier moves that a special committee be appointed to inquire fully into all the circumstances connected with purchase of and disposal of supplies for steamer 'Arctic', with power to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses—3620. Amendment by Mr. Borden—3628. Amendment negatived: yeas, 45; nays, 88—3669. Motion amended—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—3670. Motion agreed to unanimously—3670-1.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3622.

After public uneasiness has developed not with regard to 'Arctic' alone, but to general condition of the department in past few years, the right hon. gentleman (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) bravely invites a committee of the House to consider the question whether or not the 'Arctic' was large enough to hold supplies purchased for her; hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor) made specific charges quite as damaging as those which have been refer-

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red to—3622. What is reason that right hon. gentleman should seek to confine question solely to capacity of steamship 'Arctic'? How would any great corporation in country carry on business by making purchases of supplies through companies apparently created for very purpose of taking these orders?—3623. Public supplies to any large quantity should be purchased in open market and by tender and contract; quotes instances of large sums paid for supplies without tender or competition—3624. There might be some excuse for affecting repairs to a vessel without tender, although no sufficient excuse has been afforded for departing from regular course. Does right hon. gentleman think he will satisfy the uneasiness and suspicion which has been created by proposing an inquiry into the cubic capacity of the steamship 'Arctic'?—3625. Quotes Ottawa platform of the Liberal party; deals with expenditures for supplies on 'Montcalm'—3626. Quotes language of hon. member from Grenville (Mr. Reid) used in debate on 'Arctic'; quotes language of right hon. gentleman in same debate—3627. Government should give just as thorough an investigation to the Marine and Fisheries Department as has been given in the insurance companies investigation—Moves amendment—3628. How much did government pay for pumps?—3665. Never uttered Mr. Préfontaine's name in matter from first to last; statement of First Minister with regard to condition of department is a more severe reflection upon it than anything I have uttered in House—3669.

Brodeur, L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3660.

Amendment of leader of the opposition does not formally state that any person employed or connected with said department has profited thereby; if he made such a charge he might investigate anything with regard to late minister—3661. Is it not correct that yesterday this question was investigated by Public Accounts Committee, that charges which hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) is now making were made then, that hon. member who had special charge of investigation was called upon to proceed with proof of charge and that answer was that it could not be done?—3664. If hon. gentlemen opposite want to make charges let them have the courage to come boldly before the House and state they are ready to put their seats in jeopardy—3667. The leader of opposition now wants an investigation into the conduct of minister who was at head of the department before me. If they have anything against my friend Mr. Préfontaine, I invite them to make a charge, and we will be ready to give them a committee to investigate it—3668. Finds it somewhat strange that leader of opposition wants to investigate charges against Mr. Préfontaine on the anniversary of the day Mr. Préfontaine came to the head