

Mr. LOGAN. The hon. gentleman means the Tory press, does he not ?

Mr. MACLEAN. The hon. gentleman can tell us more about that later on. I believe he has filed a declaration in connection with his election that will bring that out, he says he is possessed of the facts. Now, Mr. Speaker, I have only this to say, that I intend throughout this session, on every reasonable occasion, and within the decorum of the House, always to press upon the House the need of giving more attention to the grievances of the public instead of devoting so much of our attention to the aggrandizement of corporations. There are public grievances, they are evident to us all, and we have a great duty to assist the people in some way to recover their rights. I am sorry that the Minister of Justice (Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick) thinks it is not his duty to enforce the law unless its violation has been pointed out to him. He resembles the Attorney General of Ontario, Mr. Gibson, in his conception of his duty about enforcing the law. We have a Minister of Railways, yet there seems to be no endeavour on his part or on the part of the Minister of Justice to get things in order. We have a Railway Commission to-day, and it is almost broken down. Why is not the vacancy on that commission filled? Why is not that commission running? There has been no reference made to it to-day. That matter may be discussed later on altogether different lines. But the fact is that to-day that Railway Commission that was to do so much is not performing its duty, it is still without a chief; and the people all through the west, as well as the people in my own constituency, are very much concerned about that Railway Commission. Why has it not its full quota of commissioners, and why are its judgments not being rendered? The Minister of Justice and the Minister of Railways should have had that commission in running order immediately after the resignation of Mr. Blair. For some reason it is not in running order. An explanation, I hope, will be given later on. But it all comes down to this, that there is no movement on the part of the government or any of its members to do anything to rectify public wrongs; their efforts seem all to be directed towards strengthening the corporations in their tyranny over the public interests. Now, Mr. Speaker, the people are well aware that parliament is to-day fully seized of the power to remove every grievance that exists. For every legal wrong there is a legal remedy, and parliament is the instrumentality for accomplishing that end. As I said before, it is my intention this session, and as long as I hold a seat in parliament, to direct the attention of the House to these grievances; I should try in some way to get the members of this House to come back to the basic principle of representation, to convince them that we are here to rectify grievances, to

rectify the wrongs of the people, especially when those grievances and those wrongs are greater than any constitutional grievances, that we have suffered from in the past. True they may be economical grievances, but an economic and physical grievance stands in as much need of rectification as any other. The Liberal party pride themselves on having done much to remove constitutional grievances, but the economic grievances of the people have never received their attention. They have theories for dealing with the trade question, and we have heard it stated here to-day that their theories have been abandoned. As with trade, so in regard to the other things I have mentioned here to-day, you cannot deal with them theoretically, you must deal with them by legislation, not in the interests of a selected class but in the interests of the whole people.

Motion agreed to.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved :

That the said address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such members of this House as are of the Honourable the Privy Council.

Motion agreed to.

SUPPLY.

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs) moved :

That this House will on Tuesday next go into committee of the whole to consider of a supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs) moved :

That this House will on Tuesday next go into a committee of the whole to consider of the ways and means for raising a supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved :

That Charles Marcell, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Bonaventure be appointed chairman of the committees of the whole House.

Motion agreed to.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

Public Accounts of Canada for the year ending June 30, 1904.—Hon. Mr. Paterson.

Trade and Navigation Tables for the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904.—Hon. Mr. Paterson.

Report of the Census, 1901, vol. 2, relating to natural products.—Hon. Mr. Fisher.