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Foster, Hon. George E. (North Toronto)—*Con.*

He now says if we want information we can club together and cable to the Yukon—1214. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) tried to make a distinction to draw himself out of a position which was untenable—1216. Suggests that the Minister of the Interior should obstruct his own estimates 1217. Objects to have motive of idle curiosity imputed to him by minister—1218. Informs Prime Minister that Minister of the Interior flatly refuses to obtain information form Yukon—1219. Not asking to censure the Yukon council. The question is simply, have we a right to information?—1222. Newspaper reports have been cause for governmental action on many occasions—1224.

Henderson, David (Halton)—1211.

Isn't sure that the expression, 'Plug the hole,' did not originate with Mr. Sifton. In one case the Yukon council spent \$50,000 to prevent water coming up, and now they are spending other thousands of dollars to get rain to come down—1211. How do we know but that next year the minister will not ask for an appropriation to recoup the Yukon council for the money expended in this way? Cites the case of the Eldorado gusher—1226.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1224.

Opposition members perfectly within their rights in asking the government for explanation—1224. Takes exception to answer given by Minister of the Interior. It is not only the right, but the duty of parliament to see that every dollar of expenditure is properly made—1225. If the ordinances of Yukon council were laid on the table, both sides of the House would know how the money has been expended—1227.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—1207.

Was any money spent for this purpose previous to the discovery of gold in the Yukon?—1207.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1220.

Government may be held responsible for conduct of members of council in Yukon that it appoints, but not for members elected by the people—1220. If the members of the Council expend the money unwarrantably it would be the duty of the government to revise the expenditure—1221. When copies of the ordinances of the Yukon council come down the government will find out whether or not money has been spent for rain making. It may be such an ordinance has passed—1223. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) places a newspaper report that some Canadian is in peril on the same footing as report of bargain for rain would advise Minister of Interior to gratify his rather fastidious curiosity—1224.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—1211.

What did hon. member (Mr. Foster) mean when he said Minister of Interior was an

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expert at plugging holes?—1211. Simply referred to the joke of Mr. Foster—1227.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1206.

Same amount as last year, and is necessary to furnish relief to destitute cases—1206. Indians in Yukon not on reservations, but scattered. Increased expenditure but a better service. Additional responsibilities in British Columbia and the Yukon—1207. For schools and relief Yukon government act as Indian agents—1208. Didn't say 'Boston' and didn't mean Boston—1210. Opposition should have discussed the question when the vote for the government of the Yukon was up—1211. Having established a government in the Yukon and given it powers of taxation and expenditure, that legislature is entitled to exercise these powers without let or hindrance—1212. When the legislators were appointed to the Yukon council they were appointed to legislate and not as the legislative agents of the government—1213. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) absolutely and deliberately mistakes words used—1215. Objects to be put in a wrong position by misstatements of Mr. Foster—1216. If Mr. Foster will demonstrate that the question asked is a parliamentary right, and not a matter of idle curiosity, not one moment will be lost in securing the information—1217. Did not say that Yukon council had absolute control of all the money placed at their disposal. Did not flatly refuse to bring information—1220. Presume copies are in the Department; will be pleased to lay them on the table—1227.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—1225.

How is it Mr. Foster's contention that every cent of the expenditure made by the Yukon council is to subject to review by this parliament?—1225.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—1206.

Are not the prices of supplies decreasing each year?—1206. Are these Indians increasing or decreasing?—1207.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—1211.

The ex-minister (Mr. Sifton) got \$50,000 voted for plugging the hole—1211.

To provide education, \$3,750—1228.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1228.

The principle adopted is, no specific rate per capita, but a bulk sum for work actually done—1228.

To purchase additional lands and to provide for the removal of Indian houses, and surveying lands at Seven Islands, \$1,500—5987.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—5988.

What is the salary of Alderman Ramsden, of Toronto, who has been appointed to