

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH
FROM THE THRONE—*Con.*

classes have found labour too expensive to carry on operations as they desired, 20. West suffering from combine of shipping interests of Great Lakes. High cost of living must be taken into consideration by government. Risen in Canada 50 per cent. The increase of labour has the effect of increasing price of products. Does not pretend that tariff is cause. Restrictions imposed by tariff used by combines to promote their interests. We are told that nothing is to be done by the government. Other men will have to take their places. The people will pronounce between us, 21. To every right-minded man the welfare of the country is more precious than the possession of office. Moves that following words be added to address: 'We regret to have to represent to Your Royal Highness that in the gracious Speech with which you have met Parliament, whilst it is admitted that business is in a depressed condition, yet there is no indication of any intention on the part of your advisers to take any steps towards relieving such a situation,' 22.

Lavallée, J. O. (Bellechasse)—8.

Compliment to second address to farmers and settlers. Twentieth century will be century for Canada only so far as the agricultural class will have been granted their due share of influence in public affairs. In France Sully fostered agriculture by having more land cleared, building and repairing bridges, improving means of transportation. Those means which ensured to France in 17th century a period of wealth and prosperity should benefit our country. It would solve the problem of the high cost of living. Agriculture in the past 10 years has not been on a par with the growth of population, 8. Population in the older provinces has diminished and cities and towns have grown in proportion. Slipshod methods have had the upper hand over the suggestions of a reasoned and progressive husbandry. This government on reaching power had to find some immediate means of preventing a crisis, by means of legislation for the encouragement of agriculture and an appropriation of \$10,000,000 towards that end. The beneficial effects have not yet been felt in Quebec. Local authorities do not conform to the spirit of the law. Through foresight of Railway Department congestion of traffic and grain transportation was avoided. By improving transportation facilities the government will be setting the frame work of Confederation on a solid basis and will give greater stability to market conditions and prices and fostering commercial intercourse between East and West, and will allay that craving for new treaties with the United States. Reciprocity will become less insistent as our transportation facilities reach their full development, 9. The days of trifling are over. Confidence is gain-

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ing ground on every hand. Government is guiding Canada to its true destiny. The empire, the whole world have their eyes on us. We are in a way to secure an enviable place among the nations of the world. Dominion has become the centre of attraction for immigration. It is the wheat granary of the world. As soon as this government reached power the problem of immigration was taken up. Large numbers of Canadians crossed the border and were unable to return owing to the apathy of the then government. They have remained Canadians. The return home is larger every year. In years to come further impetus will be given to the work through the action of the Conservative government, 10. A wise government is not impoverished by proper expenditure of public funds. Government has made for itself a record which recommends it to the confidence and respect of the Canadian people. Quebec acknowledges as her benefactors and leaders those who carried on the work of Macdonald and Cartier. Great results expected from rural mail delivery and parcel post legislation. Post Office and Public Works Departments have given results which over-shadow all that had been done during the fifteen previous years. Merely speaking aloud what the people feel and think. Canada is in need of the co-operation of all good men, 13.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—181.

Refers to the witty speech of Mr. Broder, the happiness of the people that Her Royal Highness had so speedily recovered and congratulates the mover of the address. Criticises the seconder for his departure from Nationalist doctrines, 182. The speech from the Throne is a blank; it is barren of any legislative proposals. Quotes Sir Charles Tupper on Liberal policy, 183. Mr. Hill quoted *re* trade relations between Canada and United States. We were repeatedly told that as soon as the Conservatives came into office steps would be taken to have mutual preference established between Canada and Great Britain, 184. I believe in the close relations of the Mother Country with Canada but not on such a basis. The government takes credit in the fact that the moving of the crops from the western prairies to the seaboard has been made easy and smooth, 185. Reference made to transportation. Civil Service and Redistribution Bill and high cost of living, 186-8. Unemployed and finances referred to, 189-191. Tariff statistics quoted, 192. Contrast the attitude of the president of the United States as regards trusts and mergers with that of the Canadian government. United Shoe Machinery Co. referred to, 193. Bright on monopolies in England quoted, 194. We are face to face in our great cities with slums and people underfed. The naval question has been shelved by the government, 195. General remarks