

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

*Lamarche, Paul E. (Nicolet)*—149.

Asks Mr. Boyer if he is ready to state before the House that he had received a document such as had been read. Put my answer in English, because I want hon. friends from other provinces to hear my statement. I will say that not only have I not authorized the distribution of such a paper, but absolutely prohibited its distribution in my riding, 149. Asks Lemieux if Nationalists when they said we owed nothing to England were using their own words, or were they repeating certain words spoken by the late Sir Richard Cartwright, 499. Naval question main issue in my constituency during the election. What is taxation? Whether it is a gift or a duty, it is taken from the people, and it is the funds of the people we are disposing of. The amendment of the member for Yamaska deals with a principle to which I have been opposed in my recent election. Therefore I have to follow the duties of my conscience, and support this amendment. In doing so I wish to be understood that I do not look for a plank to cross over to the Liberal party. My principles are not with the principles of Cartier and MacDonald, and I stand by them, 577.

*Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Rouville)*—482.

I was present at Sorel when Sir Rodolphe Forget spoke, and I heard him there make the promise referred to in the speech of the hon. leader of the opposition, 482. Prime Minister seems to have plucked for his scalp many of the feathers belonging to the Liberal party. Reduction in cable rates, a petty larceny of the Postmaster General. This not a work of to-day or yesterday. Was stated under Sir William Mulock and continued by myself 483. The general prosperity; the settlement of the West, the increase in revenue, the expansion of trade, all rightly belong to the Liberal party. The turn of the tide came with the adoption in 1897 of the wise fiscal policy of Mr. Fielding. That British preference is the test of Liberal imperialism—the standard of Liberal loyalty to the mother country, 484. Bourassa's opinion of the British immigrant, 485. Minister of Finance seems happy and proud of his buoyant revenue. But is he not now using and spending tainted money? It is a shock to my loyalty to think that the son of Toronto receives that tainted money and spends it. Has he noticed that this great prosperity coincides with the high cost of living? 486. Quotes Mr. Meredith vice-president of the Bank of Montreal on the subject. Refers to investigation held in Toronto at the request of the Board of Trade, 487. Quotes 'Saturday Night' in reference to Prof. Mackenzie's report. Quotes Prof. Mackenzie, 488-489. Finance Minister's reference to reciprocity, rather contemptuous. He reminded the House of George Brown's refusal to join the gov-

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ernment for a new reciprocity in 1866. When my hon. friend frowns down the idea of negotiating a trade agreement with the United States he is very severe on Sir John A. MacDonald, who was himself a supporter of reciprocity, 489. Quotes Sir John from Hansard, 1878. A reciprocity agreement should not be in the minds of hon. gentlemen opposite a disloyal act on the part of the Liberal party. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had nailed the reciprocity flag to his mast, 490. Wish he could have quoted him correctly. Quotes Sir Wilfrid's speech at Montreal, May 27. We know where the Northwest crop is going. How gentlemen opposite went, hat in hand, to the Interstate Commerce Commission begging the privilege of sending our wheat in American cars, through American ports, 491. Quotes 'Industrial Canada' to show that the people of the West were disappointed at the defeat of reciprocity. The amendment before the House and the disclosures after the elections in MacDonald and Richelieu, 492. How does the Minister of Justice regard the methods of Judge McMicken, of Winnipeg. Suggests that he reads the memorable words of Sheridan at the trial of Warren Hastings. Quotes Sheridan. The people of this country may forget and forgive many things, but when it comes to an attack on the liberty of the British subject they will never forget and never forgive, 493-4. Very strange that in the Richelieu election none of the cabinet ministers, who represent the Quebec wing, appeared on the platform. They sent the noble knight, the member for Charlevoix and Montmorency. Quotes from 'La Patrie,' Sir Rodolphe Forget's statement on the eve of the elections, 494. Quotes from 'Montreal Witness' in reference to bonds of Quebec Railway. Declares that the Quebec and Saguenay Railway is a bankrupt concern, 495. We know what influences are at work to obtain from this government a guarantee of bonds for the Quebec and Saguenay railway Liberals do not object to the cut in the cement duties. Postmaster General just on the eve of Quebec election followed the same methods, 496. Pelletier's promise at Jeune Lorette. In the navy question have nothing to add to what has been so forcibly said by gentlemen on this side. Nobody will be stamped with the cry of emergency if it does not really exist, 497. Mr. Nickle had asked if it were true that some people had stated in Quebec that we owed nothing to England. The Liberals suffered defeat in twenty or twenty-one counties because they thought it more patriotic to educate the masses of their duties towards the British Crown. The Nationalist wing of the cabinet had but one slogan in that campaign among the French electors. It was 'No navy!' No contribution! We owe nothing to England 498. We will have a naval debate and we will know