

ANIMALS—CONTAGIOUS DISEASES—*Con.*

Stephens, George (Kent, Ont.)—*Con.*

of the country ; greater compensation in many States ; and in England—8438. Farmers helping to pay bounties are entitled to better compensation ; suggests publication of the law in affected districts ; government inspector should hold meetings—8439.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS, MODE OF.

On motion to go into Supply—Mr. Fielding (Minister of Finance). Mr. Clarke (West Toronto), complains of Mr. Mulock's boorish manner of answering him—6890-1. Matter drops—6894.

Borden, R. L. (Halifax)—6892.

Quotes Mr. Griffith as differing from Mr. Mulock ; does not know that statements are correct—6892. Satisfactory ; society which caused inquiry hardly general public—6893. No personal knowledge—6894.

Clarke, E. F. (West Toronto)—6890.

Complains of the boorish manner of the Minister of Labour—6890. Reads a letter from Mr. Griffith, sent to Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Mulock—6891.

Emmerson, Hon. Henry R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—6893.

No such communication has reached him—6894.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—6891.

Does not think Mr. Mulock liable to censure ; gentlemanly manner should prevail—6891. Mr. Mulock last man to be guilty of boorishness ; not proper word—6892.

Mulock, Hon. Sir William (Postmaster General)—6892.

Made no distinction between Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Hays—6892. Department had no machinery for furnishing public with verbatim reports ; inquiry most efficient—6893.

AUDITOR GENERAL.

On motion to go into Supply—Mr. Fielding (Minister of Finance). R. L. Borden moves amendment declaring that Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act should be so amended as to confer upon the Auditor General ample power to protect public interest and safeguard the treasury—6553-66. Amendment negated on division : yeas, 56 ; nays, 94—6637.

Barker, Samuel (Hamilton)—6615.

Mr. Borden's motion vehicle to bring before House Bill which only government could introduce—6615. Bill now before House ; cannot interfere with powers of parliament—6616. Auditor an officer of parliament overruled by Treasury Board—6617.

AUDITOR GENERAL—*Con.*

Barker, Samuel (Hamilton—*Con.*

Reasons for overruling should be given to parliament—6618. Proper application for expenditure on capital and revenue accounts—6619. Auditor should decide and report—6620. Should be at liberty to report that he cannot properly check expenditure—6621. Should have power of reference to Exchequer Court—6621-2. Davis cases a strong argument—6623. Acceptance would show government willing to have proper check—6624.

Bell, Adam C. (Pictou, N.S.)—6608.

Hon. David Mills' opinion expressed in 1895, when he moved a resolution for giving Auditor relief—6608. Two-fold character of Auditor's duties—6609. No power at present to investigate a contract—6610. No harm could come of extending Auditor's powers without giving authority superior to that of parliament or the ministry—6611. Condemns practice of insinuating corrupt motives—6612. When Auditor shows reasonable ground for having more power it should be given—6614. Mr. Fielding justified Auditor's position—6615.

Borden, R. L. (Halifax)—6553.

Amendments to Audit Act suggested by Auditor General should receive fair and impartial consideration—6553. Auditor General tendered his resignation on ground that his usefulness was past ; quotes report—6554. Davis contract—quotes Auditor on two agreements—6555. Reads Order in Council of February, 1896—6556. Reads Order in Council of June, 1896—6557. Agreement based upon first and not last order—6557. Difficulties of the Auditor ; his hands want strengthening ; suggests Bill, which he reads—6558-9. Auditor General must not injure credit of contractors ; continues Bill—6560. Inserted special provision because of innuendo that contract of 1896 was influenced by approaching election—6561. Matters on which he should report to parliament, amount of salary—6562. Approves Auditor being supreme in his department ; credits should be made to two officers—6563. Quotes Auditor's Bill ; should give him all safeguards—6564. Reads suggestions of Auditor General giving him greater power, which he approves—6565. Subject worthy immediate consideration ; moves amendment—6566.

Act not amended in 1880—6626.

Department of Justice only intervenes where Auditor claims there is no parliamentary sanction—6631.

Clancy, James (Bothwell)—6586. •

Has not parliament the right to provide its own checks ?—6586. Growing disregard of every wholesome rule—6587. Auditor's service in matter of Davis contract ; has now to choose between being public servant and servant of government—6588. Has resigned ; his reasons ; reads letter to Mr. Fielding—6588. His resignation to His Excellency in Council—6590. Super-