

SUPPLY—TECHNICAL EDUCATION—*Con.*

*Guthrie, Hugh—Con.*

to know if it were coming up again, 2664. Wants an answer to his question without any conditions, 2665. Understands that he is entitled to ask a question of the government on going into Supply, 2666. The minister is not causing a discussion, 2667.

*King, Hon. Mackenzie (Minister of Labour)—2662.*

The communication which was sent by the government to the premiers of all the provinces, 2662. Commences to read the circular. Does not intend to discuss the matter, 2663. Thinks the government will be glad of an opportunity for full discussion, 2665. The communications answer the question. Again commences to read them, 2666.

*Speaker, His Honour, The—2663.*

No discussion of the subject can take place now. The subject being on the order paper, 2663. It is under Rule 30, and he would not like this case to serve as a precedent, 2665. Quotes rule 30. Cannot allow it to go on, 2666. Understands objection is taken, 2667.

*Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2661.*

The leader of the opposition wanted to say a few words on a matter of importance, 2661. The answers are all ready before the government, 2664. The minister says there will be an opportunity of discussion, 2665. The hon. member out of order, 2666. The Minister of Agriculture answered the question, 2667.

## SUPPLY—TRENT VALLEY—CLAIMS FOR FLOODING.

Attention called to certain matters. Mr. H. Lennox, 5209.

*Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—5226.*

The Department of Justice at the present time has no standing agent in any part of the country, 5226. The new way is to select for the business in hand the best qualified man, 5227. Simple justice demands believing the charge not true until there is some evidence, 5228. What has taken place is sufficient warrant for calling on him for an explanation, 5229.

*Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—5219.*

A little disappointed at the minister's answer to the very serious charges that have been made, 5219. The government put him in the position of preying upon the public, 5220. The minister disclaims responsibility with regard to the dealings by the department with this solicitor, 5221. That presents about as serious a case for the attention of the government as could possibly be conceived, 5222. He ought to get Mr. Dickson and Mr. Clarey and all the facts before him, 5223. He should see that every cent that the solicitor has collected from owners of the land be wrested from him, 5224.

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*Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5214.*

As to any connection that Mr. Clarey had with these men this is the first intimation I have of it, 5214. Quotes the instructions. Has the valuation of most of these properties made by Mr. Fitzgerald, in nearly every case lighter, 6215. We do not settle a single claim until the Department of Justice authorizes settlement, 5216. Under the new statutes he has been guilty of taking secret commissions if the allegations are true, 5217. If he has been acting improperly all the money he got in that way ought to be handed back to those from whom he took it, 5224. The department will immediately investigate the matter, 5225. The other man is in my department and I will look after the investigation in his case, 5229.

*Haggart, Hon. John (South Lanark)—5217.*

In this case the agent of the Minister of Justice becomes also the agent for the claimant against the government, 5217. The valuator claims the letter, takes it to the party who has the claim, 5218. Under these circumstances the minister should take prompt action in this matter, 5219.

*Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5209.*

The lawyer is not only paid by the government, but is paid a commission by the owner, 5209. Reported that Mr. Clarey has sold out his practice and is about to move away. Reads letter and retainer, 5210. We have the government valuator and the solicitor going hand in hand; people paid who ought not to be, 5211. Humphrey's claim has not been paid and he thinks there ought to be a general investigation into the whole system; reads Henry Humphrey's declaration, 5212-13. Hopes before any moneys are paid out the minister will bring this matter up in the Public Accounts Committee, 5214. The minister should pay nothing; no levels were taken and they were not flooded lands, 5215. He sends a letter and a blank retainer and sends it with your agent, Mr. Dickson, 5218. He said it to Mr. Butler, 5225. Asks the Minister of Justice not to pay until the matter is investigated, 5229.

*Smyth, W. R. (East Algoma)—5226.*

It seems the man has been paid at one end and the department should not pay at the other, 5226.

*Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5225.*

The statutory declaration affirms that considerable amounts have been paid in respect to land that was not submerged, 5228. The country will not regard the minister as having done his duty when he treats this matter with levity, 5226.

## SUPPLY—TRENT CANAL—FLOOD DAMAGES.

Remarks. Mr. H. Lennox, 4714.

*Lennox, H. (South Simcoe)—4714.*

As Minister of Railways is out of the city