

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCEL-  
LENCY'S SPEECH—*Con.**Casgrain, T. Chase (Montmorcency)—Con.*

Ligue Nationaliste quoted as against the Premier's quotation from the Montreal 'Star'—114. Is that the programme of the Liberal party of Canada?—115. This session is to be a Grand Trunk session, and this House is meeting to safeguard the interests of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway—116. If gentlemen opposite have not changed their opinion of Mr. Blair, there must be some reason at the bottom of the appointment of that gentleman which is still to be explained to this House—117. The country not satisfied with what is going on—not satisfied with the present tariff and not satisfied with the Grand Trunk Pacific policy of the government—118. The opinion of the people outside, as expressed at the bye-elections—120.

*Daniel, John W. (St. John City)—168.*

The result of the bye-election that had recently taken place in St. John, N.B., had been omitted from the Speech from the Throne—169. That result was caused by the dissatisfaction of the people of St. John with the policy of the government, as crystallized in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Bill—170. Resolutions passed by St. John Board of Trade favouring extension of Intercolonial from Montreal across the continent—172. The question of a winter export business very close to the hearts of the people of St. John—173. The working people took a great interest in the St. John election—174. The government could not safely be given credit for having produced the present prosperity—175. A Navy Bill should have been mentioned in the Speech from the Throne as well as a Militia Bill—176.

*Grant, G. D. (North Ontario)—11.*

Congratulations to Mr. Speaker—11. Importance of Canada's highways between Britain and the East. The Alaskan boundary award received with regret, but not without dignity by the people of Canada—12. Settlement of the Newfoundland difficulty hoped for. The Militia Bill, a sane measure for Canada's protection, by citizen soldiers. Great prosperity of country cause for congratulation—13. Marvellous growth of trade in Canada during past seven years—14. Farmers are rapidly paying off old indebtedness, other lines of business are prosperous, and today it is a good thing to be a citizen of Canada—15. Generous policy of Interior Department largely responsible for vast increase in immigration; homestead entries for 1903 double those of previous years, and eighteen-fold greater than the entries for the fiscal year 1895-6—16. The magnificent present returns and future possibilities of that country are entitled to increased transportation facilities at the hands of government—17. Benefits to accrue to Ontario from building the line between Quebec and Manitoba through New Ontario—18. The government commended for holding intact the main features of the contract—19. The present tariff, although not perfect, is a satisfactory tariff for Canada—20. The majority

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of the manufacturers are doing well, the tariff is fairly satisfactory, and giving reasonable protection to our industries—21. The attitude of Canada to the fiscal policy controversy in Britain should be one of waiting—ready to take counsel with the motherland, and ready to discuss the furtherance of inter-Imperial trade—22. The second clause in the address suggests a short session, and it would be well if members on both sides joined to bring it about—23.

*Haggart, Hon. John (South Lanark)—93.*

The Alaskan boundary award, though not what was expected, not as detrimental to Canada as was at first supposed—93. Was not Lord Alverstone appointed at the request of the government of this country?—94. The transcontinental scheme is being forced upon the country at the present time—96. Mr. Blair not qualified for the position of chairman of Railway Commission—97. Messrs. Bernier and Mills also incompetent—98. Grand Trunk Pacific Company does not want to operate that portion of road from Winnipeg to Quebec and from Quebec to Moncton. Canada should do her share for the defence of the Empire—99. On the tariff, different members of the government make different statements in different sections of the country—100. The Joint High Commission not to sit again, and we are told that, if the United States wish to bring any matter before the Commission the initiative must come from them—101. About the economies promised by the right hon. gentleman; about the reduction of the public debt; about the excessive levying of customs taxes—102. Providence kind to the country in giving something to compensate for having such a government—103. Mr. Blair had stated that the transcontinental road would cost \$140,000,000, not \$13,000,000, as claimed by the Premier, or \$16,000,000 as stated by the Minister of Finance—104. The woollen industries and other industries were suffering—105. The opposition is for a closer union between this country and the motherland—106. The large surplus should not be taken from the pockets of the people—107.

*Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln)—196.*

The people of Canada will draw their own conclusions from the silence of the government supporters in regard to the questions brought before them in this debate—196. Parliament called evidently for the purpose of considering the contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company—197. Last year the main question in the Speech from the Throne was the transportation question—198. Mr. Bennett had felt it to be his duty to bring before the House the question of political morality, and the Ministers have remained silent—199. The case against Mr. Copp, member for Digby, is worse than was represented by Mr. Bennett—200. Although not a church or a Sunday school we have a right to guard the morals of the country—202.