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Borden, R. L. (Halifax)—8742.

Does not intend to make any extended remarks, 8742. Canada to be congratulated on disposition of U. S.; The debate of last year. Quotes Mr. Paterson, 8743. The Minister of Finance in March last; quotes, 8744. The other is concerned with the respective tariff conditions between Canada and the U. S., 8745. Figures of trade between the two countries, 8746. Imports from Great Britain for five years; The Payne-Aldrich Bill, 8747. Three branches of the section which are important for this consideration, 8748. Not at all convinced that the U. S. were at all serious in suggesting that the maximum tariff must be improved, 8749. The government of the U. S. has looked at our tariff as a whole, 8750. You admitted that the treaty with France involved a certain discrimination, 8751. Ought we to place ourselves in any position which would hamper our our future fiscal action, 8752. To the consumers advantage of this great Dominion of ours, 8753.

Currie, J. A. (North Simcoe)—5945.

Asks that the correspondence be tabled, 5945-6. Then we have to take the maximum tariff on pulp wood, 5952. Does not wish to enter into dialectics about it, 5953. Not the first time that the editor of the 'Globe' has gone on a mission, 8958. Did not understand that the President would endeavor to secure a reduction, 5961. The country has known what this schedule of concessions is, 5966. Wants to know if that contains all the correspondence of Mr. Knox, 5971. Does not see that there is any credit pertaining to the government of this day in effecting this treaty, 5982. This country has been the only country in the world that has surrendered to the Payne tariff, 5983. The idea of a reciprocity treaty does not exist to-day as it did before 1890, 5984. Let us glance quickly over this matter of treaty making between Canada and the United States, 5985. It is said that the United States might prohibit the sending of coal into this country, 5986. The mines in Nova Scotia would give up the Montreal market tomorrow if they were able to enter the New England market, 5987. The American Steel Trust sends over \$60,000,000 worth of goods to Canada, 5988. The man I blame for it most of all is the Prime Minister of Canada, 5989.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—5942.

Moves the House into Committee of Ways and Means, 5942. We decided to go to the United States on the subject, but the United States has taken the initiative, 5943. If the maximum tariff of the United States had been applied to Canada, public opinion in Canada would have demanded retaliation, 5944. Mr. Knox informed the British ambassador that it

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was the desire of the United States to open up negotiations with Canada, 5945. The statement will contain all the information that can be desired. No objection to bringing down papers, 5946. The first discussion at Ottawa; the first point of difference between the United States and Canada, 5947. The United States have not at all raised the question as to the British preference, 5948. They recognize that this is a matter of family arrangement within the British Empire, 5949. It was necessary to ascertain if the President would be induced to extend to Canada the so-called minimum tariff, 5950. The matter of pulp wood; the right of parliament to levy such duty remains untouched, 5951. There is a special regulation in regard to pulp and a special tax upon pulp, 5952. That has reference to particular cases which have already arisen in some degree in Ontario, 5953. The treaty of 1895 has ceased to exist and therefore it would not be a discrimination, 5954. The most favoured nation treaties and the French treaty, 5955. We are going to receive from the United States the advantages of the minimum tariff, 5956. Believes the editor of the 'Globe' has done a useful public service, 5957. That statement has not a shadow of foundation, 5958. The President of the United States sent a telegram asking that the Minister of Finance might meet him at Albany, 5959. He could not himself grant any concessions below the rates of the minimum tariff, 5960. The only thing the President can do under the existing law is to issue a proclamation, 5961. The President with all his friendly regard for Canada might have had his hand forced, 5962. The suggestion was: Before you put this treaty through, find out how the United States will regard it, 5963. We had to contend that it was none of their business what treaty we made, 5964. We felt it worth while to consider whether we could not find some common ground of action, 5965. They have served a very useful purpose in that we have them to give now, 5966. The resolution containing the concessions, 5967-8. Extremists on both sides will have extreme views as to this arrangement, 5969. Reads his letter to Mr. Knox, 5970. Reads the correspondence, 5971-2. Accepts the assurance of the President and Secretary of States good will for the present and of their good intentions for the future, 5973. There is no correspondence of that nature, 5974. There is no shadow of foundation for the suggestion that Mr. MacDonald was sent to Washington by the government, 5975. In accordance with the custom of our tariffs, the moment the resolutions are laid on the table they take effect, 5976. No objection to adjournment of the debate, 5977. It is a question of the interpretation of an item of the tariff, 8762.