

## UNITED STATES POTATO EMBARGO.

Press report referred to.—Mr. Law, 719.

*Carvell, F. B.* (Carleton, N.B.)—719.

Inquiries about inspection in New York and Boston, 719.

*Law, B. B.* (Yarmouth)—719.

Calls attention to newspaper despatch and asks if potatoes can be shipped to U.S., 719.

*Reid, Hon. J. D.* (Minister of Customs)—719.

The statement is correct. The Department of Agriculture has been notified by the United States authorities, as intimated in that despatch, 719.

## VALCARTIER LAND CLAIMS.

Motion:

1. For a full statement and description of all lands taken possession of by the Government for the camp at Valcartier.
2. For copies of all titles of the Government to the same, whether by expropriation, purchase or otherwise.
3. For a specified statement of all amounts claimed and still unpaid whether for land or damages.
4. For a specified account of all amounts paid up to date either for land or damages.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 522.

*Hughes, Major-General* (Minister of Militia and Defence)—523.

General statement of purchase, of settlement, of difficulties, and table of land purchased, with cost, 523-26.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Quebec East)—522.

Thinks a camp at Valcartier was necessary, 522. I have been informed that these owners, some forty or fifty in number, have not yet received the money to which they were entitled, 523.

## VOTES FOR ELECTORS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Motion:

That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be passed at this session providing that all electors of Canada who have enlisted for Imperial service be enabled to exercise their franchise at any election that may occur during their absence on such service.—Mr. Fripp, 334.

*Fripp, A. E.* (Ottawa)—334.

In view of the fact that these men are making the greatest sacrifice that can be made by the citizens of any country, we should, above everything else, take care that they should have opportunity to exercise the franchise, which is the highest right of citizenship, 334.

I understand that there is at present a committee of this House dealing with the

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electoral law, and I think this matter might well be referred to that committee for action, should the House be of opinion that we should make such an amendment as I propose, 335.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert* (Prime Minister)—337.

Amendment moved, and agreed to, 337-8.

*Graham, Hon. G. P.* (Renfrew South)—337.

I think it would not be prudent to do anything which might sow the seed of discord among our soldiers who are neither Grits, nor Tories, French nor English, Irish nor Scotch, but British citizens fighting without any division for what they believe to be right. It strikes me that their time will be fully taken up with the great work in which they are engaged, 337.

*Rogers, Hon. Robert* (Minister of Public Works)—336.

Reference made to the Australian system and the opinion expressed that it would be applicable to Canada, 336.

## WAYS AND MEANS—THE BUDGET.

Announcement of bringing down of Budget—Mr. White, 40.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert* (Prime Minister)—40.

Have no recollections of agents being appointed to purchase for British Government, 40.

*Maclean, A. K.* (Halifax)—40.

Inquires about the \$50,000,000 vote of last session and other matters, 40-1.

*Pugsley, Hon. Wm.* (St. John City)—40.

Asks for information before consideration of estimates of purchases made for the British Government for war supplies, 40.

## WAYS AND MEANS—THE BUDGET.

Annual Statement—Mr. White, 80.

*White, Hon. W. T.* (Minister of Finance)—80.

In presenting my statement of to-day I shall deal first with the subject of our revenues and expenditures, actual and estimated, for the current fiscal year which ends on March 31 next, 80.

Gives forecast of year's revenue and expenditure, 81-4.

Special taxes, 85-6. Tariff taxation, 86-7. Resolution, 87-9.

On the whole, having regard to the vast dislocation of finance and commerce occasioned by the war, the Dominion has withstood the shock exceedingly well. When we consider the immense distance we have traversed since August last in improved tone, confidence and commercial and financial outlook there is abundant cause for gratification and thankfulness, 90.