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Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—1250.

Wants to know the amount received from the trust fund and expended. Thinks the Indian Department most extravagantly managed—1250. Suggests placing the Indians in larger groups—1251.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—1228.

Renews subject of Giant's Tomb Island, Georgian Bay—1228. Quotes from minister's speech in 'Hansard' that no sale of timber on the island was made to Peter Ryan. Claims that, notwithstanding that statement, a sale was made—1229. Quotes from Mr. Ryan's letter in 'Globe' that such an offer was made. What Mr. Chitty says—1230. Mr. Beck was not prepared to pay the price (\$9,230) placed on the timber by Mr. Chitty. Where Peter Ryan comes in—1231. Has a letter from a gentleman who intimates he would be willing to purchase the island for \$15,000—1232. The department offered this island to Mr. Peter Ryan without tender in face of the secretary's report that it was illegal to make such a sale—1236. Where the middleman comes in—1237. Admires Peter Ryan as a political lever who can make most of the ministers sit up when he wants to—1238. Contrasts minister's denial that Mr. Ryan was told the island was for sale, with Mr. Chitty's report—1239. Have we the assurance of the minister that these islands will be put up to public competition by sale or tender—1240. Very little reliance can be placed upon statements that come from the deputy minister of that department—1241.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—1251.

Where is Treaty 8 located? How many reserves in British Columbia?—1251.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—1236.

Asks if Ryan's offer was not a certain figure and the department's price another figure—1236.

Asks for information concerning medical agency for Twatt's band in the Carleton agency. Exonerates Dr. Tyerman personally from election frauds, and would like to see him appointed medical officer—1245.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1241.

Asks for information as to date and conditions of the Canada Furnace Company lease of Giant's Tomb Island—1241.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—1241.

Inquires whether J. P. Hamilton has been appointed an Indian agent—1241. Asks further particulars as to location of Hamilton and salary. Says Hamilton was one of four farm instructors on the Touchwood agency, and yet that in the spring of last year no land whatever was ready for crop—1242. Claims that Hamilton, while on salary as instructor, was electioneering and acted as poll clerk—1243. Mr. Hamilton's duties are very onerous—1244. Of course, the minister takes the responsibility—1245. Has the minister any information as to whether the Muscowequan school is located on

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private property or not? Is the grant in aid of these schools given for half-breed children as well as for Indian children?—1246.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—1237.

Asks for terms of Ryan's offer—1237. The minister now in a position to clear \$6,000 for the people of the country—1238.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Solicitor General)—1249.

Think the McLaren's are the members of that firm—1249.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1249.

Is it a fact that the Department has deputed to this company the right to judge between the company and the Indians?—1249.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1230.

Is informed that no offer was made to Peter Ryan—1230. Produces report signed by George L. Chitty, dated May 1, 1900—1233. Also further report from Mr. Chitty, dated October 21, 1905—1234. There was no scandal, because there had been no transaction—1236. The department did not offer to take any price from Mr. Ryan. If the department offered the island at \$9,000 where was the middleman?—1237. When this island is available for sale it will be sold by public competition, and if Peter Ryan offers the most money for it, Peter Ryan will get it—1238. Denies that Mr. Ryan was offered the island without competition—1239. Has a letter from Mr. D'Arcy Scott, in which that gentleman states he had no connection with the transaction. Reads letter to a former minister of the Interior from Mr. Bennett, dated August 24, 1894—1240. A license was issued to the Canada Furnace Company in 1870, and has been continued down to the present time—1241. P. J. Hamilton, not appointed Indian agent, but has charge of a reserve—1241. The reserve is Kinistino, and the salary is \$800 a year—1242. Has no information that Hamilton was electioneering. Does not consider acting as poll clerk an offence—1243. Issued no departmental order prohibiting officials from taking part in elections. Each official must be responsible for his own action—1244.

Dr. Tyerman is the medical officer for Twatt's band, and has been asked to send in his resignation—1245.

Gives particulars to Mr. Lake concerning Muscowequan school—1246.

In reply to Mr. Staples says he cannot give information as to receipt of petition—1246. Does not know that it would be possible to secure the release of all the reserve, but would make effort to secure release of all that could be got—1247.

In answer to Mr. Sam Hughes—Lands are sold either, by tender or by auction—1247. The Indians ownership of timber is as absolute as their ownership of land. On the Doncaster reserve there is a collision, and