

SUPPLY—EXPENDITURE ON CIVIL GOVERNMENT—*Con.*

Foster Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—212.

People have no idea of the extraordinary dimensions to which these expenditures have grown, 212. Large and influential portion of the press absolutely silent with regard to the growing expenditure, 213. Comparison 1883-4 and now: \$5,000,000 for civil government, 214. Quotes the list of civil government expenditures, 215. Ascertain whether they are, or are not paying too much for the services being rendered on the hill at Ottawa, 216.

SUPPLY—EXPORT OF HORSES FROM ONTARIO.

Attention called to the mode of inspection, Mr. G. Campbell, 4209.

Campbell, Glen. L. (Dauphin)—4209.

Calls attention to mode of inspection of horses leaving Ontario for the west, 4209. Government should take steps to prevent possibility of recurrence and infection, 4210.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—4210.

Every precaution taken in such cases, matter will be looked into, 4210.

SUPPLY—FISHERIES COMMISSION.

Inquiry for the report, Mr. Glen. L. Campbell, 1302.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1302.

Will bring it down as soon as it is printed, 1302.

Campbell Glen. L. (Dauphin)—1302.

Asks when the report of the commission on Manitoba and the Northwest will be brought down, 1302.

SUPPLY—FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Attention called to the matter—Mr. J. D. Taylor—7784.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—7792.

Has seen the news print, but knows nothing of its origin or the source from which he obtained it, 7792. The department of Justice is simply the legal department of His Majesty, 7793. A member who came to him to frank a bag of grain through the mails, 7794. The statute is that which governs; not particularly concerned with the P. O. regulations, 7795. The rights of members to frank, their limit, his own custom, 7796. It certainly does not go out under my initials to my knowledge, 7797. As long as the law remains, it is not consistent with our dignity to spend hours discussing such matters, 7798.

Borden, R. L. (Halifax)—7823.

The ministerial side has taken a somewhat different ground from that taken

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on other occasions, 7823. Regulation 114 is wholly *intra vires* of the authority that made it, 7824. The language of section 75; were these letters franked by the department as departmental matter? 7825. The statute provides simply two things. It is impossible to gainsay that position, 7826. There has been a persistent and plain violation of the statute and the regulation, 7827. The statute demands that this franking privilege shall only be exercised by the department as such, 7828. If they are not really on public business they cannot properly come under the provisions of the statute, 7829.

Bureau, Hon. Jacques (Solicitor General)—7812.

This letter is dated 10th of March, 1910, when the House was in session, 7812. The Postmaster General cannot by regulation curtail the statute, 7813. This order in council can only be a notice that the frank is to be accepted, 7814. As long as the statute says 'All letters and mailable matter,' I contend I am in my right, 7815. I am doing no wrong, I am doing what I have a right to do under the statute, 7816. Refers to a question put to Mr. Mulock in 1896. Quotes 'Hansard', 7817. That is an indication of the interpretation that has been given to that section of the statute, 7818. I did frank that letter and as I said last year, I have no apology to offer for it, 7819. Not one of us can stand up here and say we are not Grit or Tory, not political partisans, 7820. The only loss of this country has been the frank on 70 or 80 letters weekly, 7821.

Campbell Glen. L. (Dauphin)—7821.

The tissue of lies contained in this pamphlet under the frank of the department of Justice, 7821. There are more lies to the square inch in this sheet than ever would have emanated from Ananias, 7822. Unfortunately on this sheet I see in smaller type another lie an absolute lie, 7823.

Congdon, F. T. (Yukon)—7829.

There is nothing before the House to justify the acceptance of the resolution, 7829. It is very material to this inquiry to ascertain what has been the practice, 7830. Reasonable that minister should have out of session, the same right that members have in the session, 7831.

Edwards, J. W. (Frontenac)—7806.

It ill becomes the Solicitor General to allow his frank to be used, 7806. They stand convicted of a violation of the laws they are supposed to maintain, 7807.

Haggart, A. (Winnipeg)—7833.

No minister has a right to frank any but departmental documents during recess, 7833. We insist upon our rights and you shall not exercise a right which we are deprived of, 7834.