

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH
FROM THE THRONE—*Con.*

to do anything it pleases. The Dominion Government has no control whatever over highways, 164. The leader of the Opposition in the Senate is a man not to be trifled with. The Naval Bill was destined to save the British Empire. There is not a word about it in the speech from the Throne, 168. It is not such an easy matter to have the veterans of the senate swallow those Bills. The Minister of Finance has been forced to admit that we are facing a serious crisis and that we must not think of changing the tariff, 169. The Senate had a right to vote the amendment it did vote, 170. Business is at a standstill and old time prosperity has disappeared. These gentlemen are unwilling to do anything except folding their arms and managing the government, 171. Tobacco growing, seed grain, by-elections, redistribution, Ne Temere, school question, estimates and others matters referred to and dealt with, 172-6.

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Extends congratulations to mover and second. Sincere rejoicing at the recovery of Her Royal Highness. Parliament should be called in early fall. Financial year changed to provide for this. What can be the reason why Parliament was not summoned in the early fall. The government has been putting off until the very last moment when they had to meet Parliament and meet it with a very small list of assets and a very long list of liabilities, 12. A new feature on the Treasury Benches is the Solicitor General. Endowed with a very subtle mind. There are few men in this House or out of it who can clothe fallacies or paradoxes with more fitting garments, 13. Attention called to the absence of Minister of Trade and Commerce attending the sittings of a commission appointed in consequence of a resolution passed by the last Imperial Conference. Duties in no way connected with Department of Trade and Commerce, such duties should never have been entrusted to a minister of the Crown. Late government recommended Mr. P. C. Larkin but it was disregarded by present government. This was their first act in their debauchery of dismissals. The Minister of Trade and Commerce should never have taken these duties. According to Scripture no man can serve two masters. He was absent during the greater part of last session. We have it on good authority that the Minister of Trade and Commerce contemplates sending bakers to China and Japan to teach them the superiority of wheat over rice diet. Let him send bakers, pastry cooks, and culinary missionaries of every description and let their mission be to win the celestials from their gastronomical proclivities. If as a result of his pilgrimages to Japan and China one more barrel of flour is exported than hitherto the government will have

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done more than they accomplished during their four years of office. The speech from the Throne is remarkable for two things, first for what it contains and second for what it omits. Reads paragraph with regard to Transcontinental Railway. Work has not been advanced between Cochrane and Quebec City. This part of the road should be open to traffic to-day. But it is not and cannot be put in operation. The government have neglected to provide terminals at Quebec, 14. Provisional terminals and wharfs provided for. Nothing has been done. The only thing done towards the provision of terminals is commencing of shops at St. Romuald. Nothing has been done up to the present time in order to complete the road and make it available. Understands arrangement has been made for a joint station between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Transcontinental Railway. Hopes information will be given at earliest possible moment. Not only the report of the Commission of Inquiry but all information respecting all changes that have been made by the new Transcontinental Railway Commission upon the work of the late commission. There are two things not referred to. One is the Highways Bill. Highways Bill was in direct violation of the constitution of Canada, 15. If it is not law it is not the fault of the Opposition. Why was the same principle not adopted in the Highways Bill as in the Agricultural Instruction Bill. Naval Bill not referred to in speech. The non-introduction of the Bill is the best possible justification of the attitude of the Liberal party, 16. The judgment of Sir George Ross showed what was the supreme danger of the hour. It was a question of the autonomy of this country, 17. The German peril has disappeared, but we have another peril and another menace which is far more dangerous. The bad times are here. For first time since 1897 we hear of such a thing as non-employment in Canada. 100,000 idle men asking for work, 18. The Minister of Finance says there is no crisis. Government singularly callous to the present condition of affairs. Commission to investigate high cost of living should not have been put in hands of Civil servants, 19. When the government stated in the speech that the economic condition was not satisfactory they expressed the highest hope that matters would rectify themselves. The resources of the country are boundless. They want men of power and judgment to develop them. Are the government in power to enjoy the sweets of office and to take no responsibility to better condition of things? Wider markets more necessary than at present. They can give to the producer of wheat the American market. The farming community should be relieved from the burden of taxation. In regard to many commodities we do not now produce enough to meet the home demand. The agricultural