

SEED GRAIN FOR WESTERN FARMERS—
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stricken area, and I am informed that many of these have done just as the hon. member for Regina says: taking advantage of the high prices they sold their grain and now are applying to the Government to supply them with seed grain, 55.

I think that we have been dealing very generously and very reasonably with the requests that have been made to this Government, 56.

Rogers, Hon. Robert (Minister of Public Works)—62.

Letter quoted showing what the Government had in mind in coming to the relief of the drought-stricken area, 63-4. We all agree, we all desire to render the greatest possible assistance within our power, and the Minister of the Interior to-day has undoubtedly made a very generous statement as to how far we are going to carry out this policy with a view of assisting the settlers, 64.

Thomson, Levi (Qu'Appelle)—50.

In most of the places where seed grain is required, the demand arises on account of drought. But in one locality in my own constituency, the trouble arises through a complete destruction by hail, 50.

Turriff, J. G. (Assiniboia)—71.

If the Government want additional security, well and good; I think they are quite entitled to it. Here is the position: Farmers want seed grain; they were all led to believe by this letter of Mr. Walker's that they would get seed grain, 71. I think the Minister of the Interior should give us a definite statement that they will not throw this responsibility on the municipalities or on the provincial governments, 72. If you are going to make a success of this, the Federal Government will have to deal with the whole question of seed grain, 73.

Warnock, W. D. (Macleod)—65.

It is not lectures or advice that the farmers require at this time; it is financial assistance, and the greatest problem that the farmers in the drought-stricken district have is to find ways and means of procuring seed for this coming spring, 65. The time has come when the prosperity of our country is dependent upon the permanent development of agriculture, 66. It is not because we desire to question the good faith of the Government that this matter has been brought forward to-day; it is for the purpose of being assured that the matter will be dealt with fully and completely as circumstances will permit, 67.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT
AMENDMENT.

House in Committee on Bill No. 57.—Mr. Doherty, 439.

Doherty, Hon. C. J. (Minister of Justice)—440.

It might be that under the Act sought to be amended by this Bill, a man, with the

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expeditionary forces would be ineligible for election by the fact of his receiving pay, but this Bill will remedy that, 440. Amendment moved to meet case of member for Beauce, 441.

Graham, Hon. G. P. (Renfrew South)—439.

Inquires if present law would enable a man at the front to be a candidate, 440.

Proulx, E. (Prescott)—440.

Refers to member for Beauce serving for the Allies, 440.

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House in Committee on resolution.—Sir Robert Borden, 9459-60.

Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert (Prime Minister)—1460.

Brief explanation of resolution, 1460.

Hughes, J. J. (Kings, P.E.I.)

Regrets that resolution does not provide for 6 instead of 4 members for P. E. I., 1464-5.

Lawrie, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—1460.

Reference made to same legislation of last session, 1460-1.

McLean, A. A. (Queens, P. E. I.)—1462.

Asks that resolution relating to the Maritime Provinces be introduced separately, 1463.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—1461.

Representation in New Brunswick referred to, 1461-2.

Turgeon, O. (Gloucester)—1465.

Thinks resolution moderate and acceptable to every member of the House, 1465.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCES.

Reference to—Mr. W. M. Martin, 688.

Hughes, Major-General (Minister of Militia and Defence), 688.

Separation allowances are not touched by us until we get full returns from various corps, 688.

Martin, W. M. (Regina)—688.

Asks information *re* separation allowances to dependents of members of contingents, 688.

SEVENTEENTH BATTALION NOVA SCOTIA
HIGHLANDERS.

Attention called—Mr. Kyte, 561.

Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert (Prime Minister)—561.

No information that the statements are well founded, 561.

Kyte, G. W. (Richmond, N.S.)—561.

Calls attention to newspaper despatch *re* condition of regiment in Old Country, 561.