

SUPPLY—BALLOT BOX FRAUDS—*Con.*

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)
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officer who did use that ballot box?—9207. I regret very much that Porter did not give some notice that he intended to bring this before the House—9214. I sent the commissioner of the Dominion Police himself, who went to Belleville on the 10th of November—9215. It is not usual for me to rest satisfied by referring the officers of the law to his solicitors in a distant city—9216. Why did not Porter assist the government on the morning of November the 4th by giving the information?—9217. If Porter will read the evidence we will be better able to appreciate it—9218. I paid accounts myself and I paid the witnesses—9219. On the 7th of November there was an officer looking for Porter in the riding—9220. The warrants were not issued until the nineteenth of November—9223. I was speaking of the warrants in connection with the matters complained of—9224.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—9218.

I know that Porter was exceedingly anxious and came to Toronto and consulted some of his friends—9218. Mr. Duverney was engaged to see at once that these men were arrested and every one connected with the fraud punished—9219.

Porter, E. Guss (West Hastings)—9199.

Some bargain had been entered into or some understanding arrived at between the premier of the Dominion and the late premier of Ontario—9199. That in the coming federal elections on the 3rd of November, the goods of the province of Ontario were to be delivered—9200. Laurier could hardly have failed to see the position in which the ex-premier of Ontario stood—9201. I think an inspection of this article will be enough to take the wrinkles out of the skin of the most hide bound grit—9202. Bryan C. Lott had on three occasions before this, been the Liberal candidate for the local legislature for the province of Ontario—9203. The false compartment you have in this box for hiding the genuine ballots is not quite large enough to overcome the majority—9204. It is impossible for me to say in how many ridings in Ontario these fraudulent boxes were used—9205. They said I should not have taken a case like this before such a magistrate as Mr. A. F. Wood—9206. The evidence does not show any one else who is sworn to have used it—9207. Bryan Lott had endeavoured to procure ballots for use in the election and to have them printed at the printing office in Bancroft—9208. The answer of Laurier is that a request was made for ballots two or three days before the 31st of October—9209. It is a strange thing that he should be occupying the position with the government that he did—9210. The whole thing is operated by simply moving a handle so that the ballot goes into a secret compartment in the ballot box—9217. That policy which has been followed by this government in some in-

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stances is one rather of reward—9212. The statement as to the conversation between the returning officer and myself is quite correct—9215. My action for criminal libel was then pending and it was in the hands of my solicitors—9216. Lott, Shebly and Hawkey, the deputy returning officer, the principles in the transaction were allowed to escape—9217. The evidence shows that there were twelve of these boxes shipped into the county of Hastings—9218. I speak of the criminal libel case, the only one in which I was interested—9224. I wish to say that the ballot box which I exhibited here to day was one of the six given up by the returning officer—9225.

SUPPLY—BANKING ACT AMENDMENT—2441.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2441.

I would like to inquire also whether the government have under consideration the desirability of making an amendment to the Banking Act—2441-42.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)
—2442.

So far as I know Fielding has not considered the matter on the lines suggested, but I shall advise with him about it—2442.

SUPPLY—COLD STORAGE—8183, 8235.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—8183.

The importance of a more aggressive policy in the transportation of perishable articles—8183. Why is not the transportation commission at work—8184. Statistics of exportation of perishable articles—8185-6. Quotes the United States Agricultural reports—8187. The markets demands a better quality of fruit, this necessitates greater care in selection and transportation—8188. Loss in the ordinary cooling of cheese—8189. Cool curing of cheese lately undertaken has advanced the value—8190. Our butter industry is losing ground—8191. The refrigerator car service—8192. A good thing to demonstrate to farmers the necessity of cold storage—8193. Refrigerator cars should be more thoroughly insulated—8194. Calls attention to the government contracts with transportation companies—8195. Is sure the minister does not realize the importance of the matter—8196. Calls attention to some thermograph records—8197. The average of records across the Atlantic—8198. Cool air not an improvement on cold storage—8199. Have the boats separate engines for cold storage?—8200. Moves an amendment—8201. Steamship companies when subsidized should be compelled to keep a certain temperature—8202. Could not this be done in the contract?—8203. Had the minister any control of the temperatures?—8205. Would it not be wise to put in a direct expansion system?—8208. Would they not be utilized if the goods were carried without extra cost—8209. Should shippers of apples pay 30 cents per barrel for a temperature of 60 degrees?—8210.