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THE THRONE—*Con.*

ate the world has stood our Empire, and the chief bulwark of the British Empire is the British Navy. I repeat that it has done its work worthily and well. I am sure that none of us can appreciate all that has been involved and is still involved in that silent winter vigil in the North sea. No deeds of the Vikings ever surpassed the courage and endurance of these sailor heroes. Despatch of the Secretary of State for the Colonies read, 25-6. Cardinal Mercier's pastoral quoted 26. With the searching of spirit which has come to us in these solemn days we have seen and felt the soul of the nation profoundly moved; stirred as never before in all our history, 27.

Clark, Michael (Red Deer)—27.

It is the happy position of our Empire to-day that we are engaged in a war in which there is practically no difference of opinion throughout the whole length and breadth of that Empire, 27. I think that most certainly one of the results of this war will be that a large portion of the civilized world will seek above all other things a way past these gigantic armaments which have been and which are to-day the curse of the world, 29. There is one rule of conduct which, as far as I am concerned as a member of this Opposition, I have laid down for myself, and that is to do nothing and say nothing that will interfere with our presenting a united front to the common foe, 30. We are at one with the Government in the policy of spending; but if there has been waste, if there has been misappropriation, which is vastly worse than waste, we decline all responsibility, 31. General election referred to and deprecated, 32-3.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—15.

It is useless at this time to argue about the war; but we can never forget that the struggle which has been going on in Europe for the last six months is a contest between two principles; the principle of liberty and the principle of dominance. If there ever was any doubt upon this point in the mind of anybody, that doubt has been removed by the German professors, German publicists, and German journalists, who have attempted to lay before the civilized world the causes of the war, 16. But German publicists have yet to learn that there is a greater force than force, and that the British Empire, resting upon the basis of freedom is more durable than the German Empire resting upon the basis of blood and iron, 17. We are prepared to give to the Government, to those who for the moment have the confidence of the Canadian people under our constitutional system, the support to which they are entitled for the attainment of the great end which we all have in mind, 18. Boots supplied to the troops referred to and quotations from the Shoe and Leather Journal given, 19. I am as much a party man as any man in this House, but I should despise myself if I were to attempt to make political

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capital when the country is in such danger as it is in at the present time, 20.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—36.

Reference made to boots and horses purchased by the Government, 37. Thinks fair-wage clause should be in all foreign government contracts similar to that inserted in Dominion Government contracts, 38. Reference made to the inclusion of Newfoundland in the Confederation of Canada, 39.

Maclean, W. F. (York, South)—33.

History of parliamentary government traced, 33-4-5. I believe that when the German people come to see the mistake of the political system under which they have lived and of following the Kaiser and his irresponsible associates, they will look for the cure in the establishment of complete parliamentary government, 36.

Weichel, W. G. (Waterloo, North)—4.

Ruthlessly awakened from our long slumber of false security, we are called upon to-day to desert for a time at least the doctrine of peace that has taken firm root amongst all peace-loving people throughout the world, and to devote our energies towards the adoption of measures to tide us over the present existing crisis—one that not only affects our own Dominion of Canada, but will have a tendency to cement the bonds of imperial unity throughout the whole Empire, 5. Considering the enormous expenditures involved in this country, and the difficulties we have had to cope with owing to the war, it is surprising that Canada has stood the strain so well, 6. What we need now in Canada is mutual confidence. We are to-day richer in all those things that satisfy human wants than ever before in our history. Confidence must be restored, extravagance must be lessened, the pace we have been going must be curbed, and the lessons learned by hard experience will no doubt be of mutual benefit to us all, 7. Reference made to Canadians of German origin, 8-9. Wherever the Union Jack floats security and justice prevail, 9. Liberties that we have prized and that have been handed down from generation to generation will have to give way to a new doctrine that might is right should the teachings of Nietzsche, Treitschke and Bernhardi prevail; the very existence of the democratic institutions which we have learned to revere and love would be threatened, 10. One thing we are certain of: that the guilt of this war does not lie at England's door, 10.

ADULTERATION ACT AMENDMENT.

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