

SUPPLY — NORTH ATLANTIC TRADING COMPANY—*Con.*

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

safely be laid on the table—9452. Have many false reports been cabled over?—9453. Thinks the Times' report a perfectly truthful summary of the contract—9454. I did not say that—9469.

*Fielding, Hon. Wm. S.* (Minister of Finance)—9452.

A document from a continental country complaining that agents of Canada were distributing literature—9452. The impression created by erroneous reports of the case that have been cabled over—9453. If the impression is given that less is paid for a British than a continental immigrant, that is misleading—9454. My advice would be take every opportunity of bringing in immigrants—9455.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—9442.

The contract itself may have to be approved by parliament—9442. There are two contracts neither of which we have seen—9443. You include the payment for literature in the pound—9444. In any event the government must take the responsibility—9445. We have not money to waste, or burn, or throw away—9446. Are they obliged under the contract to give samples of literature—9454. Asks the figures as to the number of heads—9468. Is that a trading or steamship company—9469-70. The Prime Minister stated it was not legal in its present shape—9480.

*Ingram, A. B.* (East Elgin)—9441.

Conservative bonus stopped owing to Liberal agitation—9441.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)—9446.

It was first introduced by Lord Strathcona and then continued by Mr. Preston, on terms agreed to by Lord Strathcona—9446. The system we found in force when we came into office—9447. The very serious charge that this contract is abused. Must look into the matter at once—9448. The contract was legal, but not binding until it was ratified by parliament from year to year—9480.

*Miller, H. H.* (South Grey)—9475.

Should not object to immigrants simply because they have neither money nor experience—9475. There are perhaps some countries in Europe from which it is not desirable to bring immigration—9476.

*Oliver, Hon. Frank* (Minister of the Interior)—9440.

This has been within the knowledge of the House and of the country for years—9440. Pay no more under this contract than the Conservatives paid for similar immigrants—9441. The contract must be successfully attacked on other grounds—9442. Change the name to Lord Strathcona—9443. The government does not pay for the literature these people issue—

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9444. Difference between the government breaking the law of another country and a steamship agent doing it—9449. Difference between international and domestic law—9450. They do submit samples of their literature—9452. We will find out later on—9453. The Agricultural Committee was fully informed of the then existing contract—9455. Greater liability to illness amongst new-comers than residents—9462. Quotes Smart's evidence at the Agricultural Committee—9468-9-70-1. There is no other contract of the department with regard to immigration from the countries mentioned—9478. I did not say any such thing—9479.

*Osler, E. B.* (West Toronto)—9437.

The North Atlantic Trading Company is simply a combination of agents—9437. Quotes editorial from 'The Voice'—9438. How thoroughly the contract is open to fraud on the government—9439. Moves a resolution in favour of cancelling the contract—9440. The way in which the contract is drawn makes it a certainty how it will be carried out—9448.

*Roche, W.* (Halifax)—9476.

I do know of the extreme rigour of the inspection made at Halifax—9476. Quotes letters from the Hamburg American line—9476-7. That shows there is no laxity on the part of inspectors at Halifax—9478.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—9469.

It was believed steamship companies could more effectually take charge of immigration—9469. Remembers this question very distinctly—9471. My understanding was that it was a steamship company—9472. A large percentage go to the poor-houses, asylums or hospitals—9473. Keeps our good lands for the settlement of good immigrants—9474. While some are desirable, a large number are not—9475.

*Wilson, Uriah* (Lennox and Addington)—9455.

I have not the faintest recollection of ever having heard of this contract until this session—9455. Many of these immigrants are undesirable—9456. Why is the number limited to 5,000?—9457. We are holding out to these people greater inducements than any other country—9458. Quotes the report of the Baron de Hirsch Institute—9459. Quotes report of meeting of charitable societies in Toronto—9460. And the resolution adopted—9461. The facts prove that the inspection is not effective—9462. Quotes statement by an official of the Ontario government—9463. Preston has always been in favour of giving aid to immigrants—9464. Quotes 'Hansard' of 1901—9465-6-7. A very strong effort should be made to get native-born Britishers into this country—9468.