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licitor General just as strongly as I can that the Government cannot deceive the people of this Dominion in their reasons for not granting a committee to investigate the charges against the Shell Committee, 2244. Is not the investigation denied because the Government knows in its heart of hearts that an investigation will show that the Shell Committee was not all it was painted by hon. gentlemen opposite? 2245. Newspapers quoted, 2246-8.

*Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)*—1714.

My right hon. friend has stated that he desires that some member of the House shall put these charges in direct and understandable form. I accept the responsibility, 1715-16. Investigations before Public Accounts Committee last session referred to, 1717. I am not able to see any reason why we should wait until the war is over. I do not see why we should not investigate these matters now, and I think the people expect us to investigate them now, 1718. If that is to be the dividing line between us and hon. gentlemen opposite; if they say that the lid must be kept down until the war is over, we, on the other hand, say that as the representatives of the people, have a right to demand an investigation into the expenditure of public money, 1720. There is not one word in the record, or in the correspondence, or in the testimony available to the House, to show that the Shell Committee were the appointees of the British Government, 1721-22. We have made grave charges against the members of the Shell Committee and against the Minister of Militia, and necessarily against the Government by reason of the Minister of Militia being a member of this Government, 1723-6. Further remarks with regard to Shell Committee and letters quoted and fuse contracts referred to, 1727-37.

*White, Sir Thomas (Minister of Finance)*—2289.

Before I take up the serious parts—or what what I assume my hon. friend to have intended as the most serious parts—of the address to which we have just listened, I desire to deal briefly with some of his arguments and statements in reply to the Solicitor General. My hon. friend came to the rescue of the hon. member for Carleton. He felt it was a case that needed his best assistance, and, to do him justice, I must say that he did reasonably well, 2289-2296. We come now to the question: shall the inquiry be had? The committee is defunct and one would ask himself what purpose is served in holding an investigation, 2296-8. Reference made to previous portions of speech of Kyte and Carvell, 2496-99. Statements of Kyte summarized. Let me again say that this Government has had and has no knowledge of these contracts or of the transactions referred to. They were not contracts entered into by this Government,

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2500. Appointment of Royal Commission referred to, 2501-5. The Shell Committee was not, as has been stated, a branch of any department of the Dominion Government. The Shell Committee was an agent of the Imperial Government and not of the Government of Canada, 2506. Our position is that they are not our agents; we have no authority over them whatsoever, as we have no authority whatsoever over the Imperial Munitions Board; and having no authority over the Shell Committee, there cannot be on the part of this Government any responsibility for its action, 2508.

Motion lost on division, 2529.

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Announcement of appointment of Royal Commission to investigate charges preferred by Mr. Kyte.—Sir Robert Borden, 2349-51.

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Order in Council appointing Royal Commission to investigate Kyte charges laid on table.—Sir Robert Borden, 2442-3.

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Motion for adjournment.—Mr. Carvell, 3404.

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Motion for adjournment of House.—Mr. Carvell, 3464.

## Remarks:

Borden, Sir Robert (Prime Minister), 3477-82.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.), 3464-77, 3498-9.

Doherty, Hon. C. J. (Minister of Justice), 3486-91.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou), 3491-4.

Meighen, Hon. Arthur (Solicitor General), 3494-8.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City), 3482-6.

## SHELL DELIVERIES.

Telegram read correcting some of his remarks.—Mr. Carvell, 1609.

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Statement.—Mr. Carvell, 2240.

## SHELL INSPECTORS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

## Motion:

For a return showing the names of all shell inspectors employed in and about the Nova Scotia Steel Company, and the other factories producing shells at New Glasgow, in the county of Pictou.—Mr. Macdonald, 761.