

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH FROM  
THE THRONE—*Con.**Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (Toronto, North)—Con.*

the local administration of Ontario—28. My hon. friend from Montmorency (Mr. Casgrain) was a public man who did credit to his province and this parliament—29. Quotes newspaper published in county of Montmagny, 'Le Courrier'—30. Quotes statement of the Liberal candidate in Montmagny—31. Hopes geographical areas of the new provinces will be sufficient—32. For the last six months the revenue of the country is greater than that of the preceding six months—33. For years, under another management, there was a surplus and not a deficit between the current accounts of the Intercolonial—34. Are we doing what we ought to do to put this country in a fair state of defence against eventualities which lie all about us?—35. Every step that we have taken in material progress has been a step towards strengthening the empire—36.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)*  
—36.

Congratulates mover and seconder of address—36. In matters political the vision of Toronto is deformed—37. It is altogether too late in the day to charge against the Liberal party in Quebec any appeal to race or religion—38. The time has come when the western territories should have full partnership in confederation—39. We have thought it advisable to respond to the invitation of the United States to have the waterways question investigated—40. We do not propose this session to have any very serious or important legislation beyond the Act with reference to the Northwest Territories—41. Pays tribute to Earl Grey, the new Governor General—42.

*Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—9.*

Extends congratulations to the speakers—9. The general tone of His Excellency's speech is essentially cheerful, as befits the declaration of a people who have confidence in themselves—10. We do not feel disposed to-day to send any more delegations on the question of reciprocity—11. Traces progress of Canada; men from all lands are taking up homesteads in the Northwest Territories—12. The making of these new provinces will establish a continuous line of provinces from sea to sea; quotes figures of trade increase—13. Satisfactory progress has been made in carrying out the policy of a national Transcontinental Railway, which was approved by parliament two years ago—14. The engineers who have been making the surveys from Quebec to Moncton have not found the slightest difficulty thus far in locating the line—15. Pays tribute to Minister of Finance, Minister of Militia and Defence and Prime Minister—16. We have done our part in creating those conditions which will enable Canada to take its rightful place among the greatest nations of the world; moves address—17.

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It is becoming more and more incumbent on the representatives of the people to give some concern to the interests of the people rather than the interests of corporations—42. The House of Commons is becoming simply an electoral college for the purpose of choosing a cabinet to conduct the affairs of the country—43. The Railway Commission ought to be able to regulate grievances, and give the people reasonable transportation over the Grand Trunk Railway—44. There are a hundred ways of putting an end to monopolies if we have men enough in office willing to do it—45. There is no cure for the transportation problems of this country except in government ownership—46. I hope to see the day when our own Supreme Court will be the court of final appeal, and when Canada will make her own commercial treaties—47. The issue of national notes should be increased in the same proportion as the banks increase their capital—48. There is no movement on the part of the government or any of its members to do anything to rectify public wrongs—49. Trade legislation must be dealt with, not in the interest of a selected class, but in the interests of the whole people—50.

*Parent, Geo. (Montmorency)—17.*

Not only the future of Canada, but the present as well, looks bright—17. Our industries cannot prosper, nor our trade increase, unless the government gives to marine questions their constant attention—18. Rejoices at the thought of that fine page we are about to add to the history of Canada in conferring provincial autonomy on the territories—19. Our country is becoming almost homogeneous by the filling of the western gap—20. Pays homage to the right hon. Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier)—21.

## ADJOURNMENT—AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

On the motion to adjourn Mr. Foster calls attention to the fact that Auditor General's Report has not been brought down—97.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—97.*

When will Auditor General's Report be brought down?—97.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)*  
—97.

I cannot hold out any hope of an early presentation of the report of the Auditor General—97.

ADJOURNMENT—AUTONOMY OF NORTH-  
WEST TERRITORIES.

On the motion to adjourn Mr. Foster asked when the Autonomy Bill would be ready for discussion—262.