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with confidence to judgment of the country, 113. Did not I ask leader of the opposition what position they took now? For legislation here is all that is necessary to bring reciprocity into effect, 236. What was the spread between the wheat quotations in Minneapolis and in Winnipeg during September and October, I mean for the same grade? Was it not 15 cents in favour of Winnipeg? Turriff should produce figures, 272. Was there any wheat imported to Winnipeg from United States during Sept. and October?—273. What was its spread? Cement duties about 12½ cents per 100 lbs, 276. The statute put it back, 277. Asks Mr. McKenzie what he thought of the correspondence with the manager of the cement company. Is he in league with the ministers?—189. Would he favour a further reduction on coal, 193. Will my hon. friend kindly read words after 'wall'? It will substantially represent his views also. How do you purpose to obtain the revenue?—194.

*Wilson, Charles Avila (Laval)*—558.

The visit of His Royal Highness to the West conveys a lesson to every citizen of this country. Conditions of the country vary so much that no man can be informed unless he familiarizes himself with them by travel. Mr. Nickle said he had heard from time to time from members on this side that there is an antagonism between Ontario and the West. I would tell him there is worse—there is ignorance and ignorance is the cause of many evils. Agrees with Nickle that one of the problems in Canada to-day is assimilating the immigrant. But charity begins at home—let us assimilate ourselves, by developing a true sense of Canadianship, 559. A message to Sir James Whitney concerning the teaching and speaking of the French language would help greatly to minimize the antagonism. The noble words of Mr. Burnham might help to crush the conspiracy on foot to deprive the French-Canadian of his language. Quotes paragraph from speech relating to the naval contribution. Impossible to discuss that part of speech because policy of the government still hidden among the icebergs of the high seas. One might say that the words 'without delay' convey the meaning of something pressing, but three months have passed since the Prime Minister was informed that there was an emergency. When he came back we had an announcement that the policy of the government would be made known. We have been sitting here nearly a fortnight and no bill has appeared, 560. If there is an emergency why is there not a bill in our hands now. The more the Premier delays the more he will give the impression that the emergency is not so great after all. I cannot blame him for his hesitation, because he has not convinced himself that there is a menace. Monk's resignation. What has become of his portfolio?

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Portfolio in the hands of another, but former minister is gone. He is ill and no wonder, I presume the atmosphere of the cabinet is too strong for this drooping lily of the valley of nationalism, 561. No explanation is offered. All we know is that he was disgusted with his colleagues who abandoned him. They have sold him for promises of jobs, favours and offices, and being a high-minded man and acting with a high sense of duty—he saw fit to resign. The hon. member for Jacques Cartier is gone, but his portfolio would not follow him. It had to be given to some one else. There were scores of high-minded men in the Conservative party, but these gentlemen did not take the portfolio, 562. Now in the hands of Mr. Rogers. Here is the explanation. Probably the Public Works portfolio had such a strong smell of Nationalism, that the Prime Minister wanted to rid the portfolio of this odour. He very wisely thought the smell would grow stronger if it were placed in Pelletier's hands. Pelletier a Nationalist but denies it. He changes allegiance very often. His life a book of many chapters, and every chapter relates to the story of a fresh change, 563. The Minister of Inland Revenue known as a heavy-weight Nationalist in Quebec. Premier was meditating as to whom he would turn over the portfolio to, when the king of Manitoba came in and said 'I will take charge of it,' and the Prime Minister was delighted to give it to him, because he was sure in his hands the rose of Nationalism would disappear and another perfume would come to that portfolio. Mr. Wilson of Wentworth against reciprocity but in favour of the British preference. There was a time when the Conservatives were not so much in favour of it, 564. Quotes from Monk's speeches in 'Hansard' to show that he was not favourable to the British preference, 565. I wonder if the Prime Minister when in England, went to Sheffield, Manchester and Bradford and repeated what his ex-colleague said then? I wonder if he consulted anybody in England as to the status of our ships in passing through the Panama canal? Whether he did or not there is not a word about it in the speech, which is silent about the Georgian Bay canal, the question of the high cost of living, and the Civil Service. No mention of increase of salaries. Gives credit to Minister of Justice for bonus to the employees of penitentiaries, 566. The Copyright Bill. The dismissal of employees. Prime Minister silent on the order passed in January last for the production of the list, 567. Before this naval policy is brought down the people ought to be properly represented in the House. I do not favour the idea of a plebescite—or a referendum, but we should go to the people after redistribution, and then when the people are adequately represented in this House the measure can be brought forward, 568.