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Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—*Con.*

amount and sent to nearly every reputable men in the business; the question as to quality of material was left to an independent tribunal, the school of Science of McGill College, Montreal—4933. Can the minister explain how the imperial authorities have a list of every article that can possibly be required by Army or Navy of any department?—4941.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—4915.

A great deal more care should be exercised in preparing the blue-books; either the blue-books are sadly at fault or something is radically wrong with the administration of some departments—4915-6. Accepts statement of hon. gentleman (Mr. Brodeur) that the figure '1' was dropped out—4917.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—4938.

How many officers are present at the opening of public tenders, and what steps are taken to notify unsuccessful contractors of the price awarded?—4938.

Low, B. B. (Yarmouth, N.S.)—4925.

What could the member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster), or the member for Charlotte (Mr. Ganong) consider to be a fair profit on cement in lots of 400 or 500 barrels?—4925. \$2.75 a barrel is a very reasonable price for cement; it is not the price that troubles the hon. gentleman for Charlotte (Mr. Ganong) so much as the party from whom the cement was purchased—4928. No business man would import cement from the west for the maritime provinces, because the freight charges on Canadian cement to Nova Scotia would prohibit its purchase altogether—4930.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4929.

The Canadian people are quite willing to give a preference to Canadian manufacturers when there is bona fide competition, but not otherwise—4929. The business way to get cement would be to call for tenders from all sections of the country—4930. The minister promised to bring down a statement giving the names of newspapers in which he advertised for tenders for carbide; would he be good enough to show also the expenditure for advertising—4966.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—4922.

Who is Charles Strubbe? This Charles Strubbe cement transaction is similar to the Merwin business; somebody is getting a rake-off of about \$1,200—4922-3. When the Militia Department wants cement they buy it direct from the Rathbun Company as is evidenced by page 247 of the Auditor General's Report—4930.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4912.

We were to have certain information regarding this item—4912. Would hon. minister send us over all the reports so that we could have an opportunity of

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looking them over?—4914. Are these extinguishers a fluid, are they in metal or glass, and does minister know what the contents are?—4960. What quantity of calcium carbide was purchased in each of the last three years and the cost; from what firms is it purchased, what is the price per ton paid to each and the quantity purchased from each?—4963. Did hon. minister purchase last year for more or less than he paid the year before?—4965.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—4930.

Would the minister inform us whether, when he purchased from this respectable firm in the city of St. John, he asked the price or let them fix their own price? 4930. Over a million dollars' worth of supplies was purchased last year without competition or tender—4934.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—4927.

Why could minister not call for tenders for the amount required for the season, to be delivered f.o.b. cars at the point where the factory is located? Strubbe was given a contract for 5,000 barrels at \$2.20 f.o.b. when he bought it for \$1.68—4927.

Maintenance and repairs to lighthouses and lightships, \$500,000—4117.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—4140.

Would minister be good enough to give us some idea who compose the Canadian General Supply Company, Limited?—4140. Was the oil purchased from the Standard Oil Company supplied by tender? The oil companies in Sarnia and Petrolia can supply any quality of oil necessary for lighting purposes—4141. Will the hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) explain the item on page 159 of the Auditor General's Report, six dozen alarm clocks at \$10.80?—4142.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—4118.

Wants to bring up a case in connection with the lighthouse built on the Magnatawan river in the district of Parry Sound; it was announced that work would not be done by contract, but would be done by day's work. If correspondence when brought down to this House is to be of any value it must contain the documents that are really on file, and not such as the minister may see fit to bring down to parliament—4118. File was sent back; Joseph Mortine, the captain of the boat, was hired at \$3 per day, but was paid by the department \$3.50 per day; quotes 'Hansard'; suspicion was directed to the fact that these three men were in the employ of the hon. member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson)—4119. The men were paid for more days than they worked—4120. Quotes some unnecessary and extravagant accounts; none of these accounts were attached to the file; does not propose to tell hon. gentleman (Mr. Watson) who his informant is—4121. Quotes letter of Charles McArthur certifying to