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of state that the railway commission was asked to take up the matter of freight rates. The Government is rushing the Hudson Bay railway to completion, 108. Under the business-like Government now in power transportation facilities were improved and the farmers of the West reaped enormous advantages, 109. The high cost of living touched upon and the Ottawa Citizen cited in support, 110. Eighty per cent of electors of Souris in favour of Navy policy of the Government, and feel deeply humiliated because of the action of the Senate, 111.

*Sinclair, J. H.* (Guysborough)—140.

It is the duty of a leader to lead. The Government has failed but my leader has not failed in this respect, 140. The reason why the speech contains no word of cheer for the working men and consumers is because the Government does not represent the people. This Government is controlled by the big interests and quotations given to support that view, 141-4. There is a certain amount of depression, but no remedy has been suggested. Strange that the speech does not refer to the Navy question, 145. No man knew better than the Prime Minister that an appeal to the people would meet with defeat. Does this Government intend to repeal the Naval Service Act, 146. We are skeptical on this side of the House about what the Government will do on the question of the Civil Service. Highways Bill referred to 147-50. Padlocks purchased by P.M.G. referred to, 150-1.

*Thomson, Levi* (Qu'Appelle)—271.

We are told that the Government have done great things for the farmers. The Minister of Agriculture should not allow himself to be outdone in the matter of assisting the farmers of Canada by the President of the U.S., 271. We are told that we cannot gain anything by having access to the American market. Prices in Fort William and Minneapolis compared, 272-3. Flour prices at Winnipeg compared with U.S. prices and exports of flour from Canada, 274. A large proportion of the farmers of the West are adopting mixed farming. We are told that it is a dangerous thing to open the markets of Canada to our American competitors, 275. All the farmers of the West want is a fair field and no favour, 276.

*Turgeon, O.* (Gloucester, N.B.)—111.

Felicitates the mover and seconder of the address and refers to Redistribution, 111-12. To overthrow the principle of representation by population would be to destroy the Act of Confederation. Every province is interested in the representation of Canada, 113. There can be no object in delaying further the Redistribution Bill, 114. Advocates the inclusion

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of Newfoundland in the Dominion, 115. The Senate has the custody of the rights of the provinces under the constitution, 116. Senator Lougheed quoted. Reciprocity referred to, 117-19. No humiliation for Canada in position taken by the Senate in regard to Naval Aid Act, 120. Mr. Churchill quoted, 121.

*Verville, A.* (Maisonneuve)—248.

I am convinced that the present Government is absolutely hostile to the labouring classes. Three main reasons for high cost of living: the tariff, over-capitalization of trusts and mergers and railroads, 248. Since the American tariff has been changed the cost of living has increased 19 per cent. The problem of the unemployed referred to, 249-50. The farmer is heavily taxed on the goods which he is obliged to purchase, 250. The Government should take steps to furnish cheaper food to the masses of the people of Canada. The Government should do something immediately either in the form of large public works or the reformation of the tariff, 251.

*Warnock, David* (McLeod)—301.

Since the Underwood tariff has come into operation we have had ample proof that the U.S. market is a most valuable market for our live stock producers. I am strongly in favour of free wheat and I hope the Government will grant the request of the western farmers. Article from Calgary Herald quoted, 302-3. The delegation of Conservative members from Alberta referred to, 304.

*White, Hon. W. T.* (Minister of Finance)—61.

Listened with close attention to junior member for Halifax, but not able to compliment him upon moderation. If Naval Aid Bill had been enacted into law there would now be under construction three powerful ships of war ready to take their places in 1916, 61. Charged that expenditures have been increased. Contrasts expenditure of present with late government, 62-3-4-5. Reads extracts from speeches of Sir W. Laurier, Mr. Fielding, Labour Gazette and others in 1907-8, 66-7. In a period of trade slackening at present time which is temporary. Revenues expected to show decline. Money conditions improving. Optimism the only thing for Canada, 68. The Leader of the Opposition has been everything by turns from a tariff standpoint and nothing long, 69. The new policy of Opposition is free food. Gives details of effect of such policy. High cost of living a world wide phenomenon, 70. Production has not kept pace with consumption. Not raising a sufficient number of cattle, swine or sheep, 71. Upper tend of prices will show decline before end of 1914. Cost of living lowest in Canada in 1896, 72. High cost of living not a new question, 73. Combines Investigation Bill introduced