

SUPPLY—TRADE AND COMMERCE—*Con.*

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—9037.

What do these commercial agents really do, and what advantage does the country receive from their services?—9037. These commercial agencies throughout the world ought to be of some use to us—9038.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—9037.

I do not know that this vote is for any special officer. It is for the service generally—9037. We had an agent in Australia, his work has ultimately resulted in opening up considerable trade—9038. It will be a wise policy on the part of Canada to distribute these commercial agents over a wider area—9039.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—9040.

On their wooden shoes it would be very valuable—9040.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—9037.

I would like to have the names of these agencies—9037. Is Mr. Larke the agent in Australia—9038.

Contingencies, clerical and other assistance, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, \$2,000—96.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—96.

This increase is due to the fact that they are getting out weekly reports, containing the reports of commercial agents, which are distributed throughout Canada—96.

Department of Trade and Commerce, \$28,950—96.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—96.

Who is now responsible for this department?—96.

Trade and Commerce, \$65,000—7218.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7219.

Inquiries as to application of steel and iron bounties—7219. You really pay \$4.50 on the perfected process in each case. Questions on crude petroleum—7220. How is binder twine done, and how many pounds were made?—7221. Is there any restriction on the sale of bounty-fed binder twine?—7227.

Henderson, David (Halton)—7220.

Prime Minister right that \$1.50 is the bounty on pig iron—7220. Is the bounty on binder twine a complete offset to the duty? 7222. Would a good round duty have developed lead mining in British Columbia?—7223. Sunny ways might persuade him of his fallacy—7224.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—7221.

To pay the bounty it must be known what each well produces—7221. Miners would prefer a straight duty on lead—7222. If a straight duty were imposed they would be protected—7223. Will be in no better position without a duty when the bounty ceases—7224.

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Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7218.

Foster asked me for some explanation—7218. Explains the order in council—7219. The quantities checked by officers of the department—7220. There is a system of checking the amount of oil pumped from each well into the tank. Produces trade statistics—7221. Straight duty on lead would interfere with the manufacture of paint—7222. Government considered that they could not impose a duty without restricting other industries—7223. Always told that they cannot increase the duty without increasing the price—7224.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—7222.

Most manufacturers produce two pounds of twine to one pound of manilla used—7222. Does Mr. Haycock ascertain the quantities produced to ascertain the bounty?—7224.

Culling timber, \$17,100—7236.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—7236.

In St. John they are sworn surveyors, and the expense is paid by the owners—7236-7.

Henderson, David (Halton)—7236.

Why do not owners of timber pay for the measurement?—7236. The same amount asked though one culler died—7237.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7236.

The department has prepared a Bill dealing with this subject—236. The office of culler has been in existence fifty years—7237.

Contingencies—additional amount required, \$1,200—9034.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—9034.

Would Fielding state why this additional amount is required?—9034.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—9034.

In this case it happens to be a small amount of contingencies—9034.

For services of wrecking plant on the St. Lawrence, for the year ending June 30, 1906, \$10,000—957.

Blain, R. (Peel)—958.

Are there any wrecking appliances in that district that are not subsidized coming into competition with this one that is subsidized?—958. It would be better for the government to promote competition instead of establishing a monopoly—965.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—960.

Was there any difficulty about wrecking in the St. Lawrence before this subsidy was granted?—960. Would hardly think that this wrecking plant would be allowed to