

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH
FROM THE THRONE—*Con.*

Bill to extend the Mounted Police Act. A provision for plan for the use of plain clothes men on the force, 232. Mounted Police an organization of which every one was proud. Plain clothes men meant more gun men of the Minister of Public Works to strike terror into the hearts of the people of Saskatchewan and Alberta when an election comes on, 233. Under any circumstances a deliberate attempt to bribe a constituency. Liberals heartily concur in any attempt to increase our trade with West Indies or any portion of the British Empire, 234. Australia producing largely the same products we produce. If the government can increase the trade between Canada and Australia I trust they will succeed. Refers to the importation of Australian butter 235. But what becomes of the argument of Minister of Finance that if reciprocity comes into force the country would be flooded with cheap butter from Australia. Now with true Tory consistency hon. gentlemen opposite start to negotiate a treaty with Australia. The Finance Minister and reciprocity; surrounded by his manufacturing magnates, etc., he wants us to resurrect reciprocity having the idea it may benefit him, 236-37. He cannot crucify Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Ontario because he is Roman Catholic and in Quebec because he is too British, 237. Mr. White asked what have we lost by rejecting reciprocity. Cites numerous instances to show losses sustained by Canadian exporters, in the form of duties paid to the U.S. through the rejection of reciprocity. 238-240. Points to inconsistency of arguments raised against the pact, 241. Finance Minister stated reciprocity would have diverted traffic, but the first international act of this government was to go down to these Yankees and beg of them to give us a chance to put our wheat through American territory, 241. He knows it is the best policy economically which possibly can be proposed for Canada outside increase in British preference, 242. What we must have in this country is broader markets—the trammels taken off the sale of our surplus products in foreign markets, 245.

Cruise, Robt. (Dauphin)—203.

Administration of Justice in Manitoba is bad enough now. I do not know what it would be like if Mr. Burnham was a magistrate 203. When present administration in Manitoba bring on a provincial election people will show that they will not tolerate what has been done in MacDonald. As a western farmer, I am more strongly in favour of reciprocity than I was two years ago. Farmers the men who should have the markets of the world opened to them. Gives reason why in favour of reciprocity, 204. If we had reciprocity the result would be that our grain would go practically in same channel, and we would get benefit of difference in price.

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On other side of the line in last ten years wheat has been six cents a bushel higher than on this side; barley, 30-40 cents. Is it any wonder farmers of west clamour for reciprocity? 205. 'Orange Sentinel' said Manitoba had practically separate schools, 206. Manitoba school question supposed to be settled for all time. If western farmers should go into mixed farming where is their market? If they go into it too extensively they will flood the present market, 207. If a man can buy his goods in the United States, over a high tariff wall, do not see why he cannot exchange his farm produce without duty and still be loyal. Greatly benefit the farmer to be able to borrow money on grain. It will induce them to build more granaries for the storing of grain on their own farms, 208.

Demers, I. (St. John's & Iberville)—463.

Alludes to the proposed revision of the Bank Act. Proposed legislation should be such as to preclude all possibility of fraud through fictitious shareholders. President or general manager should be under the obligation of submitting a report of all transactions exceeding a certain amount, 469. People expect measures to be taken that will insure a closer government supervision. The only means provided by the law to keep us posted on the situation of banks, is inoperative. I also believe the public feeling in favour of a system of inspection is quite pronounced, 470. For the future prosperity of the Dominion it is necessary that the old saw 'As good as the bank, should have its full meaning. We are all agreed as to the existence of exceptional prosperity. We all should agree that it is not due to this government. Mr. Rainville goes back to the establishment of the National Policy to find the actual cause. There is not a single member of this House but who knows the failure of the National Policy led the country to ruin, 471. In 1896, the people disgusted with the carelessness of the Conservative party, called on the Liberal party to regenerate and save the country. Under Liberal rule Canada has become a nation known to the world and resting on a solid foundation. I find nothing in the Speech from the Throne sufficiently precise and clear to discuss the government's position on the naval question, 472. Criticizes Mr. Rainville. Quotes his anti-naval utterances published in 'Le Devoir,' 473. I doubt if the newly formed views of the hon. member will be received with great satisfaction by his constituents, 474-475. Quotes a speech delivered in St. Johns by Mr. Nantel. Confirmed in that belief by the recent acceptance of a portfolio by Mr. Coderre, 475. Quotes Coderre's speech at Longue Pointe. From all we have heard in connection with MacDonald and Richelieu election, it appears that a system of intimidation and terror prevailed there. Expedient that a solemn protest should be entered, 476.