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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.) —Con.

5928. The figures seem to show that not more than half the royalty that should have been collected has been received by the government—5929.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5906.

Would like to have the minister's own view and a statement as to what he proposes to do with reference to matters in the Yukon in regard to administration and expenses—5907. What was the amount of reduction in expenses in 1905?—5908. Has the minister taken into consideration the question of living allowance under present conditions of remaining officials?—5909. Quotes correspondence from Yukon—5910. In Fairbanks, Alaska, with a population of 20,000, about four men do the work that is done by the officers and employees in the administration building in Dawson—5911. There must have been a checking over each year in order to satisfy the department that the royalty was collected. What is the system of wood supply in the Yukon? 5930. Is the timber land in the Yukon under government control?—5931. How much is the royalty for wood per cord? Will minister tell me if Mr. H. M. Martin, Mr. Sylvestre and Mr. Sugrue are officers of the department in the Yukon?—5932. Would like minister to lay a copy of the timber investigation on the table of the House—5933.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)
—5924.

I never knew of any accusation being made against Mr. Justice Dugas, but it is open to any British subject in the Yukon to ask for the impeachment of Mr. Justice Dugas. I consider it my duty to look into this matter, and I will feel obliged to hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) if he will send over the papers he has in his hand—5924.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5913.

Have the government given any attention to the question of transportation between the Yukon and British Columbia?—5913. The future of the Yukon is dependent on the construction of railways into that country—5914.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)
—5907.

Owing to the material changes in the Yukon, which now prevail, a number of governmental officials have been dispensed with; the changes will mean a reduction in salaries and allowances to the amount of \$24,600 a year; gives list of clerks dispensed with—5907-8. The cost of living in the Yukon has not been so much reduced as to warrant the fixing of a salary without consideration to the giving of a separate living allowance. The government appreciates the difficulty of transportation monopoly—5913. If the exemption is \$5,000, unless each individual miner took out more than \$10,000, the royalty paid would be just fifty per

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cent of what it would be on the total output—5929. The system of wood supply in the Yukon resembles considerably that prevailing in the Northwest Territories where also the timber is owned by the Dominion—5931. Mr. Martin and Mr. Sugrue are under dismissal; Mr. Sylvestre is still employed—5932. It was held in the investigation that these were not the officials properly responsible for measuring the wood—5933. The proposed reductions in salaries were not made until after these estimates had been prepared—5934.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)
—5914.

Could the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) find any one who would agree to the same terms as Messrs. Mann and MacKenzie did?—5914.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5915.

Reads letter of Graham Campbell petitioning His Excellency the Governor General for a true copy of certain evidence—5915-6-7-8-9-20-1-2. Reads letter of former Minister of Justice, Mr. C. Fitzpatrick; reads memorial of Graham Campbell. If this man Campbell's allegations be correct, it is a strange course the government has taken in this case—5922. Brings this affair to the attention of the House because practically no action has been taken by Justice Department—5923. Is it not a fact that when the government find that Mr. Justice Dugas' conduct on the bench is a miscarriage it is their duty to inflict him before parliament and have him dismissed—5924.

Grant to local council for maintenance and repairs to roads, \$75,000—5934.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5934.

What is the dome that is spoken of regarding Mr. Hatfield?—5934.

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The dome is the height of land from which all the gold-bearing creeks start?—5934.

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Who is the Superintendent of Mines, and does the government consider his report with reference to the new method of smelting, as conclusive and favourable?—5934.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5935.

I have heard some criticism that the experiment has not been proved to be economical—5935.

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—5934.

In producing iron the rule is unquestionably that the larger the operations the more economical they are; Dr. Haanel's