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*Ingram, A. B.* (East Elgin)—3583.

It seemed to him a remarkable thing that he found some of these seats vacated—3583. Laurier rises in his place and says that Borden (R. L.) again has another little joke—3584. The education question was in the mind of Laurier the most important—3585. It is their duty to attend to this chamber and give us the benefit of their advice on these matters—3586.

*Kennedy, J. B.* (New Westminster)—3583.

There has been a rather gross insult addressed to the ten men who represent these territories in the House to-day—3583.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)—3562.

Mr. R. L. Borden has chosen to have another little joke upon a subject which is evidently congenial to him—3562. Under different circumstances, no fault could be found with the observations which Borden has made—3563. There is such a thing as an embarras de richesse, although Borden appears to be suffering from the reverse—3564. This is a reason why, in my estimation, instead of pressing the matter we should exercise a little delay—3565. Before long I shall give Borden the fullest satisfaction that he desires to have on this question—3566.

*Lemieux, Hon. R.* (Solicitor General)—3557.

It is not a paper friendly to the government. It is opposed to the government every Sunday—3557. Bourassa wrote two or three articles which he signed 'Henri Bourassa'—3558.

*Lennox, H.* (South Simcoe)—3530.

I hope they will take this matter up and agitate from end to end of Canada before this measure goes through—3580. Laurier is more remarkable for what he does not say on these occasions than for what he says—3581. We cannot get a solitary government member representing the west to stand up and advocate the rights of the west—3582. Not being able to pursue a distinct and logical argument—3583.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—3572.

We are confronted with what may fairly be regarded, under constitutional government, as a very grave crisis—3572. A certain number of cabinet ministers was assigned to each province—3573. You will find that two-thirds of the territory of the Dominion is without a cabinet representative—3574. A great question is now before us for determination, namely, the establishment of two new provinces—3575. The government has acted in a most high-handed and tyrannical fashion in its treatment of the rights of the people—3576. The Bill now before the House infringes provincial rights—3577. We shall then have an opportunity to work out our constitutional system to a success—3578.

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*Stockton, A. A.* (St. John City and County)—3578.

We know that the proposition has been put forward that the ministers represent localities—3578. That was a challenge thrown down to Laurier and to his government upon their policy—3579. It is contrary to the constitutional usages which obtain in the mother country—3580.

ACCIDENT TO STEAMER 'SCOUT.'

On the Orders of the Day, Monk, F. D., calls attention to the explosion on the steamer 'Scout'—4841-3.

*Broder, A.* (Dundas)—4842.

Will the government assist the families?—4842.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)—4842.

Minister of Marine and Fisheries not present; will mention the matter to him—4842. Fully realizes the importance of the subject—4843.

*Monk, F. D.* (Jacques Cartier)—4842.

Asks if an expert has been employed, etc.—4842.

*Taylor, Geo.* (Leeds)—4842.

Thinks the inquiry should be extended—4842. People of Gananogue very nervous because of the stores there—4843.

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH FROM  
THE THRONE.

Motion that an humble address be presented to His Excellency in reply to the Speech from the Throne—Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—17. Motion agreed to—50. Motion that address be presented by members who are Privy Councillors—Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister)—50. Motion agreed to—50.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—21.

Congratulates mover and seconder of address—21. The Canada of to-day exercises a very large influence on the policies and the tendency of government in the British empire—22. We never can be so prosperous in this country but that we must hope and aspire to still greater prosperity—23. The prosperity of the west is due to the opening up and the proving up of that country—24. The population is increasing by virtue of immigration; prosperity tends to dull the critical faculty—25. Never before in the history of this country was there a hard and fast co-partnership made between a government and a widely extended corporation—26. Why should Nova Scotia not be solid, if in one county alone sixty-six appropriations for public works were held up as the price of its support?—27. My right hon. friend was badly advised when he saw fit to lend the power and patronage of this government to aid