

COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES ; TO ENCOURAGE THE BUILDING OF—*Con.*

*Taylor, Geo.* (Leeds)—659.

Asks an explanation from the minister—659. No further explanation will be necessary in Committee—671. Quotes eulogies of Mr. Fisher from 'Political Pointers No. 2, 1902'—672. Quotes the 'Handbook on Canadian Politics—Liberal government from 1896 to 1904'—673-4. Quotes Mr. K. Everetts at the weekly cheese board at Brockville—675-6. This looks like a political move—677.

*Telford, W. P.* (North Grey)—2427.

People at North Grey delighted at the prospect of cold storage at Owen Sound—2427. Not necessary to spread the payments of money over a number of years—2428.

*Wright, A. A.* (South Renfrew)—2419.

Would like to know if it would be expedient for the government to give the Renfrew establishment the assistance—2419. Great advantage if in return for the money they would have to spend, they would get assistance—2420. Wishes to supplement his former remarks—2426.

## COLLINGWOOD DRY DOCK.

Motion for a return—Mr. W. H. Bennett—3000.

*Bennett, W. H.* (Simcoe East)—3000.

The return was moved for last Friday and some of the papers were only produced to-day—3000. I contend that anything in the department on that file, once having reached its file, is of public character—3001.

*Fisher, Hon. Sydney* (Minister of Agriculture)—3001.

I have instructed him to send them over, so that we may have them as quickly as possible—3001.

## COLONIAL CONFERENCE, CANADA'S REPRESENTATIVE.

Inquiry as to truth of rumour that the Premier does not intend to attend—Mr. R. L. Borden—5260.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—5260.

Whether or not there is any foundation for the rumour that he does not propose to attend the conference—5260. Moves: 'The urgent public importance that Canada shall be represented by the Prime Minister at the approaching conference between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Prime Ministers of the self-governing colonies.'—5260. Canada must either be represented by her Prime Minister at that conference or she cannot be represented at all—52.1. Quotes from the returns—5261-2-3-4. The opposition are willing to facilitate the attendance of the Prime Minister at that conference—5265. Bourassa evidently has not comprehended the resolution which was passed in 1902—5280. I do not know that there has been any retraction by this government of the

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policy they put forward to the Imperial government in 1902—5281. There never has been the semblance or the suggestion of such an arrangement—5282. Even if we have no grievance, there are important subjects proposed for consideration—5283. To be in attendance at the opening of the colonial conference on April 15—5284.

*Bourassa, H.* (Labelle)—5269.

I cannot altogether agree with him on the necessity of closing this House in order to enable Laurier to leave the week after Easter—5269. The government of Canada stated that they had no suggestion to make and no programme to bring before the conference—5270. I think it is not exactly necessary that Laurier should be there to take advantage of such enthusiasm—5271. To give it priority over the parliaments of the several self-governing parts of the empire is an idea against which I for one protest—5272. Laurier has no right to go to London while members of this parliament, including ministers and ex-ministers, stand under suspicion of having violated the independence of parliament—5273. I was in favour of the idea, but I was opposed to the idea of making them permanent institutions—5277. Did not see any necessity that Laurier should be at the conference this year at all—5281.

*Fielding, Hon. W. S.* (Minister of Finance)—5273.

It is not only desirable, but most important, that Laurier should be present—5273. We are in the happy position of being contented with our lot as part of the British Empire—5274. Quotes the minutes of the Privy Council—5275. I sympathize with every word that has been said in the House as to the desirability of Canada being represented—5276.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—5267.

If there is any period when it is necessary for him especially to be there, it is at the opening—5267. Canada, under the leadership of her governments and the government of Laurier, has made it possible for the idea of an imperial conference to develop—5268. I earnestly hope, therefore, that the 5th April will see Laurier sailing with favourable breezes—5269.

*Hughes, Sam.* (Victoria)—5270.

What authority the Canadian ministers would have for making any such change—5270. Mr. Bourassa has dictated to Laurier what his attitude is to be in the conference—5279. I offer the suggestion to Sir Wilfrid Laurier that he create some post for Bourassa—5280.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)—5260.

I certainly have contemplated the possibility of my being forced to cancel the trip—5260. Even that much, Sir, there was no justification for such an insinua-