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ostrich policy, 80. The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance have an easy way of dealing with it. Is the Government and Parliament a body whose sole duty it is to levy taxes and spend money, 81. Western Farmers' Memorial, Citizen, Free Press Ottawa and Labour Gazette quoted, 82-83. Conditions of finance and labour in the U.S. to-day are better than in Canada. Increased prosperity due to production in prairie west, 84. The condition of the western farmer and steamship rates referred to, 85-87. High cost of living and the tariff, 87-88. Naval question referred to. They have gone out of their way to heap discredit upon the views and position of their opponents, 89. The combination between Nationalists and Imperialists carried on under cover of an emergency has now no excuse, 90. We have this statement that there is no responsibility resting upon the Government to meet the conditions that exist throughout the country, 267. It is well for us to consider just how the present conditions came about. As long as the farmer is getting for his products a price that gives him a fair margin of profit he stays in business. Figures showing the differences in the world's prices given, 268. Not in 20 years has there been a condition in this Dominion such as exists to-day, 269. There are many conditions which enter into the price of wheat. Wheat was at a lower point in the Liverpool market last fall than it has been for many years, 270. If we had the right to sell to the U.S. all the year round we would have the advantage of the double market, 271.

*Pelletier, Hon. L. P.* (Postmaster General)—201.

No doubt the recent election in Chateauguay has had a quieting effect upon Mr. Lemieux, 202. Previous to 1896 the dismissal of public officials did not amount to much, but when the late Government came into power there was a debauchery of dismissals in all the branches of the public service. Money stringency and Redistribution referred to, 203-5. Liberal Government responsible for the congestion of freight traffic in the West in 1911. Regrets that the Opposition are trying to make political capital out of the question of the unemployed in the country. It is not a thing out of which any party should seek to make political capital, 206. United Shoe Co. referred to, 207. I think the Minister of Finance has been a safe pilot. The ports of Montreal and Quebec referred to, 208. I would like to say a few words about the Georgian Bay canal. A report will be made by thoroughly qualified men, 209. Elections in Chateauguay and Macdonald referred to. Where was the proof of the operations of election thugs in connection with the Macdonald election. Was it a crime to place before the people of Chateauguay the estimates for the province of Quebec, and that the Prime

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Minister of this country was a friend of all races and nationalities, 210. Reference made to the literature circulated in Bruce South and quotations, 210-12. Free Food means a reduction in the price of produce paid to the farmer. I do not believe that to be a sound doctrine, 213. The Liberals pretend to say now that protection is a bad thing but they would not have attained power in 1896 if they had touched the principle of production which is sacred in this country, 214. Temporary difficulties which exist in Canada, rural mail delivery and parcel post referred to, 215.

*Rainville, J. H.* (Chambly-Vercheres)—288.

I wonder if our friends from the West realize the great sacrifices that we were called upon to make on this side of lake Superior in order to develop the western prairies, 288. Would free wheat hurt our milling industry. We hear of the case of the farmer to-day; we have heard also a little of the case of the people of the towns, 289. The difficulty lies in this that our population is not ready to produce enough food to feed the towns. It is all very well to talk about trusts but to get rid of the trusts is quite a different matter, 290. The problem of to-day is the need of farm hands on the farm and the need of to-morrow is to settle the high cost of living. The farmers need to grow more food, 291. Advocates the establishment of agricultural stations, school farms or demonstration farms in each parish. It is time there was some kind of action for the farmers even if it would involve some expense, 292. We should cut out the middleman who gets rich too quick. What the people want is good roads and they expect us to give them help in that direction, 293. The people in the cities are at the mercy of the middleman. A housing system advocated in the large cities where the farmers could store their goods and food-stuffs until there was a market available, 294. Scathing reference made to what the Liberal party did while in power, 295.

*Rogers, Hon. Robert* (Minister of Public Works)—266.

Motion of leader of Opposition described as simple, harmless and childish twaddle, and motion of Mr. Neely contrary to every rule and practice that has attained since Confederation. We do not propose to make any statement of the intentions of the Government in respect of tariff matters in advance of the Budget, 266.

*Schaffner, F. L.* (Souris)—104.

The aim of all governments is to legislate for the good of the people. Remarks of Mr. Oliver referred to 105-06. Reference made to what the farmers of the West want, 107. It was not until the Conservative Government took the helm