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of living in New York and Montreal, 10490-8. Cannot the masses of consumers of the country expect to be treated at least on an equal footing with these natural resources, 10499.

House again in consideration of motion to go into committee of Ways and Means—Mr. White, 10530.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—10530.

The real question to be considered is what shall we do in the future, 10531. If the proper policy for Canada is to go on paying off the national debt there may be some argument for these surpluses, 10532. The province of Nova Scotia never got so much as it is getting this year, 10533. An enormous increase in the expenditure in two years, 10534. The minister wants to build a tariff wall around the country and allow nothing to come in, 10535-7. Hon. friends opposite say when you gave the British preference you stopped, 10538. Reciprocity with the United States, 10539-52. The British preference regarding woollens, 10552-4. The cotton industry, 10555-7. Farm machinery discussed, 10557-63. Boots and shoes and other articles, 10564-7. I want to encourage trade with Great Britain rather than the United States, 10569. You can manufacture woollen goods almost as cheaply in Canada as in any other country in the world, 10570. The greatest sinners are the woollen manufacturers, 10571. The time to meet this thing is now, 10572. Reduce the duty and you put the people in a better position to buy, 10574.

Edwards, J. W. (Frontenac)—10575.

The member for Carleton, N.B., entitled to the medal as champion acrobat of the Grit party, 10576. At one time we have tears and wailing over the price paid by the consumer and the labouring man for his goods, 10578. Eggs, butter and meat referred to, let us see what is the position of affairs, 10579-81. Mr. Carvell's argument summarized was: the country prospers, no change in tariff; conclusion, change the tariff, 10582. The late government's tariff attitude towards agricultural machinery, 10583-5. They came into office in 1896 and let the tariff strictly alone until 1907, 10586. Just a few words as to what the Grit party did when they came into power, 10587-90. The trade of our country, 10591-2. The Liberal party are not disloyal, but wherever you find a rebel you will find a Grit in politics, 10593. The creation of a tariff commission the most reasonable, sensible, logical step ever proposed by a government in this country, 10594. What reciprocity would mean to this country, 10595.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Edmonton)—10596.

The government is a government to protect the interests and not the people, 10597. It seems to be a question if there is not

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some connection between this enormous revenue and the lack of prosperity amongst the individual citizens of the country, 10598. Conditions being as they are it would have been the duty of the government to relieve the situation by reducing taxation, 10599. The West India trade agreement, 10599-10603. The increase in canned goods, 10603-4. Wearing apparel, cement and steel rails, 10604-6. American tariff being readjusted with special regard to the cost of living, 10607. What suggestion has the government to make to redress the balance of trade with Great Britain? 10609. The manufacturing industry is just as legitimate as any other industry, but it is no more legitimate, 10610. Wheat and immigration, 10611-12. The minister ignores the conditions which demand a lowering of the rate of taxation, 10614.

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—10614.

We have had some interesting criticisms of the budget, 10614. The criticism of the extravagance of the government has been in the most general terms imaginable, 10615. There is only one spirit for Canada and that is a spirit of unquenchable optimism, 10616. Reduction in taxation and cost of living briefly discussed, 10617-23. Mr. Oliver touched upon the sugar question and he was in pretty deep waters, 10624-5. Mr. Oliver has also referred to the cement reduction, 10626-7. We can look forward to a great future in this country of which we shall all be proud, 10627. We may look forward with confidence to increasing trade and increasing prosperity, 10628.

House in Committee of Way and Means—Mr. White, 10628.

Kyte, G. W. (Richmond, N.S.)—10648.

For many years rope and twine used by fishermen were admitted free of duty, 10648. Very serious complaint has been made, 10650.

Loggie, W. S. (Northumberland, N.B.)—10647.

There is a large quantity of the Manilla warline used in the lobster fishing business, 10647.

Maclean, A. K. (Halifax)—10631.

Calls attention to a matter in connection with the sugar tariff. Letter read, 10631-2.

Nesbitt, E. W. (Oxford North)—10641.

I ask the minister to increase the amount fixed to \$5,000, 10642.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—10645.

The kind of twine that is used in manufacture of lobster traps is taxable to the extent of 25 p. c., 10646. Letter read, 10646. Amendment moved, 10647.