

SUPPLY—PURCHASE OF MILITIA CAMP AT KENTVILLE, N.S.—*Con.*

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Solicitor General)—6669.

According to the Exchequer Court Act the judge has the right to refer any case to an arbitrator—6669. The judge decides not on one sided evidence but on full evidence. The court is conducted on legal lines—6670. He does not give a judgment but an award—6673. When the report of the referee goes before the judge the judge is not bound—6674. It has been in every case where the judge has differed with the referee—6675. I say that many times a judge may not sit personally in a case but appoint a referee—6676. The referee will make a report and the judge is not bound by that report—6677. The Exchequer Court has very exceptional power—6678.

Lennox, H. (South Simcoe)—6677.

I think he has stated a position new to almost every and perhaps to every lawyer in the House—6677.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6670.

Does the Solicitor General know whether any decision was rendered in the Exchequer Court in the case referred to by Bennett?—6670.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and County)—6662.

Did the department at once take proceedings under the Exchequer Court Act to ascertain the amount to be paid?—6662. Is it not the duty of the agent if there is evidence to be procured, to place it before the judge?—6673. No matter what Judge Burbidge's information may be as to the value of the ground in that country he is bound by the evidence—6674. The judge has taken the matter into his own hands, and gone further and called further evidence—6675. The position taken by the Solicitor General to-day is that the judge of the Exchequer Court is the counsel for the government—6677. And not the judge as between the Crown and the subject to see that fair compensation is given for property taken—6678.

SUPPLY—QUEBEC, POLITICAL CRISIS IN

On the motion for Committee of Supply Mr. Leonard drew the attention of the government to the rumours the press were circulating to the effect that a political crisis is at work in Quebec—753-822.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—754.

The Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Brodeur) will be in a position to give the hon. gentleman (Mr. Leonard) an answer tonight—754. What I said was that if he (Mr. Leonard) would be good enough to put his question to the minister (Mr. Brodeur) when he was in the House, he would no doubt get an answer—823.

SUPPLY—QUEBEC, POLITICAL CRISIS IN—*Con.*

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—826.

There is an attempt being made by the government here in Ottawa to interfere in the party crisis which has taken place in the province of Quebec—826. When the hon. minister and the senator went to Quebec, they went for the purpose of patching up party difficulties in Quebec—827. Course pursued by government is unconstitutional 828-9.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—823.

The government are taking no part whatever in the crisis at Quebec and the government have no part to take in that crisis—825. Mr. Brodeur went to Quebec simply as Mr. Brodeur and in no other capacity—826. Repudiates statement of hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) gave no instructions to Minister of Inland Revenue—829.

Leonard, J. E. E. (Laval)—753.

Quotes 'Le Journal'; would be pleased to have an explanation from the Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick)—753. Has hon. Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Brodeur) any information to give about his mission to Quebec—822. Quotes 'Le Soleil' dated February 8—830-1. Has that article been written at the suggestion of the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister?—831.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—822.

Are we not entitled to the explanations which were promised yesterday by the Minister of Justice?—822. We are entitled to know what part the government of Canada is taking in the Quebec provincial crisis; quotes Montreal 'Herald' dated February 9—824. What mission was Minister of Inland Revenue charged with and with what results has he performed that mission?—825. Is it true the Minister of Inland Revenue has just returned to Quebec?—831.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—830.

The Senate is an independent body; the Speaker of the Senate should have no place in provincial party feuds—830.

SUPPLY—RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

Attention of Emmerson called to the fact that the report is not before the House—6233.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—6235.

Hopes to be able to lay it on the table by Monday—6235. Adheres to his expressions of a former date—6236. I think it is the desire of this House to make a remedy complete and beyond question—6239.

Gordon, D. A. (East Kent)—6238.

Refers to rates charged by American roads entering Canada—6238. Not a farmer but knows the sweeping decisions that have been made on rates on cattle and grain—6239.