

THE ROYAL NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE—*Con.*

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—887.

Was somewhat familiar with the question. The headquarters of the force is stationed in Saskatchewan, and Alberta naturally feels a little jealous. Rejected suggestion that there should be two commissioners, and did not favour deputy heads for Saskatchewan and Alberta, 887.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Edmonton)—886.

Has it been brought to the Premier's attention that there is reason for the appointment of an assistant commissioner in each of the two provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. The absence of high authority at the centre of the administration of law has resulted in more or less serious delays, 886. Would be glad if the Premier looked carefully into it, 887. Asks for some explanation regarding section 2, sub-section 4, 888.

THE SENATE—ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

Resolution:

Resolved that it is expedient to provide two additional members of the Senate from each of the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, and for three additional members of the Senate from the province of British Columbia.—Mr. Borden, 885.

THE SCOTT ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Adjournment of the House under rule 39—Mr Lemieux, 3452.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—

Every one profoundly moved by the tidings which reached us telling story of courage, endurance and heroism which, perhaps has never been surpassed in the annals of human history. It has been said by the Prime Minister in the British House of Commons that the very touching appeal in the last words of Capt. Scott, would not fall upon deaf ears. The ears of the people of Canada will be found as sensitive to such an appeal. The widows and orphans of these men should be the wards of the whole empire, 3454-5.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—3455.

Next to a sense of horror which is naturally felt respecting the fate of these antarctic heroes, the one feeling which rises uppermost is a consciousness that the Old Motherland still produces men equal to the most illustrious of the past. We are proud to remember in this day England is still the England of the past, 3455. The request which was made for the benefit of dependents shall be honoured in every nation of the British empire, 3456.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—3452.

Calls attention of the government to the sad fate of Capt. Scott and his compa-

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nions. Brave men, heroic Britishers, found a glorious grave in those unknown regions. The records which were made and which served Scott as a pillow in his last sleep will be of scientific interest to the world, 3453. Canada could well afford to proffer some relief, 3454.

THE SCHOONER ADVOCATE.

Directs attention to a report.—Mr. Devlin, 1168.

Devlin, E. B. (Wright)—1168.

Directs the attention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to the Report of the Department of the Naval Service for 1912, which states that the schooner Advocate has been purchased and is being fitted out for the practical instruction of cadets in seamanship. Asks when the purchase was made, and what is the exact size and strength of the schooner Advocate, 1168.

Hasen, Hon. J. D. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1169.

Will be glad to obtain the information and give it at a future date. Advised that the question be put on the Order Paper, 1169.

Speaker, His Honour, the—1169.

Thought these questions are such as can only be properly answered after notice has been put on the Order Paper. If this is a matter of urgent public importance it could be taken up by motion to adjourn the House, 1169.

THE ST. LAWRENCE WATER LEVELS.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—6528.

Conditions requiring attention are very comprehensive. Has been informally stated that they would be prepared to consider co-operation, 6529. View was put forward by counsel, that it would be better to have commission take into consideration the whole subject. Is not proper for me to give further observations upon subject until determination of International Joint Commission has been given, 6530.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—6509.

Draws attention of House to despatch in morning papers, 6509. Matter of such grave importance that we require more than a holiday investigation by some professor of an American university. Clipping from Ottawa Citizen on, 6510. Most remarkable thing that this drop in level at Montreal has been coincident with the making of a thirty-foot channel, 6511. If dredging operations have not increased depth of river something is wrong, 6512. If dredging is not increasing depth of water, something ought to be done that will, 6513.