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*Maclean, W. F.—Con.*

take up this question. A new thing is coming to the British people all over the world—5048. British institutions promise more for humanity than any other institutions on earth. If they lose their supremacy they can no longer assist us—5049. England is trying to-day to maintain the two power standard under the idea that some day she may be attacked—5050. Would like to see a statement that the Canadian navy is to be strengthened, that we are going to build our own ships—5051. All the people want is leadership and an assurance of our manhood—5052.

*Martin, M. (Montreal, St. Mary's)—5154.*

The campaign in his constituency almost exclusively on reciprocity, with some remarks on the naval policy—5154. We must have a policy tending to the exportation of our over-production in natural products—5155. The electors will soon discover that the Conservatives carried many counties by misrepresentation—5156.

*Nesbitt, E. W. (North Oxford)—5134.*

Agrees that railway subsidies should not be charged to capital account. Things on which he congratulates the country—5134. Increases of salaries to departmental men that were unnecessary. They were paid enough before. Cost of the N.T.R.—5135. No matter if the cost has been great, would anybody vote to do away with the railway on that account? Loans—5136. We all know that capital is shy and no capital more shy than English capital if it is once deceived—5137. Regrets to find no reference in the Speech to Canada taking her part in the defence of the empire—5138. To his mind the farm hand from the old country is not at all equal to the native product—5139. It has been a crime to charge the poor man the duty on potatoes during the past four months—5140. As for eggs, what benefit do our farmers get from eggs being 40 cents a dozen? You deprive the working men of them—5141. Nonsense to say that because the United States is an exporting country it cannot absorb this western grain—5142. The farmers of Ontario voted against reciprocity, not because they wanted protection, but because they were deceived by factional cries—5143. Let them put a duty on barbed wire and they will soon see how long the farmers are in favour of such a policy—5144. There has got to be a reduction of duties as was proposed under reciprocity. They don't want a duty on foodstuffs—5145.

*Oliver, Hon. Frank (Edmonton)—5093.*

Mr. Broder's speech ample justification for the Premier's choice of a Minister of Agriculture—5093. The new government come down with a budget that absolutely confirms the tariff of the late government. Mergers—5094. The late government went to the country with an anti-combine policy—and the combines won.

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They may not realize expectations when they come to make a tariff—5095. The evidence we have had so far this session is that they will stick to their friends—5096. Who would have thought of forming a merger in 1896? Should there arise another such period of depression there will be no more combines—5097. The policy of the government must have a great effect upon the well-being of the country—5098. The late opposition and the N.T.R. The country relieved in the announcements of the Finance Minister yesterday—5099. As soon as it was announced that the policy of the late government would lower prices the combines rallied against it—5100. The allegation of bad faith toward the principle of lower tariff can never be made against the late government—5101. When a combine has control the price the farmer receives is in no way necessarily related to what the consumer pays—5102. No doubt since the formation of the Canners Combine the price of canned goods has risen considerably—5103. How much does the consumer pay to-day compared with what he did before the combine?—5104. Every man who buys tomatoes knows that he pays more than he did five years ago—5105. Is at some disadvantage in discussing statements of fact when members in the trade make misstatements—5106. The late government undertook to answer the question 'What should be done in regard to the high cost of living?'—5107. They have been so busy removing officials that they have not had time to attend to matters of first importance—5108. The fault lies not with the late government, but to this government, and to them the loss must be charged—5109. The price of wheat in North Dakota to-day is an average of ten cents a bushel higher than in Manitoba—5110. There is sufficient demand for our quality wheat in the U.S. to have kept the price at a premium for home consumption—5111. The loss to the western farmer and to the whole of Canada arising from the failure to gain the U.S. market—5112. Mr. Foster's arrangements would have come into effect in November instead of March if reciprocity had carried. Those arrangements convict the government—5113. They had no time to deal with the grain blockade and freight rates but they lost no time in dealing with lumber—5114. They took a quarter million dollars out of the farmers' pockets at the command of the British Columbia lumber combine—5115. Mr. Foster's amendment which legalizes the degrading of the quality of western wheat as it goes to the market—5116. If they think that because the country is prosperous all they have to do is to shake the plum tree vigorously they are mistaken—5117.

*Paquet, L. (L'Islet)—5151.*

Under Liberal rule national representation had given way to uncontrolled dictatorship—5151. The people require