

SUPPLY—THIRTEENTH HUSSARS—*Con.*

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—13533.

If Foster will send him the papers he will take the matter up at once—1353-4.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—13533.

Calls attention to the request of several officers for the regiment which served in the Fenian Raid to have the general service medal—13533. Presses the matter upon the attention of the minister—13534.

SUPPLY—TIMBER LIMITS—DISPOSAL OF IN THE NORTHWEST.

Attention called to the manner of disposal of timber limits. Moves to appoint committee of the House to investigate—Mr. R. S. Lake—2269.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—2269.

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Avery, Melzar (Frontenac)—2662.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—2730.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2527.

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Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—2466.

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Bristol, E. (Centre Toronto)—2647.

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