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Knowles, W. E. (West Assiniboia)—*Con.*

the people are pleased—931. It is only ten years ago since conditions in the West were far different from what they are to-day; believes there is a universal desire that same policy and principle shall prevail in administration of lands in future, as has prevailed since present government came into power in 1896—932.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—909.

Quotes Hon. Walter Scott *re* Hudson Bay Railway Company—909. Quotes resolutions moved by Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) and Mr. Turriff in legislative assembly of Northwest Territories in 1884—910. Grants of large tracts of land to railway companies a great detriment to progress of company—911. Homesteads are getting comparatively scarce; only about 12,000,000 acres of good settling land left—912. Every day that issue of patent is deferred means that collection of taxes is deferred—913. Government should see that selection of lands is completed—914.

Does minister say that 'land for speculator' was Mr. Haultain's policy?—916.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—914.

After twenty-five years of division both parties are unanimous in regard to immigration policy—914. Quotes resolution of Mr. Charlton moved in 1880, also amendment moved by Mr. Domville and amendment to amendment moved by Mr. White, of Cardwell—915. Battle cry of Conservative party in new province in recent elections was 'the land for the speculator'; leaders of opposition in both provinces announced policy to sell lands in west to highest bidder—916. Conversion of hon. friends opposite is quite recent; only hopes it is sincere—918. Contrary to intention of parliament, Canadian Pacific Railway was exempted from taxation from twenty to thirty-five years—919. Government will deal with question of odd-numbered sections with a view to the settlement of land for benefit of settler—921.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—890.

Subject matter of resolution is one of such great importance as to require the earnest and prompt attention of government—890. According to departmental information land yet to be selected in reservation totals 2,500,000 acres; homesteaders on even-numbered sections at great disadvantage—891. Canadian Pacific Railway has completed its selection of land grant—892. Canadian Northern Railway sold its entire land grant to the Saskatchewan Valley and Manitoba Land Company in spring of 1903; some company purchased some 250,000 acres of land from government at \$1 an acre—893. Quotes pamphlet issued by Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—894. Company has privilege of selecting land, but does not select until a purchaser is found; quotes pamph-

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let—895. Total amount of indebtedness of Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Company is: Principal, \$1,154,457.74; interest, \$392,047.08. Would like explanation of company's advertisement that area which they have selected has been extended—896. Canadian Northern Railway were notified in August, 1903, that they must complete selection of land grant by December 31, 1905. What opposition desires is that these lands should not fall into hands of speculators, that they should not be purchased in large blocks and that they should be reserved for the individual settler—898. Would be a great benefit if lands were in possession of government because settler would receive them at a more reasonable figure. Moves resolution—899.

Schaffner, F. L. (Souris)—899.

Motion, divested of verbiage, means putting obstacles in way of speculator and removing them from way of settler—899. Time has come when no railway company should receive any grants of land from government—900. Jim Hill believes business of country will make building of road, without bonus a paying proposition—901. Wants to raise question of disposition of Northwest lands to higher plane than that of mere party politics—902. Surprised that members from Northwest do not take more interest in question—903. Let us have the land for the people; the land for the actual settler and not for the speculator—904.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—904.

Government has done everything to compel railway companies to select their lands—904. Statement that land was sold to speculators not correct—905. Government sold to people who brought in good class of settlers—906. Government has been disposing of land to actual settler—907. Land has been going up in price largely the last few years; trusts Hudson Bay Railway will be built in near future without expenditure from either of three provinces interested—908. No complaint in West regarding way government have administered lands—909.

House resumes adjourned debate on the motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the House go into Committee of Supply, and the motion of Mr. W. J. Roche in amendment thereto—1015. Amendment negatived: Yeas, 58; Nays, 111. Motion agreed to and House went into Committee of Supply—1078.

Adamson, A. J. (Humboldt)—1038.

The Saskatchewan Valley Land Company did not buy the land at \$1 an acre and never sold any at \$7 an acre. I never had any consultation at any time with regard to this deal with the member for East Assiniboia (Mr. Turriff)—1038.