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SIR,—I have the honour to present to you this volume of the Analytical Index of the Official Record of the Debates of the House of Commons, prepared under instructions received from the Debates Committee.

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Your obedient servant,

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Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —3154.

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ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC LANDS BY COMPANIES.

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Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —3277.

I intended to move an amendment to go back farther, but the Minister of the Interior is not present—3277.

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Did not say six months—55.

I will not only allow you, but help you.

Are the farmers of Canada opposed to the Government's policy as outlined in the Colonial conference resolution—80.

May I ask the hon. gentleman to whom he is referring when he makes that statement—81.

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Broder, Andrew (Dundas)—118.

Is not the action of this man (Moberly) a crime against the State rather than an individual?—118.

Brodeur, L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—82.

There is no difference in the responsibility Canada assumes—82.

Chisholm, William (Antigonish)—27.

Canada enjoying marked prosperity—28. The business of Canada has increased two-fold during the last ten years; in trade per capita Canada occupies third place among the countries of the world; progress not confined to one particular part of the country but general in character—29. The transcontinental railway will unite the provinces more closely and intensify the growing national spirit—30. The class of immigrants coming to Canada are a most desirable people—31. Canada is doing her duty by taking upon herself a portion of the burden of defending herself, and by relieving the British Government from the cost of garrisoning Halifax and Esquimalt—32. If Canada is to become a great country prejudice and intolerance must cease—33.

Cochrane, Edward (East Northumberland)—80.

And you thought, because they did not express their opinion, that they agreed with you—80.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—99.

What this House was called together particularly for was to deal with the tariff problem—99. Thinks House should have dealt immediately with this question; increase of tariff necessary both to farmer and manufacturer; these are industries at this moment that demand the attention of parliament—100. It is the duty of parliament to protect capital; there is a feeling throughout this country in favour of mutually preferential trade—101. Not one atom of preference in the British market—102. Farmers have most to gain from preference—103. Not creditable to hon. gentlemen to rejoice over Northwest elections—104-5.

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Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —*Con.*

nation clause to Canada was settled when the Belgian and German treaties were denounced—83. Said that the farmers of Canada were not worrying over a preference in the motherland for their food products because they have a preference there to-day—83.

Foster, Geo. E. (North Toronto)—56.

Will the right hon. gentleman give a little explanation as to the treaty with Japan? —56.

Treaty with Japan made by British Government in 1894—61. The present government came into power on a very well defined basis of denunciation of the policy of the government that preceded it—62. False assumption that trade has increased because of the better trade policy of government—63. In the speech of the Prime Minister, the state of our finances was passed over very lightly—64. The government shall be obliged to go into the money markets of the world for $147,000,000 to make up old and maturing debt, and for at least $100,000,000 for extraordinary capital expenditure on railway accounts—65. If there be any trouble in insurance work in this country, the main part of it will be found to be on the line of its investments—68. The First Minister's defence of the lieutenant governor of Saskatchewan in passing over Mr. Haultain a weak one—69. Quotes Hon. Walter Scott against the separate school policy of the government —70-1. The cabinet whose head the right hon. gentleman is, has, since 1896, administered the trade and tariff matters of this country on the basis of protection as a principle—73. The harmony of the Liberal party ; Quotes Mr. Grant—76-7.

They both have the same most favoured nation clause—82.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—79.

How do you know their opinion then?—79.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—123.

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Knowles, W. E. (West Assiniboia)—20.

His selection as mover of the address not personal but a compliment to the West— 20. Favours thorough investigation of Canadian insurance affairs—21. Refers to inauguration of new provinces—22. Results of elections in Alberta and Saskatchewan favoured government policy in the West—23. Makes reference to prosperity of the country and to the immigration which has taken place—25. Western wheat crops of last year amounted to one hundred million bushels; difficulty in relieving congestion of traffic; more railways needed—26.

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Recent elections did not result in endorsation of Autonomy Bill—106. Intimidation and undue influence by federal officials— 107. Immigrants of continental Europe accustomed to be under the influence of officialdom—108. Asked for commission of judges that they might give a fair distribution of seats—109-10. Quotes Hon. Walter Scott re passing over of Haultain—111-12.

Such an attack was never made in my hearing—119.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —52.

Congratulations to mover and seconder of address ; surprised at the attack the leader of the opposition thought fit to make on the lieutenant-governor of Saskatchewan—52. Why should lieutenant-governor call to his counsels a man who, instead of being in sympathy with the constitution, was openly avowing his intention of putting a ruthless hand upon it?—53. Almost certain that during the present year the trade of Canada will pass the 500 million mark; the treaty with Japan, referred to by His Excellency was signed on the 31st of January—56. There is solidarity amongst all the members of the government—57. Insurance investigation should go to the bottom of the whole question—59. Mr. Préfontaine, was a strong Minister, a strong character —60.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—97.

A member of the House of Commons, who attends to his duties to the best of his ability, is well worth $2,500—98.

Maclean, W. F. (South York, Ont.)—83.

Welcomes the hon. member for Maisonneuve; time that Labour party had more representation in parliament; the elections in England—84. Are the grievances of the people in connection with the telephone service not to be righted?—85. Great corporations growing enormously aggressive—86. Believes that Autonomy Bill was unconstitutional—87. Wants thorough insurance investigation; have had investigations by royal commission which were not thorough—88. Nepotism prevalent in the administration of Canadian insurance—89. Complete change taken place in the character of investments made by insurance companies—90. Policy-holders have no voice in anything relating to the capital stock of the company—91. Deferred dividend policies are bad in principle and ought to be prohibited—92. Inspector of insurance not doing duty ; quotes Toronto 'Globe' *re* amendment to Indemnity Bill—93. General disapproval of increased indemnity—94-5-6.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of Interior)—113.

One of the gentlemen (Nelson and Sutherland) not in employ of Interior Depart-

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ment ; the other was in employ of Indian department and he has been dismissed —45.

Unable to see what the question of imperial preference or the results in Saskatchewan election have to do with the reply to the speech from the throne ; if it could be shown that any official in the Interior department had used his position to intimidate or hold out improper inducements to any elector, would see that he was instantly dismissed—113. Said that officials of government were citizens, therefore they had the right to vote—114. If Mr. Haultain was turned down he was turned down by Lieutenant Governor Bulyea and not by Lieutenant Governor Forget—118.

Stockton, Alfred A. (St. John, N.B.)—83.

Do I understand the hon. minister to say that the people of this country took no interest in the question of preferential trade relations between the mother country and the colonies?—83.

Walsh, R. N. (Huntingdon)—106.

Constituents opposed to Indemnity Bill and would represent their wishes—106.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox and Addington)—119.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1217.

A predecessor of Mr. Speaker enjoined upon the House, that it was an improper thing for any member to move out of the Chamber upon adjournment until the Speaker and the mace had gone first—1217.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2017.

Instead of hurrying out of the House it would be far more seemly for members to wait until the adjournment is finally passed upon—2017.

ADULTERATION ACT AMENDMENT.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (No. 15) to amend the Adulteration Act.—Bergeron, J. G. H., (Beauharnois)—213. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—214.

ADULTERATION ACT AMENDMENT—*Con.*

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—213.

Object of the Bill is to force those who sell patent medicine to attach formula to package—213.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) 214.

Shall have to wait until measure is brought up for discussion—214.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—214.

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AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION, REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON.

Motion by Mr. P. H. Mackenzie, that the third report of the Committee on Agriculture and Colonization be concurred in ; amendment by Mr. Monk, that the report be referred back. Motion agreed to—2021.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—2021.

Read the report—2021.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—2021.

The report refers to Bill (14) in reference to milk cans—2021.

McKenzie, P. H. (South Bruce)—2021.

The motion that the House is asked to concur in refers to the milk cans Bill—2021.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2021.

Perhaps the chairman will state whether that report gives the evidence taken on the subject matter referred to in this motion—the evidence of Mr. Smart—2021.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE—ORDER TO A WITNESS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Monk brings to notice of the House that an order to a witness before the Agricultural Committee was not carried out—1157.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—1158.

Then we will move the adjournment—1158.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1158.

The witness was directed by the committee to send a cablegram, and the cablegram has not been sent—1158. According to the minister's own statement the witness is apparently trifling with the committee —1159. The moving of adjournment is not necessary at the moment—1160.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —1158.

The minister of the Interior says he has given no such order and has had no communication with the witness. Suggest that Mr. Lewis makes his speech on motion for the House to go into supply—1158.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE—ORDER TO A WITNESS—*Con.*

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1157.

Agricultural committee instructed witness to communicate with Lord Strathcona by cable, and am credibly informed that the Minister of Interior forbade the witness to carry out the order—1157. Communicated with the witness, Mr Scott, and was informed that the minister had told him not to send the cablegram—1158. Witness said in committee room that he was willing to send cable—1159.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1157.

Never interfered, or wished to interfere with any order issued by a committee of the House—1157. Did not see the witness, nor had any communication with him since the witness appeared before the committee—1158. If the committee has any orders to give let the committee give its orders and be responsible for the carrying out of them—1159.

Speaker, Mr.—1160.

The discussion is all irregular—1160.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

On the presentation of the fifth report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization by Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Monk moves that, inasmuch as the report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization made this day refers to a matter of privilege, the said report be taken into consideration to-morrow—4152. Motion amended—Mr. Monk—4153. Motion as amended agreed to—4154.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—4153.

I do not see any reason why it should go on on Friday, especially under the circumstances, for we must hasten matters if we want to get away before the dog days —4153. Then it will be understood for Monday ?—4154.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4152.

I have my doubts whether this report is a matter of privilege. I have no objection to a notice being given for a future date, but in view of the debate which we are entering upon to-day would suggest either Monday or Tuesday—4152. It is better we should know in advance on what day this matter will be taken up. I see no reason why it should not go on on Monday—4153.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—4152.

In order to discuss a question of privilege which is referred to in a report from a committee it is necessary that that report be brought by a motion to the consideration of the House. Quotes Bourinot—4152 I move that the motion be amended by substituting the word 'Monday' for the word 'to-morrow'—4153.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY, THE

On the Orders of the Day, Mr Thompson brings up the question of marking the boundary line between the Territory of Yukon in the Dominion of Canada, and the District of Alaska in the United States—5185.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —5186.

We have agreed with the American authorities to have this line surveyed by our joint parties, and are negotiating to have boundary ratified by the two governments —5186.

Thompson, A. (Yukon Territory)—5185.

At some distance from the River Yukon, the miners from our country and the United States find it difficult to determine just where the boundary line crosses —5185. There has been some trouble in this regard in the White and Copper River Country—5186.

ALBERTA LAND COMPANY.

On adjournment, Mr. Borden directs attention of Prime Minister to a paragraph in the 'Globe' in reference to the registration of the Alberta Land Company, among the signatories being W. T. R. Preston, London—1217.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1217.

I understand there is a rule expressed in the Statute which governs the Department of the Interior, that no person employed in the Department shall have any dealing in Dominion lands—1218.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) 1218.

Have had no opportunity yet of talking it over with the Minister of the Interior, but will give an answer tomorrow—1218.

ALBERTA RAILWAY AND IRRIGATION COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (100) respecting the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company—Mr. Turriff—Stands—3187.

Herron, John (Alberta)—3187.

Before the Railway Committee yesterday, I tried to get some information about this road; as the company is in my district, I should like to have the information before the Bill is finally disposed of—3187.

ANNUITY FOR CERTAIN PRIVY COUNCILLORS.

On the order for second reading of Bill (18) respecting annuities for certain Privy Councillors, and respecting Senate and House of Commons—Mr. W. F. Maclean—1711. Stands, 1711.

ANNUITIES FOR CERTAIN PRIVY COUNCILLORS—*Con.*

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—1711.

Was ready to go on with Bill, but want to wait until another Bill dealing with same question comes into House—1711.

Speaker, Mr.—1711.

Stands—1711.

ANNUITIES FOR CERTAIN PRIVY COUNCILLORS.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (220) to repeal the Act respecting annuities to certain Privy Councillors—Mr. Fielding—6541. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—6543.

Fieldlng, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —6541.

The purpose of the Bill is fully described in its title. This particular measure has been the subject of special criticism, and we have come to the conclusion to present a Bill to the House to repeal it—6541. On the other hand, I wish to add that I think the principle of this measure is a sound one—6542. It can hardly be argued successfully that there is anything like a vested right—6543.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (N. Toronto)—6541.

Perhaps the minister will indicate the scope of the Bill—6541. In a case of this kind, as in many other cases, certain rights are created—6541.

Motion for second reading of Bill (220) to repeal the Act respectinv annuities for certain privy councillors—Hon. W. S. Fielding—7570. Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned—7570.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7570.

The hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) has been called away and will not be back till this evening; it might be advisable to let the Bill wait over till his return. Adjournment of debate—7570.

Bill (220) to repeal the Act respecting annuities for certain privy councillors—Mr. Fielding—read a second time, and the House went into committee thereon—7619. Bill reported—7636.

Blain, R. (Peel)—7633.

The electors of this country absolutely opposed to the Bill that was passed last session. I am prepared to support the Bill introduced by the Minister of Finance to abolish the pension to ex-cabinet ministers—7633.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7634.

I was in accord last year with the principle on which Bill was founded but I was not satisfied in the way the details were

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

worked out. The hon. member for North Toronto did not say that pensions should be granted indiscriminately—7634. Would not be disposed to criticise the course suggested by the Prime Minister—7635.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—7620.

On section 1—I had not an opportunity of voting on either the Indemnity Bill or the Pension Bill. I did not approve of the Pension Bill of last session and had I been in the House I would have voted against it; there should be Pension Bill with an age limit passed in the House for deserving statesmen—7621.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7636.

Sorry that hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) was unable to deal with Bill without attacking the government—7636.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7621.

On the preamble—The Pension Bill and Indemnity Bill voted last session, were all financial measures, which were bound up one with the other—7621. If the granting of pensions to ex-cabinet ministers was properly understood in the country the business sense of the country would not be opposed to the principle—7622. The road up to a cabinet office is long and hard and thorny—7623. The man who does not intend to be mean, cannot pass through this capital city of Ottawa on the salary of a Minister of the Crown to-day—7624. Seven thousand dollars a year for a cabinet minister is not an equivalent for the brain work and body work which must be devoted to his share of the business of the country; suggests the remedy of a saved annuity—7625. I do not think Canada is so poor that she wants to pitch her public men out upon the street when their cabinet rank is given up; the pension is right in principle but I would limit it in certain directions—7626.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7629.

The duties of a cabinet minister are amongst the most onerous of any calling in life—7629. We ought to lay this matter over until the next session of the House and not hastily cancel this legislation which it is proposed to do by the Bill now before the House—7629-30.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7627.

Those who give their lives to the service of their country ought to be rewarded at a certain time when they can no more provide for themselves or work for their country; but the question is, where are you to draw the line?—7627. The mistake we made last year was to have the provisions of this Bill apply automatically without exception; would hesitate to adopt the British system—7628. I would

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always hold myself ready to consider any scheme for the providing of those who have given the best of their lives to their country's cause. This country when it knows the question will accede to any reasonable proposition—7629.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—7630.

I have always been in accord with the principle of pensions; quotes speech of Hon. W. E. Gladstone made in a debate on May 27, 1869—7630. The principle of pensions has been established in England for many years; there is no reason why it should not be established in this country. It would be well to allow this Bill to stand over for another session—7631.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7631.

We are committing the same mistake tonight that we made last session, when the Bill referred to passed through the House—7631. I am not opposed to the principles of pensions; I am opposed to the system on which pensions were granted last session. If pensions are granted at all there should be a limit as to the age of the recipient; this measure should be taken up early next session—7632.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—7633.

If we repeal this law now we would be doing injury to a number of men whom the country does not want to injure. If we made a mistake last session we would be making a greater mistake now if we passed this Bill; suggests that Bill should not come into force until January 1, when we will have time to consider it next session—7633.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—7619.

On section 1—Some provision should be made for men who have given up their business to serve their country for a number of years, any cabinet minister who only modestly entertains cannot save a single dollar of his salary—7619. The effort that was made to provide a pension for ex-cabinet ministers was along the right line; suggests a fixed age limit as a remedy to existing conditions—7620.

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—7635.

This Bill is exactly like the Bill I introduced earlier in the session for the same purpose; on general principles I am opposed to pensions—7635.

Motion for the third reading of Bill (220) respecting the Act respecting annuities for certain privy councillors—Hon. W. S. Fielding—7649. Motion agreed to and Bill read the third time and passed—7660.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7651.

I am in entire accord with the course the government is taking in proposing to repeal altogether this Act—7651. I have the fixed opinion that the whole pension system, so far at all events as ministers of the Crown are concerned, is contrary to public policy. The considerations which were urged by the hon. member for North Toronto apply with the greatest force towards increasing the salary of ministers—7652. Annuities for certain privy councillors. Explains the retiring allowance of the judiciary—7653. From the standpoint of representatives of the people, this retiring allowance for privy councillors is literally in the nature of a gift or bounty without any new service being performed. There is not any breach of faith in withdrawing the Act of bounty that was passed a year ago—7654

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Bourassa, H. (Labelle)—7659.

The strength of public opinion was directed against the Pension Bill because of the manner in which it was introduced and because of lack of discrimination in the law as between men who deserved it and men who did not. I am surprised at the decision of the government to repeal the law of last year without any distinction being made as to acquired rights—7659.

Elson, P. (East Middlesex)—7654.

The people who elected me expected that $1,500 was the sum I would get, and with that expectation they elected me and on that ground I voted for repeal of the increase—7654. I concur in the increased indemnity given to the Prime Minister, no matter on which side of politics he may belong. I hold that the leader of the opposition should also be paid a salary and that the salary should be paid from the consolidated revenue of the country. I am opposed entirely to the principle of pensions—7655. Are the tillers of the soil and the toilers of the town to receive no pensions?—7656. I had no objection to the increases in the judges' salaries which were passed last session, but they were a little too high. Some people think that the Senate is useless and ought to be abolished, and therefore save money for the country instead of throwing it away—7657. I will vote with the government for the third reading of this Bill that will repeal the Pension Bill of last session—7658.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7658.

I favour the repealing of this Act because it is evidently in advance of the public opinion of the country. If the principle of pensions is one to be admitted I know of no public servants who are more deserving of it than men who have served for a certain period of time in the position of cabinet ministers—7658.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7649.

There is a very strong sentiment in the British parliament against the repudiation of legislative Acts which grants pensions or gives any financial service ; quotes the Rt Hon. W. E. Gladstone from British Parliamentary Debates of 1889—7650-1. The point is, not as to the constitutional right, but as to the justice of parliament—7651.

ARBITRATION BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY AND THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY COMPANY.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks what is position of the arbitration between His Majesty the King and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada—224.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—225

Are the findings final?—225.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—224.

Have seen some reference to report, and it would be convenient to have information conveyed to the House—224.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)

Arbitration is practically disposed of; only two questions remain of six or seven submitted. Might bring down findings already made.—Findings are final—225.

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Notice that to-morrow a motion will be moved in connection with the purchase of supplies for the steamer 'Arctic'—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—3503.

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As a matter of privilege Sir Wilfrid Laurier moves that a special committee be appointet to inquire fully into all the circumstances connected with purchase of and disposal of supplies for steamer 'Arctic', with power to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses—3620. Amendment by Mr. Borden—3628. Amendment negatived: yeas, 45; nays, 88—3669. Motion amended—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—3670. Motion agreed to unanimously—3670-1.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3622.

After public uneasiness has developed not with regard to 'Arctic' alone, but to general condition of the department in past few years, the right hon. gentleman (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) bravely invites a committee of the House to consider the question whether or not the 'Arctic' was large enough to hold supplies purchased for her; hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor) made specific charges quite as damaging as those which have been referred to—3622. What is reason that right hon. gentleman should seek to confine question solely to capacity of steamship 'Arctic'? How would any great corporation in country carry on business by making purchases of supplies through companies apparently created for very purpose of taking these orders?—3623. Public supplies to any large quantity should be purchased in open market and by tender and contract ; quotes instances of large sums paid for supplies without tender or competition—3624. There might be some excuse for affecting repairs to a vessel without tender, although no sufficient excuse has been afforded for departing from regular course. Does right hon. gentleman think he will satisfy the uneasiness and suspicion which has been created by proposing an inquiry into the cubic capacity of the steamship 'Arctic'?—3625. Quotes Ottawa platform of the Liberal party; deals with expenditures for supplies on 'Montcalm'—3626. Quotes language of hon. member from Grenville (Mr. Reid) used in debate on 'Arctic'; quotes language of right hon. gentleman in same debate—3627. Government should give just as thorough an investigation to the Marine and Fisheries Department as has been given in the insurance companies investigation—Moves amendment—3628. How much did government pay for pumps?—3665. Never uttered Mr. Préfontaine's name in matter from first to last; statement of First Minister with regard to condition of department is a more severe reflection upon it than anything I have uttered in House—3669.

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Brodeur, L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3660.

Amendment of leader of the opposition does not formally state that any person employed or connected with said department has profited thereby ; if he made such a charge he might investigate anything with regard to late minister—3661. Is it not correct that yesterday this question was investigated by Public Accounts Committee, that charges which hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) is now making were made then, that hon. member who had special charge of investigation was called upon to proceed with proof of charge and that answer was that it could not be done ?—3664. If hon. gentlemen opposite want to make charges let them have the courage to come boldly before the House and state they are ready to put their seats in jeopardy—3667. The leader of opposition now wants an investigation into the conduct of minister who was at head of the department before me. If they have anything against my friend Mr. Prefontaine, I invite them to make a charge, and we will be ready to give them a committee to investigate it—3668. Finds it somewhat strange that leader of opposition wants to investigate charges against Mr. Préfontaine on the anniversary of the day Mr. Préfontaine came to the head

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of the Marine and Fisheries Department—3669.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—3641.

If hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster)felt that he occupied a strong position, he would not have taken up the time of the House in reading so many items from Auditor General's Report. When these matters are properly inquired into it will be time enough then to form a conclusion that prices paid for these articles are extravagant—3641. Instances attitude of hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) in regard to North Atlantic Trading Company; explains various ways in which public matters may be investigated—3642. The suggestion that the effect of my right hon. friend's motion is to limit the investigation is entirely unwarranted—3643. The Committee on Public Accounts may investigate and I presume will investigate every one of these cases to which hon. member for North Toronto has drawn our attention. If hon. friend (Mr. Foster) is right in the suggestion that it is the determination of the Liberal party to prevent investigation they can prevent it just as well in the special committee as in the Committee on Public Accounts—3644. In theinvestigation in regard to the North Atlantic Trading Company there has been no refusal to answer any question that was a proper question—3645. When we are dealing with any corporation do we want to find out who are the shareholders or do we want to find out that the transaction is a good one and will produce results? What we do know is that methods employed during the present administration have brought immigrants into Canada and made the country prosperous—3646. quotes Lord Strathcona's letter; letter means that any arrangement made for the procuring of emigration in continental Europe must be kept secret; hon. gentleman from Lunenburg (Mr. A. K. Maclean)can be trusted to read and write and quote correctly—3647. As a common principle of business honour government have to keep those names secret, unless these men themselves voluntarily give the names—3648. Charge made by opposition is one that carries with it an accusation of gross and palpable fraud against a department, and therefore necessitates a special committee—3649. No vote was taken for an expedition to the North Pole—3653.

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Prime Minister is trying on a very small motion which he offers to House in a most restricted form, to take to himself and party the credit of affording a great chance to opposition for an investigation—3631. If there is any argument in the statement that certain matters should not be taken up because the Committee on Public Accounts have them before them,

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or can take them before them, that argument will apply in this instance. There is a very simple expedient which right hon. gentleman avails himself of; and that is to instruct his chairman and his committee to refuse to allow questions to be answered—3632. Instances case of North Atlantic Trading Company; illustrates obstacles in investigation before select standing committees. In case at issue the right hon. gentleman shelters himself behind a minister who has died; he appeals to House ad misericordiam—3633. When in the 5,500 copies of that book which is sent broadcast through this country, men take up the items of the Marine and Fisheries Department, and read from one end to the other of the most extravagant expenditures, will the memory of the dead minister be any better preserved than it was before? Late minister (Mr. Préfontaine) has a right to a memory which is straight and honest and nothing more—3634. Has the right hon. gentleman looked into the Auditor General's Report and noticed what has been expended during one year in supplies for steamer 'Kestrel'; $7,500 was expended for provisions alone for this crew of twenty-two men in the year 1904-5; quotes items from page P-145 of Auditor General's Report—3635-6-7. If 'Arctic,' 'Montcalm' and 'Kestrel' are samples then the Marine and Fisheries Department provides its vessels with recklessness and extravagance—3638. $3,000 would have been sufficient to have fooded 'Kestrel' for time she was in commission—3639. Why were tenders not called for the $120,000 worth of supplies in the matter of the 'Arctic'? No man can go through reports without coming to the conclusion that there is a necessity for the most rigid examination into the Marine and Fisheries Department—3640. Why did government cancel contract?—3648.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—3647.

Does letter of Lord Strathcona refer to individuals connected with the committee, or only to the arrangements that are made with them—3647. Has hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald) authority for stating that where a specific charge is made against a department, a committee of investigation will be granted?—3661.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—3665.

Was there any duty paid on government pump?—3665.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—3647.

Was that with reference to the original syndicate or with reference to the new committee that was formed last year?—3647.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—3660.

Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Macdonald) state what the objection is to the resolution of the leader of the opposition?—3660.

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Laurier, Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—3621.

This motion is consequent upon the debate which took place in House on night of Tuesday last. The statement was made by several members, very categorically, that supplies which had been purchased and paid for out of money of country could not all have gone into the hull of steamer; if such statements are well founded, it means that a fraud of the worst character has been committed upon country—3621. The supplies purchased for furnishing of the 'Montcalm' is a subject with which Committee on Public Accounts can deal if they think fit; if motion is confirmed I shall confer with hon. friend on other side (Mr. R. L. Borden) as to the composition of the committee—3622 When hon. gentlemen on other side of House make charges they are to be assumed to be nothing else than froth and wild talk. Charge of other side of House is that there has been larceny committed at the expense of the government. The late Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Préfontaine) is no longer in the House to defend himself; he has rendered his account to another tribunal before which all of us must appear some day—3629. Hon. the leader of opposition goes off at a tangent; he does not say whether or not he will accept this motion, but wants to have further investigation. Is there no sense of justice or fair-play to be expected from opposite side of House?—3630. Nothing is more detrimental to the country than that we should allow any dishonest act to pass unnoticed when a charge is made—3631. Has no objection to having resolution amended to read 1903-4 or 1904-5.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—3657.

Quotes speech of right hon. Prime Minister on debate in supply. The right hon. the leader of the House (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) pointed out the gravamen of the charges made by hon. gentlemen opposite and referred to the points on which alone they were prepared to take responsibility—3657. Calls attention of hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor) to his brave bold words of a few nights ago; quotes 'Hansard'—3658. Hon. leader of opposition evades the question brought squarely home to him by resolution of the leader of House (Sir Wilfrid Laurier); opposition prefer indulging in generalities to saying definite, specified statements—3659. The right hon. leader of this House has taken the strong position that when hon. gentlemen opposite are prepared to make definite charges of a personal character against the officials of the Marine and Fisheries Department or any other, he will grant them a committee on a specific charge—3660. Reason why proposition of leader of opposition should not be accepted by House is that, practically, it intimates a desire on his part to escape responsibility. It may be that there are some officials in the department of whom it might be said that it was time to lop the mouldering branch away—3661. Hon.

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members opposite are unwilling to take responsibility of making definite charges; they only insinuate, in order to arouse, if possible, suspicion throughout the country—3662.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—3645.

Lord Strathcona used substantially the following words: In no case are the names of the parties to this contract to be made public and the matter is to be regarded as strictly confidential—3645.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver City)—3635.

What would hon. friend (Mr Foster) ask twenty-two men to live upon?—3635. Who supplied that bill?—3636. Would hon. member state what L. Morrow & Co., supplied?—3637. Is ninety cents a day extravagant living for sailors on the Pacific coast? Will any hon. gentleman in House say that boat was only in commission ten months in the year?—3638. Is hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) prepared to make statement that supplies for 'Kestrel' are extravangant?—3639.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3656.

Resolution introduced by Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) refers to goods purchased in summer of 1903; not one purchase of supply was made for 'Arctic' in 1903, but all purchases we made after vessel arrived in April or May 1904—3656. Inquiry would go for nothing if House passes present resolution—3657.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—3649.

Quotes item of Supply on which House was moved into committee; instances charges made by hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor—3649. Government bought from five concerns last year an amount of no less than $849,000 worth of goods without tender; quotes hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor)—3650. Quotes right hon. gentleman on item of Supply. Supplies put on board 'Arctic' were not put on in consequence of any requisition signed by Captain Bernier—3651. Contrasts two positions taken by First Minister in regard to the investigation of the Department of Marine and Fisheries—3652. Public Accounts Committee cannot afford time for a complete investigation; special committee is necessary for thoroughness. How did government, in the first place, come to possess itself of this boat?—It was understood in 1903 that government intended to purchase a boat to go to the North Pole—3654. It is almost impossible for government to be condemned on proposed motion unless it should happen that we could find direct proof of theft on the part of somebody—3655. Present Minister (Mr. Brodeur) having succeeded to office politically he has to bear the responsibility of what was done under his predecessor—3656.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—3662.

Prime Minister stated the other evening that he would grant a committee to in-

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vetigate several charges that were made by four members on this side of the House; quotes 'Hansard' page 3475—3662. Was not charge made that Department of Marine and Fisheries were purchasing very large quantities of cement through middlemen when other departments were purchasing it direct. Not time enough for investigation before the Public Accounts Committee—3663. Department of Marine and Fisheries have been purchasing goods from this man Merwin under the name of Brooks; quotes telegram sent to H. R. Worthington of New York—3664. Quotes answering telegram; Merwin pays $800 for pump and minister pays $1,550—3665. Investigations as at present held are useless; a proper investigation would shock the First Minister and the country—3666.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—3658.

Quotes Hansard in reference to an investigating commission—3658. Does hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) know that there was an arrangement made between the chief whip of the government and myself that vote should be taken?—3668.

Tisdale, Hon. D. (Norfolk)—3639.

Ten months was what crew were paid for—3639. Hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) saw Lord Strathcona's letter and hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) did not—3645.

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Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the committee to investigate the 'Arctic' expenditure be composed of Messrs. Maclean (Lunenburg), Carvell, Demers, Purdee, McCraney, Macpherson, Bennett, Bergeron, Northrup and Stockton. Motion agreed to—3903.

Motion by Mr. A. K. Maclean that the final report of the special committee appointed to inquire into the purchase and disposal of supplies for the government steamer 'Arctic' be concurred in—6372. Mr. W. B. Northrup moves in amendment that the report be referred back to the commission for further consideration—6498. Amendment negatived: yeas, 37; nays, 93. Motion agreed to—6537.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6428.

What concerns the public to-day is where this $125,000 went in connection with the purchase of supplies for this expedition; quotes motion of the leader of the opposition (Mr R. L. Borden)—6428. From the very inception of this expedition it was current rumour and report that it was to be one huge case of brigandage—6429. Quotes letter of Col. Gourdeau; quotes testimony of Col. White—6430. Quotes testimony of Col. White; out of the whole $125,000 worth of supply none

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was purchased under the wholesale system of tender—6431. Gives description of what happened at Fullerton; quotes evidence of Dr. Flood at page 29; quotes correspondence between Mr. Brodeur and Audit Department—6432-3. Refers to amount of tobacco used; quotes evidence of Mr. Duchesnay—6434. Quotes evidence of Mr. Weeks on page 40—6435. Challenges the government to show one word of evidence of Captain Bernier that will bear out the statement that every dollar's worth in the invoices found a place in his book—6436. How is it possible that Weeks arrived at the fact that there were only 29 of the 40 coats from Laliberté?—6437. Quotes resolution moved in committee on June 20th which would have probed matter to the bottom—6438. How can you give evidence of the value of the goods that were ordered for the 'Arctic' unless you can get samples of those goods? The whole expedition was fitted out to have a good time, and they had it—6439-40.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6388.

The reason given for the outfitting of the 'Arctic' was that she was supposed to sail on a voyage of discovery to the North Pole; the statement of goods bought for the steamer, without tender, amounted to the sum of $265,469.12—6389. Captain Bernier is an honest man but he only answered what he wanted to answer—6390. Mr. Duchesnay swore that he was a Liberal and that Major Moodie was hard on French-Canadians—6391. Why were tenders not called for in connection with supplies? This investigation was not nearly as wide as that granted in 1891 into the affairs of the Public Works Department—6392. The Prime Minister does not like investigations—6393. This investigation was granted for two purposes, to ascertain whether the supplies bought were placed on the ship; and whether the prices were reasonable—6394. We cannot find what provisions went for other purposes than the discovery of the North Pole because we are not allowed to investigate—6395. Mr. Semple spent an afternoon in examining the invoices; he did not see the goods but he checked everything and said that everything was all right—6396. Mr. Semple swore that when the steamer came back the provisions on board were 25 per cent less than when she went away—6397. There was no satisfactory evidence before the committee of supplies that went on board—6398. An expenditure of $125,000, without tender, was incurred by the government for supplies for this expedition—6399. The whole expenditure was a huge scandal and a waste of public money—6400.

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What was the character of the damage?—6377. Important parts of the machinery are duplicated on board any ordinary vessel on the Atlantic—6378. Who is the gentleman to whom the hon. member

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(Mr. Pardee) alludes?—6414. What was the value of the goods brought back, at invoice prices?—6418. Were the goods which were left plus those requisitioned equal to the amount originally shipped and yet ten per cent thrown overboard and ten per cent decayed—6485. It was merely a question of delay—6510. The statement of the Minister of Marine (Mr. Brodeur) has not the slightest foundation in fact—6518. What was the total cost of the 'Arctic' expedition?—6519. I say to the hon. gentleman (Mr. Brodeur) that his statement is not correct, that I used it in quotation from one of his own followers, the hon. member from Vancouver—6522. Reads 'Hansard' of April 10. last; asks for apology from Minister of Marine (Mr. Brodeur)—6524. Any minister of the Crown who will seek to shield himself from his political responsibility behind the name of a dead colleague is unworthy of the position he occupies—6528. Compliments the member for West Lambton (Mr. Pardee) on his presentation of the government side of the case—6529. It behooves the Minister of Marine (Mr. Brodeur) to give some explanation as to why this scandalous misuse of money has taken place—6530. The government could have purchased 8,000 pounds of pemmican for $2,800, but they paid $10,000 for it, leaving a net loss to the country of $7,200—6531. The majority of the members of the committee saw fit, in their wisdom or unwisdom, to vote down the only reasonable proposition that an inventory should be taken, and absolutely essential information laid before the committee—6532. Which was the most important—that this inquiry should be closed before the close of the session, or that the truth should be completely brought out—6533. The present government estimated in 1903 for a similar expedition that the maintenance of crew and staff would cost $700 per month, or $8,400 per annum—6534. The expenditure for supplies per annum in 1904 amounted to about $28,000 or nearly four times as much as that of 1903—6535.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—6411.

Rises to a point of order; the hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) is referring to something that took place in the Public Accounts Committee, whose report is not now before the House—6411. Will my hon. friend (Mr. Northrup) be kind enough to quote the law of 1886 to which he referred with regard to the deck load?—6505. The leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) attacked not only the circumstances attending the outfitting of the 'Arctic', but also called for an investigation into the administration of the department back to 1903; he had not the courage to assail Mr. Préfontaine as he assails him now—6517. If the scope of the investigation was not wide enough hon. gentleman opposite have the same responsibility for it as we have; contrasts provisioning of other expeditions with that of the

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'Arctic'—6518. Gives the whole cost of the 'Arctic' expedition—6519. I am not an apostle of temperance, but I always see that there is no liquor on the vessels. The leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) some time ago said that the Ministers of Marine and Fisheries were murderers—6521-2. Quotes the Toronto 'Mail and Empire' of Aug. 22, 1904—6523. Reads report sent to Major Moodie on Sept. 21, 1905—6524. There were two kinds of biscuits in the provisions furnished—pilot biscuits and fancy biscuits; the pilot biscuits taken amounted to 30,000—6525. There were forty-two gallons of whiskey bought, and we have forty-two gallons on hand; quote statute of 1903, chap 63—6526. The hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. Northrup) quoted the law of 1886, when all cargoes were prohibited, but under the new law it is only timber that is prohibited—6527. Rises to point of order—6530.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—6397.

Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bergeron) say that Mr. Semple did not see the goods on the 'Arctic' after the boat returned?—6397. The hon. member for Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson) said that Duchesnay sought members of the opposition before giving his evidence—6420.

It was necessary that an expedition should go to the northern waters around Hudson Bay, Baffin's Bay, Davis strait and other waters adjacent to the northern portion of the American continent; gives reaons—6441. How would it be possible to advertise for tenders for supplies, to get them economically and to get that vessel away on August 15, 1904. Captain is a man who possesses a greater amount of knowledge than any other man in the world as to the requirements of a voyage to the Arctic and Antarctic oceans—6442. In exhibit No. 61 in the case we have actually the original draft of the list sent to the government on June 24 by Captain Bernier—6443. Quotes letter addressed to Christie, Brown and Co. of Montreal by the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries; sorry that hon. member for Grenville (Mr. J. D. Reid) did not persist in the manly course he took at the beginning—6444. The burden of proof was on hon. gentlemen opposite to show that goods did not go on board the vessel—6445. The hon. member for Beauharnois (Mr. Bergeron) and the hon. member for East Simcoe (Mr. Bennett) only exploited certain hobbies in the committee—6446. Every time a witness was placed on the stand my hon. friend (Mr. Northrup) would ask questions on bovril—6447. If the clerks had the invoices in their possession, they checked the goods from them as they went over the ship's side; if they had not the invoices they entered the goods on a sheet of paper as they went along—6448. When this vessel returned the next year the government had an inventory taken of every article contained on the vessel—

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6449-50. Bovril is not an article manufactured by everybody; there is only one bovril—6451. Quotes exhibit No. 40—6452. Quotes exhibits Nos. 43, 44 and 54—6453. Quotes exhibit 77—6454. Do these statements of Weeks and Moffatt put together not show 233 cases of bovril and pemmican placed on board that vessel?—6455. Mr Mitchell, the manager of the Bovril Company in Montreal, not only swore that he delivered the goods, but he produced every document in his possession relating to the transaction—6456 The evidence, of Mr. Mitchell as to the difference between Johnston's fluid beef and bovril is found on page 552—6457. Mr. Wovenden was an interested party in the case because he is a rival manufacturer of similar goods manufactured by the bovril company—6458. The article called beefene is not the same as bovril; it has never been analyzed; it is not as good, and it is not worth as much money—6459. Mr. Semple swore he never saw better goods in his life and Col. White swore that the supplies were the best that could be produced—6460. There is no ground for the statement made this afternoon that we would not allow hon. gentlemen to call the evidence they wanted to call—6461. Mr Boudreau's evidence is not so very important, but it is not necessary to blacken his character before the whole people of Canada—6462. Gives the story of Mr. Boudreau's resignation from the Molson's Bank of Canada—6463-4. Quotes motion made at last session of the committee of investigation—6465. Refers to matter concerning the Esquimaux ladies—6466. After it having been agreed last Friday that the evidence was closed, hon. gentlemen yesterday demanded additional evidence—6467. The goods bought were absolutely necessary for a three year's cruise—6468. Quotes letter written by Col. Gourdeau to Major Moodie; they do not have drug stores or supply station in the Arctic regions—6469. Of $55,000 worth of provisions the government has on hand between $37,000 and $38,000 worth—6470. Would the hon. gentleman (Mr. Northrup) mind giving the expenditure on the 'Gauss'?—6478. Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Northrup) turn to the evidence which states that ten per cent was thrown overboard and the other ten per cent of it spoiled?—6485.

Demers, L. P. (St. John and Iberville)—6400.

Quotes leader of opposition (Mr. R L. Borden) at page 3362 of 'Hansard'; quotes hon. member for Grenville (Mr. Reid) at page 3367 of 'Hansard'—6400. Quotes resolution moved by Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) on May 18. Every point of the resolution has been dealt with fully and fairly; contrasts the report of the majority with the report of the minority—6401. Every man on board the 'Arctic' including Duchesnay says that the supplies were of the very best quality; it is not proved that the ship was overprovisioned—6402. The committee has found that the price paid for the tobacco was excessive because the excise duty was charged on it which should not have been done. Quotes Mr. Semple's evidence—6403. Quotes report of minority; quotes evidence—6404. The only evidence refused by the committee was evidence which had nothing to do with the question at issue—6405. After the enquête had been closed the opposition wanted to re-open it, which the committee disallowed——6406. Quotes minority report; as we are the court to adjudicate upon the claim we simply declare that the allegations have not been justified by the evidence—6407.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6377.

What damage was done to the windlass according to the evidence?—6377.

We were badly scandalized to find that there was an orgy prepared for by $4,000 worth of liquors to be sent to the 'Arctic'; but we did not say that no spirituous liquors should be sent on an expedition of that kind—6520. Does the minister (Mr. Brodeur) say that the expedition, to which he has referred, was sent north in 1886—6528.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—6511.

The 'Arctic' was overloaded, inasmuch as the goods were piled up on the deck to a height of ten feet, contrary to the law—6512. The crew of the 'Arctic' repaired a propeller at sea although it was far more difficult to repair a propeller than a windlass. The minority members desired to bring samples of the commodities that were still on board the vessel in order that they might be examined; this was not permitted—6513. Nansen's provision account, on his journey, only amounted to $11,576 and his equipment account was $15,618. If the government pay out money unnecessarily they are just as much liable as if a man steals an equivalent amount of money—6514. Quotes evidence of Mr. Mitchell respecting pemmican; $1.25 per pound is a ridiculously high price for pemmican—6515. On these two articles, bovril and pemmican alone for which $19,780 was paid, the government could have saved this country $12,260—6516.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—6482.

Would like to know whether my hon. friend (Mr. Northrup) undertakes to say that all the goods purchased were not actually put on board the 'Arctic'?—6482.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—6376.

The motion for an investigation was the result of charges made on the other side of the House to the effect that goods bought for the 'Arctic' never went on board and that the vessel was not large enough to carry them—6376. The reason for the return of the 'Arctic' was because the windlass which is used to lower and hoist the anchor was found to be damaged—6377. The mistake in the

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castings is a mistake which would occur and which it would be impossible to foresee—6378. There has not been one suggestion of keeping out one witness—6379. There was only one case in which one of our witnesses was discredited and that was on a question of $7.50 hotel account—6380. There was no attempt to whitewash the department for the Liberal members did most of the investigating—6381. Mr. Duchesnay was a man with a grievance and his evidence was contradictory—6382. It was proved by Captain Bernier and Mr. Adams that the 'Arctic' could have carried a considerable number of tons of goods more than was put on board—6383. Captain Bernier himself stored away in the compartments practically every pound of goods taken on the 'Arctic' for provisioning the men—6384. The goods that were supplied to the 'Arctic' would be of little use to any body who was not sailing in the 'Arctic'—6385. The amount of liquors and cigars taken on board the 'Arctic' was not any more than would be used by vessels, under similar circumstances, outfitted by private individuals—6386. We have the sworn testimony of Major Moodie that if the "Arctic' had not been provisioned in the way she was, it would have been a matter of criminal neglect on the part of those responsible for her outfitting—6387. There is no better proof to be obtained of honest administration than that supplied in the outfitting of the 'Arctic'—6388.

The leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) cannot find in 'Hansard' a passage where I called anybody murderers—6522.

McCraney, G. E. (Saskatchewan)—6506.

The purpose of this expedition was to cruise in Hudson bay, through the straits, and along the coast of Greenland—6506. The Liberal members in the special investigating committee endeavoured to elicit whatever information there was—6507. We were not discussing the cubic contents of the vessel or the cubic capacity of goods; we are discussing the question whether these had been delivered—6508. A cost of approximately one dollar per day per man is not one of which this country will complain—6509.

It would have been as easy on June 4, for the hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. Northrup) to have called for these samples, for the accountant and the expert witnesses as it was a few days ago—6510. The best evidence that hon. gentlemen have failed in their charges is the allegation by the hon. member for Grenville (Mr. J. D. Reid) that the witnesses produced had been tampered with—6511.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—6380.

There was not a jot of evidence before the committee to substantiate the amount charged on October 5—6380.

Quotes majority report; is it true that the committee has examined all the witnesses brought before them—6471. Is it true that the committee inquired fully into the charges and expenditures? Quotes report—6472. Quotes Toronto 'Globe'—6473. Traces sittings of the committee; there was lots of time for passing certain motions and examining certain witnesses—6474. Experts could not possibly give us prices on these articles unless we gave them samples showing the kind of article we wished them to value—6475. There was plenty of opportunity for asking for tenders—6476. Everything from the beginning to the end of this expedition was as extravagantly, carelessly and stupidly done as it was possible to do it. The 'Fram,' Nansen's boat, had a total equipment account of only $16,816—6477. Quotes reference sent the committee by the House—6478. We on this side are not complaining because clothes and furs were bought for seamen, but we are complaining of wanton extravagance; quotes purchases made for the 'Arctic'—6479. Captain Bernier is a truthful, honest man; but there is every difference between a man who is willing to tell the story and the man who is not—6480. When Major Moodie left on the 'Arctic' at Fullerton, a number of boxes and bales were shipped and similar boxes and bales were transferred from the 'Arctic' to the 'Neptune'—6481. Both Captain Bernier and Major Moodie said that it was almost impossible to climb from one end of the ship to the other because of her cargo—6482. The question in any one's mind would be whether a boat loaded in the ordinary way would have the capacity to carry such a cargo—6483. There is no evidence whatever as to whether there was $125,000 worth of stores on that boat—6484. Weeks told us that 10 per cent of the goods were destroyed and thrown overboard; Semple said that twent-five per cent are lying spoiled at Sorel; Quotes Semple's evidence—6485-6. Quotes Week's evidence—6487-8. Compares amount of certain goods taken with amount used—6489—90. We paid $100,000 for a boat that was no use for the purpose for which she was bought—6491. What results are there to show for this expedition with its cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars—6492. Would any good sailor have come back for the sole reason that his windlass was not working? Quotes telegram sent to J. W. Flavelle, of Toronto—6493. Quotes declaration of L. C. Van Bever, manager of the Canadian departments of the Wm. Davis Company, Limited—6494. There is not one word of evidence by any witness from beginning to end that more than two lots of bovril reached Quebec—6495. A wholesale man buying the ordinary small quantity of bovril could buy it at $1.23 a pound, and yet the country had to pay $1.65 for a large quantity—6496. The country sustained an enormous loss on account of the prices paid for meat articles which prices were certainly not fair and reasonable—6497. Moves amendment—6498-9-500-1-2-3-4-5. Reads chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, section 7—6506.

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Pardee, F. F. (West Lambton)—6412.

No argument could more forcefully demonstrate the weak case of the opposition than the speech of the hon. gentleman (Mr. J. D. Reid)—6412. The provisions of the 'Arctic' were to have cost in the neighbourhood of $118,000 and due and proper precautions were taken to see that goods were properly purchased—6413. The Prime Minister himself sent a man to Quebec to check the goods and see that no fraud was committed—6414. Taking the evidence of Bernier, Moffet and Weeks we have sufficient evidence that the goods were actually received and stored on the 'Arctic'—6415. If trouble had been taken to go through the requisitions, it would be found that the requisitions are correct with the goods that came on board—6416. Undoubtedly a portion of the supplies of the 'Arctic' were used up in the furnishing of the Esquimaux with food during the time the vessel was at Fullerton—6417. When Weeks, who checked the goods, did bring down the red book and the original sheets, it was found that the goods on hand tallied almost exactly with them; quotes preamble of resolution—6418. Where has it been shown by the cross-examination of these witnesses that any one of the government employees benefited to the extent of one copper?—6419. Is it a fair thing for an opponent, when all other means fail, to say that a witness has been 'fixed'?—6420. Captain Bernier swears that he knows of his own knowledge that all the goods ordered by these invoices were actually received on board the 'Arctic'—6421. Duchesnay's evidence is not reliable because he has a grievance against one of the officers—6422-3. Quotes first motion made in committee by hon. member from East Hasting (Mr. Northrup)—6424. Quotes second motion made by hon. member from East Hastings—6425. Quotes motions made by Mr. Bennett and Mr. Northrup; these motions could not have been executed without unduly prolonging the sittings of the committee; the opposition have proven absolutely nothing to support the conclusions of the minority report—6426. The 'Arctic' expedition accounts have been proven—6427.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—6407.

Quotes speech made by Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) on May 18; explains statement regarding capacity of ship; quotes resolution for investigation—6408. The only expert the government brought to testify was an official from the Marine and Fisheries Department. If there was wrong-doing while the late Mr. Préfontaine was alive, the same system went on after he was dead—6409. Every witness was either an employee of the government, or he had in his pocket a promise that he would be taken back on the 'Arctic' as soon as it started on another expedition—6410. $335 was paid for a boiler by Merwin for which he charges the government $936.50, and he certifies that his price is reasonable and fair—

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6411. If we had had the opportunity of going thoroughly into this investigation there is not the slightest doubt that we would have shown that exorbitant prices were charged—6412.

Roche, Wm. (Halifax)—6376.

When the witnesses were examined respecting the damage to machinery, what portion of the machinery was reported to be damaged?—6376.

Speaker, Mr.—6411.

If the matter is still pending before the committee it is not proper to refer to it—6411.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John's city and Co.)—6372.

Quotes motion made by right hon. gentleman (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) on May 18; gives questions referred to the committee for investigation—6372. If the equipment was for a three years' voyage, when the vessel came to Quebec to repair why did she not return to Hudson Bay when the repairs were made—6373. Why were the various motions for further investigation in committee voted down?—6374. We had a statement that the government paid more than three prices for pemmican and more than two prices for tobacco in addition to ordinary trade profit—6375. The inquiry was restricted in the first place by the Prime Minister in sending it to a special committee; but under the terms of the resolution we were entitled to a full inquiry—6376.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO POSITIONS UNDER GOVERNMENT.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Bergeron desires to call the attention of the House to an answer which was given a few days ago to a question put by him—6543.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6543.

It took the government so long to answer the question that I thought at least the answer would be complete, but it is not—6543. The list would have been long in its original form, because the demand was from 1867, but I told Mr. Pope I did not want the entire list, that from 1896 would do—6544. The wording may be wrong but the spirit is good—6545.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—6545.

We do not regard a Senator of Canada as being in the pay of the Government—6545.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—6544.

This information was brought to the House as it was received from the Secretary of State. I cannot vouch for its accuracy—6544. I do not remember that Mr. Watson was a member of the House when appointed to the upper chamber—6545.

ASHCROFT, BARKERVILLE AND FORT-GEORGE RAILWAY.

Amendment made by the Senate to Bill (89) to incorporate the Ascroft, Barkerville and Fort George Railway Company, read the first time—5401.

Motion by Mr. D. Ross that said amendment be read the second time and agreed to. Motion agreed to, and amendment read the second time and agreed to—5402.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —5401.

There is under consideration an amendment to the Railway Act which would cover this point—5402.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—5401.

Where a railway goes through a pass, and it is impracticable or very expensive to build a separate line, we shall have running rights over that road—5401.

Ross, D. (Yale-Cariboo)—5401.

The other House, anticipating general legislation, has framed a clause of its own which it has put in all these railways that go through the mountains—5401.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

On motion to adjourn, Mr. Borden (Carleton, Ont.), asks the Premier when may the Auditor General's Report be expected?—7. Matter drops and motion agreed to.—11.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7.

Would like to know when the report of the Auditor General might be expected—7.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —8.

Have no doubt it will be presented within the time prescribed by Parliament—8.

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On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden suggests that the Auditor General's Report be presented in instalments, as prepared—5127.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5127.

I suppose it would be possible for the Auditor General to get his report ready in parts, and to arrange to put out each part as it is completed—6127.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —6127.

I think that the most that can be said is that, where there is a probability of delay in the presentation of the report, it would be better to have it brought down in instalments—6127.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6127.

On a former occasion we had the report presented in instalments, each branch separately, and then the completed volumes issued after that—6127.

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Mr. Parmelee explains in answer to request for information by member for Beauharnois (Mr. Bergeron) that French version of the Auditor General's Report is in type and will be ready next week—5886.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT IN FRENCH, THE

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Bergeron calls the attention of the chairman of the Printing Committee to the fact that the Auditor General's Report in French has not yet appeared—5754.

BARRISTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT.

On the notice of motion, that it is inexpedient that any member of the government, or deputy-head should act or appear as counsel in any action, suit or proceeding except where the interests of the Crown are involved—Mr. Lennox—1396. Mr. Fitzpatrick asks that it be allowed to stand over. Motion allowed to stand—1397.

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

Motion, that the House go into committee on Bill (81) respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada—Mr. Bureau—3953. Amendment by Mr. Lennox—3957. Amendment negatived and motion (Mr. Bureau) agreed to—3964.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—3959.

I have no doubt that when the chair declared the Bill passed the other day it was passed—3959. My impression is that what was promised by the Minister of Justice will be carried out, and if the Minister of Railways will bring down the amendments to the Railway Act, which were promised, it will satisfy the great majority of the members of the House—3960.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—3953.

If the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) will read the Bill, he will see the understanding. It is added to the Bill as section 2—3953. Explains the action that led to the question before the House—3962. I do not want the Bell Company to press anything through the committee, but I do not want the Bill to go back to the committee, and be treated as it was before—3963.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—3957.

There did not seem to be any serious objection to reporting the Bill; as chairmain, I did not feel that there was any member of the committee, or any respectable number of the committee, who did not wish the Bill reported—3957. The chairman did not leave the chair, as the hon. member for Lincoln (Mr. Lancaster) stated. I remember distinctly that when

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the yeas and nays were called the nays were overwhelmingly against the motion —3961.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Justice) —3955.

This Bill might properly be allowed to go into committee and be discussed there, but it ought not to leave committee until the legislation promised has been submitted to the House for consideration—3955.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—3954.

I must protest against the promoter of the Bill proceeding with the measure now. We cannot tell what the provisions of the General Bill proposed by the Minister of Justice will be until that Bill has been actually passed—3954. I am satisfied that the Railway Committee would not have passed the Bill in the shape in which it now appears had it not been for the assurance given by the Minister of Justice —3955. I think the chairman of the committee has made an error in speaking in regard to the amendment of my hon. friend from Simcoe (Mr. Lennox) to refer back the Bill—3957. Details the proceedings in committee—3958. If this Bill has to go through, it can do no harm to have it go back, and to have that motion of the member for Simcoe (Mr. Lennox) dealt with calmly, quietly and dispassionately —3959. The chairman drew the attention of Mr. Osler and other members to the fact that the discussion would be more in order when we had passed the preamble, and were dealing with section 1, and there it stopped—3963.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) 3956.

The Department of Justice has not yet reported on that point—3956.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—3906.

I say distinctly that this Bill was not in a position to be reported. I generally have a great persuasive power over the Chairman of the Railway Committee, but on that occasion I failed—3956. Although this is Monday, and there is not as good a representation in the House as I would like, still I shall move that this Bill be not proceeded with, but be referred back to the committee for further consideration—3957. Does not my hon. friend (Mr. Bergeron) know that I had asked for the yeas and nays distinctly several times, and that a sufficient number of members stood up?—3960. The hon. member for South York (Mr. Maclean) was not there that day—3961. Then we had a vote, and at the conclusion of the vote I moved my amendment; Mr. Bennett protested against the ruling of the chairmain after my motion had been ruled out—3962. The question is not exhausted yet—3963.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3953.

I understand from the newspapers that this Bill was to be held over until the proposed amendments to the Railway Act were passed—3953. This Bill should not be advanced a single stage until we know whether or not it is the intention of the government to put through the telephone amendments this session—3954.

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Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—3961.

I cannot see any great advantage to be gained by having this Bill go back to the Railway Committee. In regard to what occurred on the last day ,I think it is only fair and proper to the chairman to say that he endeavored to keep the best of order in the committee—3961. Any of these questions can be brought up when the House is in Committee of the Whole, and I do not see any reason why we should not now go into committee on the Bill—3962.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—3955.

I am led to believe that, under these amendments the Minister of Railways will have some control over the rates and that municipalities will probably retain control over their streets—3955. I would ask now whether this parliament has jurisdiction to confer power upon the provinces to expropriate existing telephone lines? Then, I protest against this Bill being proceeded with until this point has been considered—3956.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3963.

Considering the very hasty and unsatisfactory manner in which it was passed through the committee, I think the only proper thing to do would be to refer it back to the committee—3963. There is plenty of time for this to be done with this Bill, and I have no doubt it would pass the House with less difficulty—3964.

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House in Committee on Bill (81) respecting Bell Telephone Company of Canada—Mr. Bureau—3964. Motion by Mr. Bureau, that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. Motion agreed to—3969.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3964.

I would suppose that if the Bill passed in committee upon an assurance that certain legislation would be introduced, that the Bill would not go out of the committee until it was indicated what the legislation was to be—3964.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—3969.

Moves that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—3969.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Justice) —3965.

Repeats the assurance of subsequent general legislation which was given to the

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committee and explains the working of it—3965. I have endeavoured in my amendment to draw a distinction between conditions existing and conditions that may arise in the future. The amendment, to a large extent, has been approved both by the company and by the municipalities—3966. The amendment is intended to be applicable to conditions existing at the present time as well as to conditions to be created hereafter—3967. The Privy Council decided that my hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) builded better than he knew—3968.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—3964.

The Minister of Justice said so—3964.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—3966.

I think it will be necessary to allow municipalities to control their own systems and the territory they occupy, except perhaps in the matter of trunk lines—3966. I find that as soon as the cities, towns and villages get what they want they do not feel any great degree of anxiety as to the people who live outside—3967.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3964.

On the preamble—Will the Prime Minister now say exactly what is to be the programme of the government in regard to this ?—3964. The municipalities are not satisfied with the proposed legislation. I wish also to protest against the statement of policy made by the Minister of Justice that general legislation in regard to telephones should only have a certain effect in the future—3967. Suggests that government should get on with their Telephone Bill, and that the municipalities be given an opportunity to appear before the Committee, if necessary—3968.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3967.

The Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) makes a distinction between rights acquired under the existing law, and rights the company may acquire in the future; what I contend is that although they have exercised those rights, it was never intended by the country that they had acquired them—3967. Therefore, it seems to me that we ought to be extremely careful so as to guard the provincial rights which the people ought to have under the provincial law—3968.

House again in committee on Bill (81) respecting the Bell Telephone Company—Mr. Bureau—4195. Progress reported—4197.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—4196.

This Bill was to remain in the committee stage until the amendments to be proposed to the Railway Act by the Minister of Railways were brought down. They have been brought down and referred to a Special Committee—4196. This Bill is

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a private measure affecting a private corporation, and I do not believe the member for South York (Mr. Maclean) wants to hold up the company—4197.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —4196.

I do not understand the arrangement before the Railway Committee to be that the Bell Telephone Company Bill was to stand until these amendments to the Railway Act were actually concurred in by the House—4196.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4197.

The Minister of Justice is looking after this matter; I have had no conference with him, and in his absence I would not care to proceed. I do not think my hon. friend (Mr. Maclean) should ask us what we will do until I have had an opportunity to discuss this matter with the Minister of Justice—4197.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—4195.

On the preamble—The understanding yesterday was that this Bill was to remain where it was until the government measure dealing with telephones had gone through the House—4195. Clearly that was the understanding, and will leave it to the government to say if it was not—4196. After the Prime Minister has consulted the Minister of Justice, the House and the country ought to be informed what the understanding is, and what the intention of the government is in regard to the passing of this Bill—4197.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—4196.

I was discussing this Bill to-day with the leader of the opposition (Mr. Borden) and I understood from him that this Bill would not come up this evening—4196.

House again in committee on Bill (81) respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada—Mr. Bureau—4388.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —4388.

I understood from the Prime Minister that it was his desire that this Bill should stand over a day and not go on to-night —4388.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—4388.

Will the government tell us what they believe to be the understanding with regard to the Bell Telephone Bill?—4388.

House in committee on Bill (81) respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada—Mr. Bureau— 5995. Bill reported—6022.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5998.

There is no objection, I suppose, on the part of any person to a reasonable in-

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crease of the capital required for the purposes of this or any other corporation—5998. If public convenience could be met by having that general legislation in these precise terms before us in advance of our being asked to assent to this Bill, that would be eminently desirable—5999. Can the minister (Mr. Fisher) tell me where the amendment, as reported by the committee, can be found?—6005.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—6006.

The subject before us is the Bill of the Bell Telephone Company asking for an increase of capital—6006. If the company apply for an increase of capital, it is because they want it. Quotes list presented to directors in December, 1905, for work of construction and reconstruction—6007. I do not care what company comes before parliament, it ought not to be singled out and its charter made subject to special restrictions which do not apply generally—6008. Did Mr. Ethier say that there had been any complaint against the Bell Telephone Company in the slightest ?—6009. Does the hon. member (Mr. W. F. Maclean) mean to say that if these amendments are not passed he would not grant this increase to the Bell Telephone Company ?—6011.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —6004.

When the tolls are reasonable, it is obvious that it is to the advantage of the public that the telephone business shall be in the hands of one company and one company only—6004. It seems to me that this meets fully the demands of the public—6005. In that case they will require to interchange messages—6006. I do not see any necessity for holding up this Bill at present—6014. When the public interest requires it, then free interchange should be given so that the public may get a reasonably cheap and efficient service—6015. You must give another company all the privileges and advantages of your connections if the public interests demand such a course—6016. I have no right to demand that that corporation shall give any kind of service I want, unless I am ready to subscribe to it—6017. If the public interest is safeguarded by requiring an efficient service, that is all we have a right to provide and ask for, and it is provided in this amendment—6018.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5997.

It seems to me we might dispose of this legislation before we undertake to give the Bell Telephone Company their extra capital—5997. The question might be discussed how far the request of the company depends upon favourably safeguarding the municipalities in the clauses to be introduced by the Railway Act—5998.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —6002.

Section 25, with other sections, was referred to the Select Committee, which

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recommended to the House the following amendment. Quotes amendment. When the Bill is in committee, I intend to move that the amendment be expunged and another substituted. Reads proposed amendment—6002.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto) —5996.

Is the report of the committee satisfactory to the government, and do the government intend to adopt that Bill as the committee reported it?—5996. There are other reasons than those pointed out this morning which have led certain members to believe that this Bill should not go through until the amendments to the Railway Act regarding telephones become law—6008. This company should be put in exactly the same position as the other telephone and telegraph companies which have been organized more recently—6009. I want the company to increase its capital and extend its business; but I want it to carry on its operations under proper restrictions in the public interest—6010.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6000.

We passed this Bill in the committee, relying on the fact that the then Minister of Justice said that the House would deal with the amendments before this Bill was allowed to pass—6000. If the company are to have increased capitalization there should be regulation—6001. If this Bill is proceeded with before we know what these general clauses are we will have to ask the House to put a lot of clauses into it for the sake of safety—6002. But suppose no amendments are made?—6007. Is the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bureau) willing to have these same clauses put into a private charter that we want put into the general law?—6008. I do not know what the rights of the Bell Telephone Company are in this House as against the people of Canada—6021.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —5996.

The report of the committee is before the House, and the Bill of this committee is before the House. They must be taken one after the other—5996. It will be for this parliament to look into that measure and see whether they approve of it—5997. This is not a government measure, and my hon. friend (Mr. Maclean) has no right to say the government has no right to do certain things—6000. Unless we make progress there is danger that this private legislation will not go through—6010. The government made no promise except to introduce a Bill to bring telephone companies under the control of the Board of Railway Commissioners, and that promise they have carried out—6012. We have thought that we might let the Bill go through the committee and reserve its third reading until we have amended the Railway Act, after which the third reading will become the first order of the day —6022.

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Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5995.

The understanding was that this Bill should not be proceeded with further until the government measure dealing with telephones had been brought down—5995. The provision for a wide exchange of telephone traffic between the different companies is not in the Bill—5996. The position taken by the large delegations that came here was that, until provision is made in the general Act, which regulates that monopoly, they do not want this increased capital to be given—5998. Will the Prime Minister allow me to inform him what the report of the committee, which is now before the House, contains —5999. The government have no right, I contend, to ask the House to empower the Bell Telephone Company to increase its capital without the safeguards being provided in public legislation—6000. The amendment that the hon. minister (Mr. Emmerson) now says he intends to recommend to the House is not the amendment he presented to the committee—6002. I do not think we ought to allow this increase in the capitalization to go through until the public is fully protected—6003. The amendment as reported by the committee is not printed, and that is one reason why this Bill should stand—6005. Let us hear from the government what they intend to do, and when we have dealt with the amendments to the law there will be no trouble about this Bill going through—6006. Here we have two ministers of the government going back on the principles they have enunciated in regard to this Bill—6010. I have no intention that the Bell Telephone Company shall have an increase of its capital under conditions that would allow it to extend its monopoly—6011. The company can get the right to increase its capital as soon as the governrment give the public the inspection they have been promised and to which they are entitled—6012. Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fisher) read it in the government measure?—6016. You used to weep for the farmers; and now you weep for the Bell Telephone Company —6017. It is a great principle and you denounce and deny it under this law—6018. I have given notice of a motion that, on the third reading, if public rights are not protected, I will move to refer the Bill back to the committee—6022.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6003.

It was decided that this Bill would not go on until we had the assurance that a general law would be passed this session dealing with the telephone question—6003. Now that we have that assurance from the government, I think there is no reason for retarding the progress of the Bill—6004.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—5996.

When this matter was before the Railway Committee the discussion was as to the rights of municipalities, it was not on this question of principle that my hon. friend (Mr. Maclean) has just referred to —5996. I may say that these amendments have gone through the special committee practically as recommended—5997. Is there any reason why the Bell Telephone Company should build up these other companies for the purpose of destroying their own business?—6019. We are dealing simply with a Bill increasing the capital of the Bell Telephone Company—6020.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6002.

It will be of no use at all—6002. If the proposed amendment of the Minister of Railways passes you might as well have no provision for interchange—6005. Quotes the amendment—6012. Where there are two systems and where these two systems touch, I hold we ought to have connection—6013. One switchboard could connect these local systems with the Bell, but they don't allow it. If the Minister of Railways amendment is carried it is of no value—6014. These local companies come from the country; they are not operating much in the villages, but in the village they connect with the Bell—6015.

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Motion that Bill (81) respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada be read the third time—Mr. Bureau—6317. Motion to amend—Mr. W. F. Maclean—6321. Amendment negatived: yeas, 24; nays, 96. Bill read the third time and passed—6322.

Bureau, J. (Three Rivers)—6318.

The only question at issue in this Bill is whether the Bell Telephone Company are entitled to the increase of capital they are asking for—6318. Why should the Bell Telephone Company be subject to restrictions that are not included in the general law?—6319.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6317.

No good purpose can be served by going into a discussion of this Bill now—6317. This Bill will not become law any quicker if passed to-night than if passed Friday night—6318. It was distinctly stipulated by Mr. Fitzpatrick that we would not be asked to pass this Bill until general amendments were adopted by this House 6319.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6321.

Reads notice of amendment made on May 28th; moves amendment—6321.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6320.

We have not only the assurance of the government and the fact that the law is before us but the certainty that the Bill to amend the Railway Act is going through the House—6320. If we retard the passage of this Bill the Bell Tele-

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phone Company will not be able to obtain their amended charter and to carry out the improvements required—6321.

BILLS.

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Bill (1) respecting the administration of oaths of office—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—4.

Bill (14) to amend the Weights and Measures Act—Mr. Campbell (Centre York)—169.

Bill (19) respecting the South Ontario Pacific Railway Company—Mr. Guthrie—349.

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Bill (22) respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—349.

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Bill (34) respecting the Columbia and Kootenay Railway Navigation Company—Mr. Galliher—350.

Bill (35) to incorporate the Western Loan and Trust Company —Mr. Adamson—443.

Bill (36) respecting the Canadian Niagara Power Company—Mr. German, by Mr. Galliher—444.

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Bill (39) respecting the Canada Atlantic Railway Company—Mr. Macdonald by Mr. Galliher—444.

Bill (40) respecting certain loan companies—Mr. Zimmerman—444.

Bill (41) respecting the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Company—Mr. Macpherson—485.

Bill (42) to incorporate the Buffalo, Niagara and Toronto Railway Company—Mr. German by Mr. Campbell—485.

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Bill (54) to incorporate the Pacific Marine Underwriters (Limited)—Mr. Macpherson—656.

Bill (55) respecting the powers of the Harbour Commission of Montreal—Hon. L. P. Brodeur—656.

Bill (56) for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending June 30, 1906—Hon. Mr. Paterson—711.

Bill (57) respecting the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company—Hon. N. A. Belcourt—743.

Bill (58) respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway—Mr. McCarthy by Mr. Guthrie—743.

Bill (59) to incorporate the Woman's Art Association of Canada—Mr. Grant by Mr. Calvert—744.

Bill (60) to incorporate the Inter-Ocean Fire Insurance Company—Mr. Bole by Mr. Jackson—744.

Bill (61) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Company—Mr. McCarthy by Mr. Guthrie—744.

Bill (63) to incorporate the National Fire Insurance Company of Canada—Mr. Zimmerman—829.

Bill (64) respecting the Atlantic, Quebec and Western Railway Company—Mr. Gauvreau—829

Bill (65) respecting the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company—Mr. Bureau—829.

Bill (67) to amend the Supreme and Echequer Courts Act—Mr. Fitzpatrick—890.

Bill (68) further to amend the Canada Evidence Act, 1893—Mr. Fitzpatrick—890.

Bill (69) respecting certain patents of Henry Edmunds—Mr. Campbell—890.

Bill (70) respecting the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—890.

Bill (71) to incorporate the Calgary and Fernie Railway Company—Mr. Galliher—890.

Bill (72) to incorporate the Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway Company—Mr. Demers—890.

Bill (73) respecting the Boundary, Kamloops and Cariboo Central Railway Company—Mr. Duncan Ross—969.

Bill (76) respecting the Revillon Bros., Ltd. —Mr. McCool.—999.

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Bill (77) respecting the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company—Mr. M. S. McCarthy—999.

Bill (78) respecting the Great Northwest Central Railway Company—Mr. W. J. Roche—999.

Bill (79) respecting certain patents of Chester Burnell Duryea—Mr. Belcourt—999.

Bill (80) respecting the Pacific, Northern and Omenica Railway Company—Mr. Leighton McCarthy—999.

Bill (81) respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada—Mr. Bureau—999.

Bill (84) respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—1149.

Bill (85) for the enfranchisement of Jamieson Webster Lewis, of the Moravian band of Indians, of the Thames, Province of Ontario.—Hon. Frank Oliver—1149.

Bill (86) respecting the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamship Company—Mr. Carvell—1252.

Bill (87) to incorporate the Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Southern Railway Company—Mr. Macpherson—1252.

Bill (88) respecting the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the counties of Rimouski, Témiscouata and Kamouraska, and to change its name to the Mutual Fire Insurance Company—Mr. J. A. Ross—1252.

Bill (89) to incorporate the Ashcroft, Barkerville and Fort George Railway Company—Mr. Duncan Ross—1252.

Bill (90) to incorporate the International Life Insurance Company—Mr. Pardee—1252.

Bill (91) to incorporate the Minnesota-Canadian Bridge Company—Mr. Dyment—1252.

Bill (92) respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—1252.

Bill (93) to incorporate the Alberta Northern Railway and Coal Company—Mr. Clarke—1252.

Bill (94) respecting the Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited—Mr. Calvert—1252.

Bill (95) respecting the Mexican Light and Power Company, Limited—Mr. Calvert—1252.

Bill (96) respecting the Mexican Consolidated Electric Company, and to change its name to the Mexican Tramway and Electric Company—Mr. Calvert—1252.

Bill (98) respecting the Central Ontario Railway—Mr. Northrup—1364.

Bill (99) respecting the Mather Bridge and Power Company—Mr. German—1364.

Bill (100) respecting the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company—Mr. Turriff—1364.

Bill (102) respecting the Schomberg and Aurora Railway Company—Mr. Campbell—1465.

Bill (103) respecting the Quebec and Lake Huron Company—Mr. Lachance—1465.

Bill (104) to incorporate the Hamilton, Waterloo and Guelph Railway Company—Mr. Zimmerman—1465.

Bill (105) to incorporate the Sterling Life Assurance Company—Mr. Lennox—1465.

Bill (106) respecting applications for patents by Henry Wurts, jr.—Mr. Belcourt—1465.

Bill (107) respecting the Erie Ontario Power Company—Mr. German—1465.

Bill (108) respecting the Kettle River Valley Railway Company—Mr. D. Ross—1562.

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Bill (110) respecting certain patents of the Toledo Glass Company—Mr. Stewart—1575.

Bill (111) respecting the Lake of the Woods Milling Company and the Keewatin Flour Mills Company, Limited—Mr. Adamson—1576.

Bill (112) respecting the Huron and Ontario Railway Company—Mr. Ratz—1576

Bill (113) respecting the Northern Railway of Canada—Mr. Dubeau—1576.

Bill (114) to incorporate the Canadian Lloyds Certificate—Mr. Bickerdike—1576.

Bill (115) concerning leprosy—1576.

Bill (117) to incorporate the Erie, London and Tilsonburg Railway Company—Mr. M. S. Schell—1667.

Bill (118) respecting the South Shore Railway Company and the Quebec Southern Railway Company—Mr. Devlin—1667.

Bill (119) to incorporate the Vancouver and Northwestern Railway Company—Mr. Macpherson—1667.

Bill (120) to incorporate the Fort William and Port Arthur Terminal Railway and Bridge Company—Mr. Macpherson—1667.

Bill (121) respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company—Mr. Watson—1667.

Bill (122) respecting a certain patent of Franklin Montgomery Grey—Mr. Campbell—1667.

Bill (123) respecting patent 69140 of the Underwood Typewriter Company—Mr. Campbell—1667.

Bill (125) respecting the Algoma Central and Hudson's Bay Railway Company—Mr. Dyment—1743.

Bill (126) respecting the Thorold and Lake Erie Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—1743.

Bill (127) respecting the Farmers' Bank of Canada—Mr. Calvert—1743.

Bill (128) respecting the Pueblo Light and Power Company, Limited, and to change its name to the Pueblo Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited—Mr. Calvert—1743.

Bill (129) to incorporate the Winnipeg Trust and Loan Company—Mr. Lefurgey—1743.

Bill (130) respecting the Grand Valley Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—1743.

Bill (131) respecting the Royal Bank of Canada—Mr. A. K. Maclean—1743.

Bill (132) respecting the Ontario, Northern and Tamagami Railway Company—Mr. McCool—1743.

Bill (133) respecting the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—1743.

Bill (134) respecting the Toronto and Hamilton Railway Company, and to change its name to the Toronto, Niagara and Western Railway Company—Mr. Guthrie—1743.

Bill (135) respecting the Empire Trust Company—Mr. Northrup—1743.

Bill (136) respecting a patent of the Cyclone Woven Wire Fence Company, Limited—Mr. Macdonell—1743.

Bill (137) respecting the city of Toronto—Mr. Macdonell—1743.

Bill (138) respecting the Toronto Union Station Company, Limited—Mr. Macdonell—1743.

Bill (139) respecting the Northern Commercial Telegraph Company, Limited—Mr. German—1743.

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Bill (140) respecting the Southern Central Pacific Railway—Mr. McCraney—1743.
Bill (141) respecting the Quebec, Saguenay and Gulf of St. Lawrence Railway Company—Mr. Girard—1743.
Bill (142) to repeal the Act respecting annuities to certain privy councillors—Mr. U. Wilson—1743.
Bill (143) to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons—Mr. U. Wilson—1743.
Bill (146) to incorporate the Windsor, Chatham and London Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—2321
Bill (147) respecting the Standard Trusts Company—Mr. Bole—2321.
Bill (148) respecting the Dominion Fire Insurance Company—Mr. Macpherson—2321.
Bill (149) respecting the Central Railway Company of Canada—Mr. German—2321.
Bill (150) respecting the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—2321.
Bill (No. 151) respecting the Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Railway Company—Mr. Derbyshire—2451.
Bill (154) to amend the Unorganized Territories Game Preservation Act, 1894—Mr. Fitzpatrick—2451.
Bill (No. 157) to incorporate the Hillcrest Railway, Coal and Coke Company—Mr. Galliher—2926.
Bill (158) to incorporate the Burk's Falls and French River Railway Company—Mr. McKenzie—3064.
Bill (159) to incorporate the Cobalt Range Railway Company—Mr. McCool—3064.
Bill (160) respecting Queen's College, Kingston—Mr. Harty—3065.
Bill (161) respecting the Transcontinental Niagara Bridge Company—Mr. Calvert—3064.
Bill (166) to incorporate the Canadian Handicrafts Guild—Mr. Ames—3314.
Bill (168) for the relief of Mary Emeline Preston—Mr. Campbell—3403.
Bill (169) for the relief of John Albert Peer—Mr. Campbell—3403.
Bill (172) respecting the St. Mary's River Bridge Company—Mr. N. F. Wilson—3952.
Bill (173) respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company—Mr. N. F. Wilson—3952.
Bill (177) to make further provision respecting grants of land to members of the militia force on active service in Northwest—Mr. Oliver—4154.
Bill (179) for the relief of Harriette Wesley Baker—Mr. Stewart—4450.
Bill (184) respecting the James Bay Railway Company—Mr. Campbell—4759.
Bill (No. 185) for the relief of Eileen Mary Mackintosh—Mr. Campbell—4759.
Bill (186) respecting the Monarch Bank of Canada—Mr. Parmelee—4801.
Bill (187) respecting the Citizens' Bank of Canada—Mr. Guthrie—4897.
Bill (188) to incorporate the Colonial Bank of Canada—Mr. Calvert—4801.
Bill (190) for the relief of Asenath Ramsay—Mr. Duncan Ross—5081.
Bill (191) for the relief of Jane Francis Fields—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—5081.
Bill (192) for the relief of James Allen—Mr. Calvert—5081.

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Bill (193) for the relief of Frederick Wm. Wight—Mr. Parmalee—5081.
Bill (194) to amend the Indian Act—Mr. Oliver—4991.
Bill (195) respecting the Court of Appeal for Manitoba—Mr. Aylesworth—5082.
Bill (197) to incorporate the Fording River Valley Railway Company—Mr. Galliher—5180.
Bill (203) to incorporate the General Accident Assurance Company of Canada—Mr. Campbell—5529.
Bill (204) to incorporate the Chartered Bank of London and Canada—5529.
Bill (205) to incorporate the Pacific and Eastern Railway Company—Mr. Belcourt—5556.
Bill (207) to amend the Grain Inspection Act—Mr. Fisher—5615.
Bill (209) to amend the Criminal Act of 1902, with respect to Lotteries—Mr. Carvell—5992
Bill (210) for the relief of William Edward Ogden—Mr. Derbyshire—5992.
Bill (211) respecting the sale and marking of manufactured gold and silver—Mr. Fielding—5992.
Bill (212) respecting the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada—Mr. Bureau—5992.
Bill (213) respecting the Manitoba and Keewatin Railway Company—Mr. Bole—6075.
Bill (216) to incorporate the Grand River and Western Power Company—Mr. Johnston—6371.
Bill (217) to incorporate the Temagami, Cobalt and Temiskaming Railway Company—Mr. McCool—6543.

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Bill (218) for the relief of Nettie M. Bulmer—Mr. Calvert—6677.
Bill (221) to incorporate the Prince Albert and North Saskatchewan, and Hudson's Bay Railway Company—Mr. Crawford—6677.

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Bill (2), further to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900—Mr. Borden—437.
Bill (3) further to amend the Act respecting the House of Commons—437.
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Bill (75) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company—Mr. Crawford—1298.

Bill (76) respecting Revillon Brothers, Limited—Mr. McCool—1298.

Bill (77) respecting the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company—Mr. McCarthy (Calgary)—1298.

Bill (78) respecting the Great Northwest Central Railway Company—Mr. Roche (Marquette)—1298.

Bill (79) respecting certain Patents of Chester Burnell Duryea—Mr. Belcourt—1298.

Bill (80) respecting the Pacific Northern and Omenica Railway Company—Mr. McCarthy (Simcoe)—1298.

Bill (81) respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada—Mr. Bureau—1298.

Bill (84) respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company—Mr. Leighton McCarthy—1369.

Bill (86) respecting the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Company—Mr. Carvell—1570.

Bill (87) to incorporate the Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Southern Railway Company—Mr. Macpherson—1570.

Bill (88) respecting 'La Compagnie d'Assurance Mutuelle contre le feu des comtés de Rimouski, Temiscouata et Kamouraska,' and to change its name—Mr. J. A. Ross—1570.

Bill (89) to incorporate the Ashcroft, Barkerville and Fort George Railway Company—Mr. Duncan Ross—1570.

Bill (90) to incorporate the International Life Insurance Company—Mr. Pardee—1570.

Bill (91) to incorporate the Minnesota-Canadian Bridge Company—Mr. Dyment—1570.

Bill (92) respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—1570.

Bill (93) to incorporate the Alberta Northern Railway and Coal Company—Mr. Clarke—1570.

Bill (94) respecting the Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited—Mr. Calvert—1570.

Bill (95) respecting the Mexican Light and Power Company, Limited—Mr. Calvert—1570.

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(Second Reading.)

Bill (96) respecting the Mexican Consolidated Electric Company, Limited, and to change its name to 'Mexican Tramway and Electric Company'—Mr. Calvert—1570.

Bill (98) respecting the Central Ontario Railway—Mr. Northrup—1570.

Bill (99) respecting the Mather Bridge and Power Company—Mr. German—1570.

Bill (100) respecting the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company—Mr. Turriff—1570.

Bill (102) respecting the Schomberg and Aurora Railway Company—Mr. Campbell—1710.

Bill (103) respecting the Quebec and Lake Huron Railway Company—Mr. Lachance—1710.

Bill (104) to incorporate the Hamilton, Waterloo and Guelph Railway Company—Mr. Zimmerman—1710.

Bill (105) to incorporate the Sterling Life Assurance Company—Mr. Lennox—1710.

Bill (106) respecting applications for patents of Henry Wurts, Jr.—Mr. Belcourt—1710.

Bill (107) respecting the Erie, Ontario Power Company—Mr. German—by Mr. Calvert—1710.

Bill (108) respecting the Kettle River Valley Railway Company—Mr. Duncan Ross—1710.

Bill (110) respecting certain patents of the Toledo Glass Company—Mr. Stewart—1792.

Bill (111) respecting the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, Limited, and the Keewatin Flour Mills Company, Limited—Mr. Adamson—1792.

Bill (112) respecting the Huron and Ontario Railway Company—Mr. Ratz—1792.

Bill (113) respecting the Great Northern Railway of Canada—Mr. Dubeau—1792.

Bill (114) to incorporate the Canadian Lloyds, Limited—Mr. Bickerdike—1792.

Bill (117) to incorporate the Erie, London and Tilsonburg Railway Company—Mr. M. S. Schell—1792.

Bill (118) respecting the South Shore Railway Company and the Quebec Southern Railway Company—Mr. Devlin—1792.

Bill (119) to incorporate the Vancouver and Northwestern Railway Company—Mr. Macpherson—1792.

Bill (120) to incorporate the Fort William and Port Arthur Terminal and Bridge Company—Mr. Macpherson—1792.

Bill (121) respecting the Manitoba and North Shore Railway Company—Mr. Watson—1792.

Bill (122) respecting certain patents of Franklin Montgomery Gray—Mr. Campbell—1793.

Bill (123) respecting a patent, No. 69140, of the Underwood Typewriter Company—Mr. Campbell—1793.

Bill (125) respecting the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company—Mr. Dyment—2066.

Bill (126) respecting the Thorold and Lake Erie Railway Company—Mr. Dyment—1857.

Bill (127) respecting the Farmers' Bank of Canada—Mr. Calvert—1857.

Bill (128) respecting Puebla Light and Power Company, Limited, and to change its name to 'Puebla Tramway, Light and Power Company'.—Mr. Calvert—2066.

Bill (129) to incorporate the Winnipeg Loan and Trust Company—Mr. Lefurgey—2066.

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(Second Reading.)

Bill (130) respecting the Grand Valley Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—2066.

Bill (131) respecting the Royal Bank of Canada—Mr. A. K. Maclean—1857.

Bill (132) respecting the Ontario, Northern and Timagami Railway Company—Mr. McCool—2066.

Bill (133) respecting the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—2066.

Bill (134) respecting the Toronto and Hamilton Railway Company, and to change its name to the 'Toronto, Niagara and Western Railway Company—Mr. Guthrie—2066.

Bill (135) respecting the Empire Trust Company—Mr. Worthington—1857.

Bill (136) respecting a patent of the Cyclone Woven Wire Fence Company, Limited—Mr. A. C. Macdonell—1857.

Bill (137) respecting the city of Toronto—Mr. Macdonell—2066.

Bill (138) to incorporate the Toronto Union Station Company—Mr. Macdonell—2720.

Bill (139) respecting the Northern Commercial Telegraph Company, Limited—Mr. German—2066.

Bill (140) respecting the Southern Central Pacific Railway Company—Mr. McCraney—2720.

Bill (141) respecting the Quebec, Saguenay and Gulf of St. Lawrence Railway Company—Mr. Girard—1858.

Bill (146) to incorporate the Windsor, Chatham and London Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—2721.

Bill (149) respecting the Central Railway Company of Canada—Mr. German—2721

Bill (150) respecting the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—2721.

Bill (151) respecting the Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Railway Company—Mr. Derbyshire—2721.

Bill (157) to incorporate the Hillcrest Railway, Coke and Coal Company—Mr. Galliher—3248

Bill (158) to incorporate the Burk's Falls and French River Railway Company—Mr. McKenzie—3248.

Bill (159) to incorporate the Cobalt Range Railway Company—Mr. McCool—3248.

Bill (160) respecting Queen's College, Kingston—Mr. Harty—3248.

Bill (161) respecting the Trans-Niagara Bridge Company—Mr. Calvert—3248.

Bill (166) to incorporate the Canadian Handicraft Guild—Mr. Ames—3435.

Bill (168) for the relief of Mary Emeline Preston—Mr. Campbell—3739.

Bill (169) for the relief of John Albert Peer—Mr. Campbell—3739.

Bill (172) respecting the St. Mary's River Bridge Company—Mr. Stewart—5402.

Bill (173) respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company—Mr. Stewart—5402.

Bill (179) for the relief of Harriette Wesley Baker—Mr. Stewart—4951.

Bill (180) for the relief of William Napoleon Vaughan—Mr. Stewart—4951.

Bill (181) for the relief of Charles William Holmes—Mr. Stewart—4951.

Bill (182) for the relief of Minnie Florence Irvine—Mr. Stewart—4951.

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(*Second Reading.*)

Bill (183) to incorporate the Twelve-Mile Power Company, Limited—Mr. Thompson—5227.
Bill (184) respecting the James Bay Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—5227.
Bill (185) for the relief of Eileen Mary Mackintosh—Mr. Campbell—4951.
Bill (186) respecting the Monarch Bank of Canada—Mr. Parmalee—5400.
Bill (187) respecting the Citizens' Bank of Canada—Mr. Guthrie—5227.
Bill (188) to incorporate the Colonial Bank of Canada—Mr. Calvert—5227.
Bill (190) for the relief of Asenath Ramsay—Mr. Ross—5227.
Bill (191) for the relief of Jane Francis Field—Mr. McCarthy—5227.
Bill (192) for the relief of James Allen—Mr. Calvert—5227.
Bill (193) for the relief of Frederick William Wight—Mr. Parmalee—5227.
Bill (197) to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company—Mr. Galliher—5400.
Bill (203) to incorporate the General Accident Assurance Company—Mr. Campbell—5751.
Bill (204) to incorporate the Chartered Banks of Canada—Mr. Campbell—5751.
Bill (205) to incorporate the Pacific and Eastern Railway Company—Mr. Belcourt—6075.
Bill (208) for the relief of Muriel Violet Spencer—Mr. Campbell—5751.
Bill (212) respecting the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association—Mr. Bole—6707.
Bill (213) respecting the Manitoba and Keewatin Railway Company—Mr. Bole—6707.
Bill (216) to incorporate the Grand River and Western Power Company—Mr. Crawford—6707.
Bill (217) to incorporate the Temagami, Cobalt and Temiskaming Railway Company—Mr. McCool—6707.
Bill (221) to incorporate the Prince Albert and North Saskatchewan Railway Company—Mr. Crawford—6707.

(*Third Reading.*)

Bill (6) in amendment to the Railway Act, 1903—Mr. Lancaster—782.
Bill (19) respecting the South Ontario Pacific Railway Company—Mr. Guthrie—1140.
Bill (20) to incorporate the Canadian Bible Society, Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society—Mr. Cockshutt—2666.
Bill (21) respecting the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company—Mr. Calvert—3739.
Bill (22) respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—1140.
Bill (24) respecting the Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Western Railway Company—Mr. McColl—1140.
Bill (25) respecting the Niagara, Queenston and St. Catharines Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—3672.
Bill (27) to incorporate the Kamloops and Yellow-Head Pass Railway Company—Mr. Galliher—2066.
Bill (28) respecting the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company—Mr. Sloan—1140.

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(*Third Reading.*)

Bill (29) respecting the Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Company—Mr. Macpherson—2066.
Bill (31) respecting the White Horse and Alsek Railway Company—Mr. Galliher—1297.
Bill (33) respecting the British Columbia Southern Railway Company—Mr. Galliher—2066.
Bill (34) respecting the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company—Mr. Galliher—2066.
Bill (35) to incorporate the Western Trust Company—Mr. Adamson—3434.
Bill (37) respecting the Montreal Park and Island Railway Company—Mr. Geoffrion—3187.
Bill (39) respecting the Canada Atlantic Railway Company—Mr. Macdonald—2721.
Bill (40) respecting certain loan companies—Mr. Zimmerman—6997.
Bill (41) respecting the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Company—Mr. Macpherson—1569.
Bill (42) to incorporate the Buffalo, Niagara and Toronto Railway Company—Mr. German—3953
Bill (43) to incorporate the Brandon Transfer Railway Company—Mr. Sifton—2066.
Bill (44) respecting the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company—Mr. Hall—1569.
Bill (45) respecting a patent of the Anderson Puffed Rice Company—Mr. Hall—2205.
Bill (46) respecting the St. Clair and Erie Ship's Canal Company—Mr. Tisdale—1297.
Bill (51) respecting a patent of Henry Luther Honk—Mr. Campbell—3186.
Bill (53) respecting the Crawford Bay and St. Mary's Railway Company—Mr. Galliher—1569.
Bill (54) to incorporate the Pacific Marine Insurance Company, Limited—Mr. Macpherson—3739.
Bill (56) for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending June 30, 1906—712.

(*Considered in Committee.*)

Bill (57) respecting the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company—Mr. Belcourt—5400.
Bill (64) respecting the Atlantic, Quebec and Western Railway Company—Mr. Gauvreau—1569.
Bill (65) an Act respecting the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company—Mr. Bureau—3739.
Bill (68) to further amend the Canada Evidence Act—Mr. Fitzpatrick—2161.
Bill (69) respecting certain patents of Henry Edmunds—Mr. Campbell—2205.
Bill (70) respecting the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company Limited—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—3434.
Bill (71) to incorporate the Calgary and Fernie Railway Company—Mr. Galliher—1792.
Bill (72) to incorporate the Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway Company—Mr. Demers—3434.
Bill (73) respecting the Boundary, Kamloops and Cariboo Central Railway Company—Mr. Duncan Ross—1792.

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(*Considered in Committee.*)

Bill (75) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company—Mr. Crawford —6706.
Bill (76) respecting Revillon Brothers, Limited—Mr. McCool—5400.
Bill (77) respecting the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company—Mr. M. S. McCarthy—1792.
Bill (78) respecting the Great Northwest Central Railway Company—Mr. W. J. Roche—1792.
Bill (80) respecting the Pacific Northern and Ominica Railway Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—2066.
Bill (89) to incorporate the Ashcroft, Barkerville and Fort George Railway Company—Mr. Duncan Ross—2666.
Bill (90) to incorporate the United Empire Life Insurance Company—Mr. Pardee—6706.
Bill (91) to incorporate the Minnesota Canadian Bridge Company—Mr. Dyment—3187.
Bill (92) respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—2066.
Bill (94) respecting the Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited—Mr. Calvert—2665.
Bill (95) respecting the Mexican Light and Power Company, Limited—Mr. Calvert—2666.
Bill (98) respecting the Central Ontario Railway—Mr. Northrup—3187.
Bill (99) respecting the Mather Bridge and Power Company—Mr. German—2666.
Bill (100) respecting the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company—Mr. Turriff—3236.
Bill (102) respecting the Schomberg and Aurora Railway Company—Mr. Campbell—2666.
Bill (103) respecting the Quebec and Lake Huron Company—Mr. Lachance—3434.
Bill (104) to incorporate the Hamilton, Waterloo and Guelph Railway Company—Mr. Zimmerman—3672.
Bill (108) respecting the Kettle River Valley Company—Duncan Ross—2666.
Bill (111) respecting the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, Limited, and the Keewatin Flour Mills Company Limited—Mr. Adamson—3186.
Bill (112) respecting the Huron and Ontario Railway Company—Mr. Ratz—3435.
Bill (113) respecting the Great Northern Railway of Canada—Mr. Dubeau—2666.
Bill (114) to incorporate the Canadian Lloyds, Limited—Mr. Bickerdike—5227.
Bill (117) to incorporate the Erie, London and Tilsonburg Railway Company—Mr. Schell (Oxford, S.)—4197.
Bill (121) respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company—Mr. Watson—3435.
Bill (125) respecting the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company—Mr. Dyment—3435.
Bill (126) respecting the Thorold and Lake Erie Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—3187.
Bill (127) respecting the Farmers' Bank of Canada—Mr. Calvert—3236.
Bill (128) respecting Puebla Light and Power Company, and to change its name to Puebla Tramway, Light and Power Company—Mr. Calvert—2666.
Bill (130) respecting the Grand Valley Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—6034.

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(*Considered in Committee.*)

Bill (131) respecting the Royal Bank of Canada—Mr. A. K. Maclean—6034.
Bill (132) respecting the Ontario Northern and Timagami Railway Company—Mr. McCool—3435.
Bill (133) respecting the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company—Mr. Calvert—3953.
Bill (136) respecting a patent of the Cyclone Woven Wire Fence Company, Limited—Mr. Macdonell—3187.
Bill (139) respecting the Northern Commercial Telegraph Company, Limited—Mr. German—4397.
Bill (140) respecting the Southern Central Pacific Railway Company—Mr. McCraney—6034.
Bill (141) respecting the Quebec, Saguenay and Gulf of St. Lawrence Railway Company Mr. Girard—3435.
Bill (146) to incorporate the Windsor, Chatham and London Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—5227.
Bill (149) respecting the Central Railway Company of Canada—Mr. German—5400.
Bill (150) respecting the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—5400.
Bill (151) respecting the Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Railway Company—Mr. Derbyshire—3435.
Bill (158) to incorporate the Burk's Falls and French River Railway Company—Mr. McKenzie—5400
Bill (159) to incorporate the Cobalt Range Railway Company—Mr McCool—5499.
Bill (160) respecting the Queen's College, Kingston—Mr. Harty—3952.
Bill (161) to incorporate the Trans-Niagara Bridge Company—Mr. Calvert—6034.
Bill (164) to amend the Rocky Mountains Park Act—Mr. Oliver—4805.
Bill (166) to incorporate the Canadian Handicraft Guild—Mr. Ames—3953.
Bill (172) respecting the St. Mary Bridge Company—Mr. Stewart—6075.
Bill (179) for the relief of Harriette Wesley Baker—Mr. Stewart—5499.
Bill (181) for the relief of Charles William Holmes—Mr. Stewart—5499.
Bill (182) for the relief of Minnie Florence Irvine—Mr. Stewart—5499.
Bill (183) to incorporate the Twelve-Mile Power Company, Limited—Mr. Thompson—6075.
Bill (184) respecting the James Bay Railway Company—Mr. Guthrie—5499.
Bill (186) respecting the Monarch Bank of Canada—Mr. Parmelee—6056.
Bill (187) respecting the Citizens' Bank of Canada—Mr. Guthrie—5499.
Bill (188) to incorporate the Colonial Bank of Canada—Mr. Calvert—5499.
Bill (190) for the relief of Asenath Ramsay—Mr. Duncan Ross—6034.
Bill (191) for the relief of Jane Frances Fields —Mr. L. G. McCarthy—6034.
Bill (192) for the relief of James Allen—Mr. Calvert—6034.
Bill (193) for the relief of Frederick William Wight—Mr. Parmelee—6034.
Bill (194) to amend the Indian Act—Mr. Oliver—5533.

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(*Considered in Committee.*)

Bill (203) to incorporate the General Accident Assurance Company of Canada—Mr. Campbell—6706.

Bill (204) to incorporate the Chartered Bank of London and Canada—Mr. Campbell—6706.

Bill (208) for the relief of Muriel Violet Spencer—Mr. Stewart—6075.

Bill (210) for the relief of William Edward Ogden—Mr. Derbyshire—6706.

Bill (212) respecting the Northwest Travellers' Association of Canada—Mr. Bole—7270.

Bill (213) respecting the Manitoba and Keewatin Railway Company—Mr. Bole—7270.

Bill (217) to incorporate the Temagami, Cobalt and Temiskaming Railway Company—Mr. McCool—7270.

Bill (218) for the relief of Nettie M. Bulmer—Mr. Calvert—6997.

Bill (221) to incorporate the Prince-Albert and North Saskatchewan Railway Company—Mr. Crawford—7270.

Motion that Bill (225) for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year, ending the 30th of June 1906 and the period of nine months ending 31st March 1907 be read a third time—Mr. Fielding—7649.

BILLS NOT PRINTED IN FRENCH.

On the Order: Second reading of Bill (157) to incorporate the Hillcrest Railway Coal and Coke Company—Mr. Galliher.—Mr. Bergeron states that this Bill and others are not printed in French, and though not objecting, owing to the lateness of session, does not want it to be taken as a precedent—3248.

BILLS, PRIVATE.

Motion that certain private Bills from the Senate, reported by the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, be placed on the order paper—Mr. W. S. Calvert—6317.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6317.

The House is engaged in other business as the Committee of the Whole has not reported progress—6317.

BILLS, PRIVATE—TIME EXPIRED.

Motion for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Burk's Falls and South River Railway Company—Mr. P. H. Mackenzie (South Bruce)—2810.

Motion for leave to introduce a Bill respecting the Queen's College, Kingston—Mr. Harty by Mr. Campbell—2811.

Motion for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Cobalt Range Railway Company—Mr. McCool—2811.

BINDER TWINE, INSPECTION OF.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (165) to amend the General Inspection Act—Mr. R. R. Hall—3234. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—3235.

Hall, R. R. (W. Peterborough)—3234.

It is a great advantage to the manufacturer here to be able to supply twine with such labels on as he may see fit, and as the trade in the country to which he exports it demands—3234.

BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Sproule asks for information concerning birthday honours—7459.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7460.

The statement is without foundation—7460.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7459.

I would like to ask if there is any truth in the statement that some of the birthday honours were given at the instance of the Governor General, without regard to his responsible advisers—7460.

BOUNTY ON PRODUCTS OF CANADIAN ORE.

Motion by Mr. Conmee, that it will be in the public interest that all bonuses hereafter paid be confined to Canadian ore, and iron and steel produced therefrom, or from the ores of any British colony; that the bonuses on iron and steel should be renewed for a further period; and that duty be remitted upon coal coked in Canada and used for smelting purposes—3749. Motion (Mr. Conmee) withdrawn—3794.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3793.

Hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) has given House the benefit of a large amount of research. The idea of a local tariff with regard to coal is not new as it was introduced to members of the tariff commission during their recent pilgrimage. If there is a definite policy in the minds of the government with regard to continuation of bounties, hon. friend (Mr. Conmee) should communicate it to the House in more specific form—3793. Quotes speech of hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) made in town of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Congratulates hon. member for Rainy River (Mr. Conmee) on his speech—3794.

Caldwell, T. B. (North Lanark)—3779.

Has given question of iron industry considerable attention for a number of years. Surprised at arguments advanced by hon. member for Sydney (Mr. Johnston) and hon. member for Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson). Would it not be better to have a coking plant on our own side and coke our own coal?—3779. Believes, personally, that protection on the manufactured

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iron, would probably be more beneficial than the bounty system ; to allow the introduction of Newfoundland ore on equal terms with our own would be un fair to the smelters of Ontario—3780. Unless we give an inducement to our smelters to smelt Canadian ore conditions will remain as they are with only one mine in Canada in operation—3781.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—3785.

If the government decides to continue the principle of encouraging iron and steel industries by subsidies, a provision ought to be inserted whereby the product would be sold as cheaply in Canada as it is abroad—3785. If system is continued you should take the duty off the coal manufacturers must consume and that they are obliged to bring in from the United States; there ought to be a duty on coke, and coal to make coke should come in free. Hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule) forgets the changing conditions of the country and sticks to the old, forgotten, wornout, ineffective and useless policy that Conservatives pursued years ago—3786. The House owes a debt of gratitude to the hon. member for Rainy River (Mr. Conmee) for the strong presentation of the case he has made—3787.

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Asks permission of House to amend motion by omitting words ' or from the ores of any British colony;' quotes paragraph of motion. Object was that if there was a preference it should be extended to British colony; has brought this matter to the attention of the House in the hope that good might result to Canada from the development of the iron deposits of Canada—3749. The greatest possible inducement should be given to the producer of iron ore to mine and sell his ore to Canadian industries; the payment of bounties upon foreign ore in such a way as to enable the furnace interests to utilize it in preference to Canadian ore was not intended—3750. Explains changes in bounties; quotes chapter 6 of the Act of 1897; Act gave a preference of $1 per ton upon metal produced from Canadian ore—3751. Under existing legislation there is a slight preference upon pig iron produced from Canadian ore, but there is no preference whatever as regards the metals produced therefrom when turned into other forms of iron and steel. From 1897 to 1902 metal produced from Canadian ore had an advantage of $1 per ton over metal produced from foreign ore; intention of preference was to enable owner of Canadian ore to sell his product to Canadian furnace men, and that is not being done—3752. American ore is sold in our market at from $3 to $5 per ton, and furnace people offer from $2.50 to $3.50 for some Canadian ore ; furnaces are not using Canadian ore but foreign ore. There is no preference given upon the pro-

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ducts of metal produced from Canadian ore as distinguished from the products of metal produced from foreign ore. It is not in the interest of Canada to continue to pay bounties upon product of foreign ore—3753. If bounty is to be renewed and enlarged, it is important that consideration be given to conditions that exist where various works are situated. Iron ore enters Canada free and therefore the dumping clauses of the Customs Act do not apply, and there are good reasons why they should not apply at present time—3754. Suggests a programme that would bring about more certainly and rapidly the development of Canadian iron deposits. In applying bounties, it would be necessary to consider to what extent existing institutions may be interfered with—3756. Quotes manufacturing centres where pig iron was manufactured in 1905; different establishments produced different articles of commerce; there are no statistics that show exactly the quantity of metal used by institutions. Quotes exports and imports; we are producing in some respects more than we can consume —3757. Points out information that is lacking on certain features of mining statistics; quotes remarks of Mr. Haanel, superintendent of mines, when speaking at Toronto—3758. Canada never can be self-reliant so long as she is dependent upon a foreign supply for the greatest of her industries—the manufacture of iron and steel. The Londonderry Mining Company in Nova Scotia are using all or nearly all native ore—3759. The application of bounties, first to the Canadian producer of ore, secondly to the product of Canadian ore, and thirdly to the product turned into articles of iron and steel would bring about the development of iron ores in Nova Scotia; in New Brunswick, Ontario and British Columbia the same conditions exist to a large extent—3760. The proposition that coal should come in free for cooking purposes for use in Canadian furnaces would be perfectly justifiable—3761. Total bounties paid on iron and steel from 1897 to date amount to a little less than $6,000,000; money has been wisely spent—3762. The iron industry has not been established in any country without strong government action—3763. In granting aid to the Union Pacific, their first transcontinental line, the United States government stipulated that the rails and structural materials of iron and steel should be of American manufacture—3764. There is no way that Canada can add to its wealth better than by the development of its mineral resources—3765. To build up our iron industry we must have public confidence, strong government action and the Canadian people must stand behind that industry—3766. There will be no brighter page in Canadian history than that on which shall be written the record of the immense advancement under the government of the right hon. gentleman—3767. It is not quite fair

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for hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) to make reference to what he has seen in newspapers; was not in harmony with policy at Toronto—3774. Resolution was not intended to be pressed to a vote; object has been obtained in having question discussed; was never satisfied with the mining policy of the late Liberal government in Ontario, but was bound to support them, because there was nothing better to support—3787. Has always been inclined to criticise the policy of both the province of Ontario and the federal government in regard to mining matters. The resolution was not proposed to shut out the ores of Newfoundland—3788. Each furnace may use foreign ore, but we should give preference, not only upon pig iron but upon product of pig iron—3789. The reason certain ores are not used exclusively at Sault Ste. Marie is that experience has taught the manufacturers of steel rails that no one mine contains ore that will make the best grades of steel rails—3790. It is reasonable that coal should be admitted into Canada free of duty but we are merely asking that coal for coking purposes may come in free—3791. Coke cannot be brought to furnaces because coke in transportation depreciates in quality: if coal is not admitted free they will coke it on the American side as the coke does come in free. We ought to have the coking done in Canada for the reason that it employs the labour here—3792. Withdraws motion—3793.

Johnston, A. (Cape Breton)—3753

What percentage would that be on price on Canadian ore?—3753.

Were it not that hon. friend (Mr. Conmee) has seen fit to amend the resolution I should not have felt called upon to speak on subject. The legislation of 1894 enacted by the Conservative government did not have the effect that its promoters desired; in 1897, as the result of legislation passed by present government, the iron and steel industry in Nova Scotia, commenced to make progress—3768. The legislation of 1897 is on a sliding scale, and as the years pass of course the bounties diminish; bounties should be continued for yet a few years. Companies who are engaged in the production of iron and steel in Nova Scotia are not using Canadian ore to any great extent—3769. The manufacturer of iron and steel from Canadian ores during the past six or seven years has had the benefit of an extra $1 a ton as against the user of foreign ore; it would have been better had the $1 a ton been paid to men who produce the iron ore rather than to company that uses the ore; quotes original paragraph in resolution—3770. In view of the things that the immediate future may have in store for us, it would be a mistake to strike out this particular clause as it is aimed more particularly at the iron ore imported from the colony of Newfoundland. Quotes last clause of resolution; bituminous coal should pay duty; would not look with favour upon the proposal to permit the free importation of coal even for the purpose of coking—3771-2. Present scale is the fairest, and is the one best calculated to develop the resources of the country—3780. Has hon. friend (Mr. Conmee) ever figured out the cost of producing coke in Canada from coal imported from the United States as compared with the cost at which coke from the United States can be delivered at furnaces?—3791.

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Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3778.

In order to have a prosperous iron industry we must make our iron from our own ores wherever possible. It might be a good policy in this country to have a tariff varied by geographical incidence. The encouragement of native industry is not to be secured by protection in the form of customs duties, so much as by bounties and other means—3778-9.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver City)—3776.

Cannot acquiesce to resolution in its present shape; principle which hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) lays down that bounties should be paid only on Canadian ores is a piece of unsound political economy. If we can manufacture the raw materials of other countries without exhausting our own raw materials we will be doing a good work for the Dominion of Canada—3776. Mines do not last forever, the place that booms to-day may be deserted tomorrow. If coking coal were to come in free it would not be in the best interests of British Columbia; cannot give undivided support to proposition before the House—3777.

McCool, C. A. (Nipissing)—3781.

If the resolution were carried and acted upon by government it would be a most regrettable thing so far as the Sault Ste. Marie iron industry is concerned—3781.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —3782.

The reason the bounty was increased in 1897 was in order that the duty might be reduced on the finished products of iron; quotes first clause of resolution of hon. member for Rainy River (Mr. Conmee). While some millions of dollars have been paid out of the public treasury by way of bonus to various iron industries, it has not been paid without recompense—3782. If the bonus had been restricted to the product from Canadian ores alone, the manufacture of iron and steel would not have attained the proportions that have been attained at the present time—3783. The principle of giving encouragement to the production of our own ores was one of the basic principles of the bounty as introduced by this government; quotes fourth paragraph of resolution—3784.

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Asks hon. friend (Mr. Conmee) to withdraw resolution—3785.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3772.

The most gifted economic writers and speakers of the Liberal party have declared that one of the very worst principles of protection was the bounty system; quotes Sir Richard Cartwright from (Hansard 1894)—3773. Great iron mines of Algoma district should have been developed to a phenomenal extent when hon. member for Rainy River had interest in, or squatting claims on, about 82 iron mines in that country—3774. Proposition enunciated to-night by hon. member for Rainy River (Mr. Conmee) is consistent with the policy of the Conservative party inaugurated by them in 1893 and vigorously opposed by Liberals at that time. If we cannot get in Canada or from any other British colony the kind of iron we require, let us bring it from the United States or anywhere else ; but always let us give the home product the advantage —3775. Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Macpherson) favour employing a thousand men in the United States to mine that iron ore while our own mines are lying idle?—3776.

BRITISH AMERICA AND WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY, THE

Motion that petitions from the British America and Western Insurance Company, regarding legislation, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on standing orders—Mr. L. G. McCarthy. Motion agreed to—4991.

BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY—SECOND READING

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (198) to incorporate the British America Assurance Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time. Mr. McCarthy moves the second reading of the Bill—5180. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time, and referred to Committee on Banking and Finance—5181.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5180.

The Bill becomes necessary because of certain circumstances of recent occurrence and, I understand, it is proposed to increase the capital stock of the company —5180.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—5180.

This is purely domestic legislation affecting this company and also the Western Assurance Company, and it becomes necessary by reason of certain losses they suffered in the earthquake in San Francisco—5180.

BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY, THE

House in committee on Bill (198) respecting the British America Assurance Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—5500. Motion to amend —Mr. L. G. McCarthy. Amendment agreed to. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5501.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5501.

I should not think there is any objection to it—5501.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —5501.

That amendment can only be accepted if there is no objection to it—5501.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—5500.

On section 4, subsection 2—In regard to the first four lines of this section, the superintendent of insurance amended the clause in accordance with a precedent which we passed in 1898—5500. I would move to amend subsection 2, by striking out all preceding the words, 'and such sanction,' and providing a substitute clause. Quotes substitute clause—5501.

BRITISH CONSULAR AGENT IN CANADA.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Kemp asks if the government have any information respecting the appointment in Canada by the Imperial government of a consular agent for the purpose of inquiring into British trade in Canada—2084.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—2084.

Would like to know if the government have made any recommendation of an officer to fill such a position, to the British authorities—2084.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) 2084.

We have made no such recommendation and we have no such information, either—2084.

BROCKVILLE CHEESE CURING ROOM.

On the Orders of the Day, Hon. Sydney Fisher refers to the Brockville Cheese Curing Room—969.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —970.

The clerk in accountant's office who made up the expenditure made an error in computation. Reads explanation furnished by deputy—970.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Taylor draws attention of Hon. Sydney Fisher to some facts in relation to a statement made by him which appears in 'Hansard' of yesterday—1005.

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Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —1008.

Shall be pleased to have the accountant go over the figures again. Would like to have the details which hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) says he has, in order to facilitate matters—1008.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—1005

Quotes the question which he asked on March 26. Expected to get a reply from the department, not from the Auditor General's Report—1005. Quotes from Hon. Sydney Fisher's statement—1006. Wants to have accountant go over figures again to verify them, and to see how much the country has lost—1007. Cheese men in Brockville say it is of no benefit —1008.

On Orders of the Mr Taylor draws attention of Minister of Agriculture to queston on order paper on April 3 relating to a discrepancy in previous answer to question—1572.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—1572.

Promise given that the accountant would go over the figures again and test their accuracy. Would like to have Prime Minister call attention of minister, who is absent, to the matter—1572.

BROTHIER, DESIRE, RELEASE OF

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks for information in regard to the release of a criminal by the name of Brothier, in British Columbia—4992.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —4993.

The hon. member for Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson) has put a question on the order paper which will be answered in due course. All I can say is that the release was advised and took place on the responsibility of the late incumbent of the position of Minister of Justice—4993.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4992.

Quotes Vancouver 'World.' It appears that he was convicted and sentenced for seven years on the charges of forgery and procuring—4992. I think it would be well that the government give some information about this case as early as possible, and explain why this man was pardoned when only two years out of seven for which he was sentenced had expired—4993.

BUDGET, THE.

Hon. W. S. Fielding announces that he hopes to be able to present the financial statement, commonly known as the Budget, on Tuesday next—3411.

BUDGET, THE—WAYS AND MEANS.

Motion by hon. W. S. Fielding, that the House go into committee to consider of the ways and means for raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty—3819. Motion agreed to—3902.

Resolutions agreed to, read the first and second time, and concurred in—3903.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—3888.

Did the hon. gentleman (Mr. Paterson) forget about drop letter change, or did he wilfully cover it up so that country might not know exactly what the Postal Department had done? The boasted reductions in the Postal Department have really been advances—3889. One article that is not produced in Canada and that could be produced is barbed wire. The subsidies to railways are for public works of utility, which become the property of the country—3890. The hon gentleman (Mr. Paterson) takes to himself the credit of having forced Sir John Macdonald's government to do what he himself, now that he is a minister of the Crown, refuses to do for his own country —3891. Wants to examine the financial statement in a business-like way. The opinion of many people throughout Canada is that this government, by its delay, is not very anxious to deal with tariff—3892. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) does not wish to grapple with the tariff. Many thousands of dollars have been lost and many factories have been closed that might have been kept open if government had acted promptly—3893. Had it not been for this wise and judicious policy of their predecessors, the city of Brantford, as well as all the great manufacturing centres of the country would not be at all what they are to-day. It was due to the House that the Finance Minister (Mr. Fielding) should have stated whether or not he is in agreement with his colleague (Mr. Fisher) on this imperial tariff question—3894. In the budget the government do not give any indication of what they propose to do in reference to the preferential tariff, whether they are going to continue it or not; reads some conclusions of the tariff commission of Great Britain—3895. Quotes some imports statistics with British isles. Minister of Customs (Mr. Paterson) promised us a reduction of taxation and to-night he says he promised a reduction in rate of taxation and that they have carried that out—3896. Explains rate of taxation—3897. Would like Minister of Finance to state a single country under the sun, with a population of between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 that is spending over $80,000,000 a year. Hon gentlemen are disbursing revenues in a way that is no credit to them—3898. For a large part of the $80,000,000 spent annually by the government there is no solid advantage in return. Would like minister (Mr. Fielding) to state whether he hopes to be able to borrow money for Grand Trunk Pacific at a rate which will avoid loss on the transaction. When you raise your tariff you reduce your revenue—3899. When you send out $1,000,000 to buy foreign pig iron, you have the pig iron, but you have

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parted with the money; but if you dig the iron out of the ground, you have both the iron and the money. The first principle of business is to do business on a sound method and that is not what government is doing. The check upon insurance returns, as shown by the insurance investigation, has not been satisfactory—3900. If insurance inspection is wrong, is it not possible that the Minister of Finance may also find that the inspection of the returns of banks is not all that it should be? What is even a greater menace than the practice of increasing the banks, is the vast number of branches that are being established in ever little town and village throughout the country—3901. House should have had something to say about the composition of the insurance commission, and the compass of its inquiry. Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) is one of the best administrators of the government for straighforward business dealing, but the department is not doing all that country expected it to do with regard to superintendence of insurance—3902.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)

In presenting for the tenth time the annual statement of the financial affairs of the Dominion, I am sure that all hon. members will rejoice with me upon the continuance of that remarkable prosperity with which, under Providence, Canada has been blessed—3819. The revenue of the year was substantially the same as my anticipation, falling short by only a few thousand dollars. So far as the expenditure is concerned, the result was not so satisfactory—3820. While we hoped to close the year with a very moderate increase of the public debt, the close of the year showed an increase of the debt amounting to $5,000,000. The surplus this year is $7,863,089.81, making a total surplus of $64,300,165.85 in nine years—3821. If the bounties on iron and steel be charged against the income of the year, the average surplus of the past nine years instead of being $7,144,000, would be $6,526,-233—3822. The probably total expenditure for the current year will be close on $82,000,000. I am hopeful that, by the expansion of trade, our receipts will cover our expenditure of all classes and that we shall add nothing whatever to the public debt—3823. I see no reason why we should not have as prosperous a period for the full period of the twelve months as we have had in recent years. The deficit on the I.C.R. has been reduced—3824. The Post Office department will show a surplus of $900,000—3825. There was no expansion of trade during the year, as compared with that of the previous year—3826. Quotes imports and exports for ten months ending April 30, 1905 and 1906—3827-8. Quotes bank circulation and Dominion notes in circulation on October 31st; miles of railway in operation on June 30, and railway traffic; and consolidated fund revenue

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and expenditure for the years 1875, 1885, 1895 and 1905—3829. Large as has been the increase in our expenditure, it has been an increase which has been necessary in order to assist in the development of the country—3830.

Quotes capital expenditure and other special charges, and the increase or decrease of debt, for the years 1897 to 1905, inclusive. There has been a reduction in the net debt per head of $3.22 since 1896—3831. I think it would be safe to say that on the 30th of June last the population of Canada was not less than 6,000,000 people—3832. Quotes population, net debt and per capita for years 1895 to 1905, inclusive. The government has issued only one public loan during that time, and made it at the psychological moment—3833. We have been fortunate in not having to go on the open market. We have found it necessary from time to time to issue treasury bills—3834. The arrangement we have with the Bank is that the overdraft will bear the Bank of England rate at the time being, whatever it may be. I shall give the House a statement of what the early maturing loans are—3835. Quotes total maturities to 1910. $273,750 of American silver has been sent out of the country, and has been replaced by Canadian silver—3836. While we are glad to welcome to Canada immigrants from the continent of Europe, we are all more pleased to have so large a percentage come from the mother land and the United States, who speak our language and are familiar with our laws—3837. We have no changes of a material character to make in the tariff in consequence of the announcement of the right hon. the Premier. States what changes will be made—3838. We hope during the recess to take up the work of tariff revision, and at the November session bring down a tariff which will meet such new conditions as have arisen—3839.

Every figure I gave in regard to the length or cost of road was based upon the statement of an engineer and I mentioned his name at the time—3860. The estimate of $28,000 was only the beginning of the calculation and was not the figure on which I advised the House—3861. If you (Mr. Foster) add 25 per cent to $28,000 per mile you will get the estimated cost, and the same with regard to the $25,000 per mile—3862.

The only resolutions I have to submit are: Extension of the period of exemption from duty as respects beet sugar machinery; machinery for alluvial gold-mining; and with respect to the duty on rails that are sent abroad, re-rolled and brought back to Canada. I propose to extend the time to Dec. 31 from June 30 of the present year—3903.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—3831.

What is your (Mr. Fielding's) estimate of population?—3831. Can my hon. friend (Mr. Fielding) give us an idea of the treasury bills that have been issued and

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their cost?—3834. Where is that overdraft held?—3835.

Congratulates hon. friend (Mr. Fielding) and House on the conditions prevailing in Canada at present time—3839.. In so far as Finance Minister's figures dealt with the various phases in the progress of the country, we on this side of the House, as good Canadians, cannot help but be pleased that conditions of the country are so promising and so eloquent of progress; congratulates Minister (Mr. Fielding) on tone and manner of presentment of case—3840. Since the birth of the nation by confederation in 1867 there has been a continued progress in the country. Large surpluses have been made possible because a much larger amount of money has been taken from the country than in the preceding period under the government which preceded this present government—3841. In ten years hon. gentleman (Mr. Fielding) has brought the expenditure up about 100 per cent; quotes figures of 1896 and 1906; if minister boasts of expenditure as doubled, he must bear the responsibility of exacting double the amount of taxation from the people—3842. Explains difference of charging expenditures to capital account and to consolidated fund accounts; there is absolutely no reason for charging bounties to capital account. The income in Post Office Department is a good indication of the general progress of the country—3843. Providence and a world-wide development have done their best for Canada. The Liberal-Conservative party, being in power from 1878 to 1896, had to hew out a country from the rough —3844. From the year 1878 until many years thereafter the then government had to tread the uncertain paths of experimentation, but it was absolutely necessary as a period for this country to pass through. The government which came into power in 1896 found a system of industry developed, buttressed, fortified, protected from one end of the country to the other—3845. There was a disparity between the purchases from the United States and the sales to the United States last year of $77,000,000 as against Canada, whilst in 1896 the disparity was only $17,-000,000—3846. Most of the great expenditures of the country from 1879 to 1896 went into means of transit which laid a bed-rock of prosperity for the nation—3847. Has not the increase in trade been largely due to the natural development of the country?—3848. Nearly $200,-000,000 has to be got in some way out of the markets of the world or out of the pockets of the people of Canada in the next seven years—3849. The present financial condition is precarious; contrasts position of Russia with Canada in regard to rates of interest on loans —3850. We are to be congratulated on the change in the quality of the immigration in this country; more men from the United States and the United Kingdom are entering Canada—3851-2. Quotes expenditures in Yukon; the cost of government per capita in first year was $67; the cost per capita of government last year was $200; methods of adminstration are extravagant. Quotes revenue and expenditure made by Public Works Department on lines of telegraph that was built into Yukon—3854. Every individual miner in that district that can possibly get out of country is going to the United States and the Yukon is left for the concessionaires and the corporations—3855. Recklessness of government is evidenced in the Teslin and Hootalinqua Railway and the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—3856. Lands of the Canadian west are blanketted for interested parties by fake homesteading; it has been done for years with the privity and knowledge of officials of the Interior Department; reckless squandering of lands is taking place, not into the hands of the people but into the hands of speculators —3857. The Drummond County Railway deal was another reckless extravagance —3858. What has Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) to show for the expenditure of $280,000 of the people's money on str. 'Arctic'?—3859. Quotes Minister of Railways and Canals (Mr. Emmerson) as to route of eastern division of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Instead of line being from 110 to 140 miles shorter, it is 18 miles longer than the Intercolonial Railway—3860. Quotes statement of Mr. Fielding on page 8583, vol. 4, 'Hansard', 1903—3861. What was cost of road as stated by Minister of Finance—3862. Quotes some current statistics of Intercolonial Railway; quotes Minister of Railways—3863. Gives some reasons for failure of Intercolonial to meet deficits—3864. Quotes 'Reform Handbook of 1895'; quotes Liberal Convention platform of 1893—3865-6.

I stated the amount which was taken by taxation as $58,000,000, and the total contribution as $71,000,000—3870. I did not say it was wrung from the pockets of the people—3871.

I absolutely stated the years, and I made a comparison between the year 1899-1900 and the year 1905. Sir Charles Tupper's proposal was to build from a different port altogether, and not from the port from which the Mackenzie & Mann road was to start—3886.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—3898.

Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Cockshutt) take the position that $80,000,000 is too large an expenditure for this country, or does he take the position that the money is badly spent?—3898.

Paterson, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Customs) —3866.

Glad to have testimony of hon. friend (Mr. Foster) to prosperity of country which is so very apparent to all. How is it that for twenty years there was absolute stagnation in this country, while there has been a doubling of trade since the Liberal party came into power?—3867. In year which will terminate on June 30,

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the total foreign trade of this country will amount to $530,000,000 against preceding government's $239,000,000. If prosperity was produced by the national policy which the old government left, how does it come that hon. gentlemen opposite worked it so badly and that in our hands it produced good results ; the elections of 1896, 1900 and 1904 evidence the people's wishes—3868. While present state of prosperity continues there is not much hope of the people rejecting the present government and calling him (Mr. Foster) and his party back to power again : No one desires to have maladministration in the departments of government—3869. The $1,126,000 which went into the treasury last year from Dominion Lands was not wrung out of the pockets of the people, it was money for which the people received value—3870. Increased revenue was not forced from people; gives some statistics—3871. Did government wring the increased Postal Revenue out of the pockets of people?—3872. Government have reduced by thousands of dollars the postage and the taxation upon goods. There was no iron industry to speak of until the present government took hold of matter, brought it into existence and developed it—3873. Contrasts financing of present government with that of preceding government—3874. There are more people in the country to-day because of the vigorous immigration policy taken up by Clifford Sifton which has produced wonderful results in the country—3875. If it is the policy of hon. gentlemen opposite to denounce immigration, they will not have the business men and the labouring classes to support them—3876. As population increase trade increases. If hon. friend thinks that government is to be condemned for expenditures on public works we are willing to be judged on that question—3877. The gentlemen who denounced the Crow's Nest Railway as Crow's Nest Pass steal, shouted about scandal in reference to that louder than they shout about scandal now; the transaction fully merited the amount of money expended on it because it opened up a new country and further extended Canada's prosperity—3878-79. The gentleman who does not know what we have done is not the best critic of what we have failed to do—3879. How much did the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) save when he was Finance Minister? Has not my hon. friend (Mr. Fielding) been saving?—3880. In the nine years that hon. gentleman (Mr. Fielding) has had management of affairs he has so managed the finances that net debt of country has not increased on an average more than $800,000 a year—3881. Gentlemen opposite scarcely knew there was such a place as the Yukon when they were in power—3882. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) avoids a comparison of even our worst years which stood for something with their best which stood for nothing—3883. Nothing that has been said this session with reference to what

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hon. gentlemen are pleased to call scandals has been more denunciatory than the things that were said with regard to this Yukon railway scheme—3884. No syndicate will take the land that was given to that railway under the terms and conditions on which that railway was to acquire the land. Sir Charles Tupper, in an interview in Toronto, declared that he had urged upon Mr. Sifton to get this road built—3885-86. Time has justified the government with reference to the Yukon Railway, and for any party to glorify in the defeat in that measure is to find men glorying in their shame—3887. We have kept from increasing the national debt and have reduced the debt per head by $6—3888. If we bonus the Mackenzie & Mann railways does the country own them?—3870. Has the government anything to do with the prices at which goods are purchased in Germany or the United States?—3897.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3875.

Was it the vigorous immigration policy of Clifford Sifton that increased the number of people who went to the United States so much beyond the number that went during the previous ten years?—3875. When does the time run out within which that machinery may be imported free for sugar factories?—3903.

BUSINESS OF TH EHOUSE.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois).

Railway Act Amendment Bill—Would like to ask the Minister of Railways (Mr. Emmerson) when he intends to proceed with the Bill. Ans.—I intend to proceed with it to-day—4035.

Blain, R. (Peel).

Postmasters in Peel County—Asks when return to order moved for on March 28th may be expected. Ans.—The papers are in course of preparation—1749.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.).

Budget Speech—Has any day been fixed? Ans.—No. I have purposely deferred making announcement until Mr. Foster should be in his place in the House—2810.

Budget speech—Will Budget speech be delivered as arranged? Ans.—Finance Minister wil deliver budget speech before half past four; House will then probably go into Supply—3795.

Crown Lands of Canada and Dominion Lands—Gives notice that when motion is made to go into Supply, he will move in amendment that a select committee of nine be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers and to inquire into and report upon all lands managed or controlled by the Department of the Interior—4028.

Government business—On motion to adjourn, Mr. Borden asks if government business will be taken up to-morrow. Ans.

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—Do not feel able to speak, but if it is desire of House to proceed that we shall be able to proceed with estimates of the Indian Department—742.

Government business—In regard to taking certain days, the motion is recorded in the Votes and Proceedings in the way in which notice was given of it originally, not in the way in which the Prime Minister moved it—3063.

Homestead Law abuses—When House goes into Committee of Supply proposes to discuss certain matters connected with the Interior Department. What business tomorrow? Ans.—We intend to take up Bills, and then go into Supply—3064.

Insurance Commission, Report of Evidence —Was to have been laid upon the table of the House from day to day. Ans.—Will call the attention of the Minister of Justice to it—655.

Interior Department Report—Have asked for the report on two different occasions. When may we exepect it ? Ans.—Indian Affairs to-day ; Interior Department tomorrow or next day—568.

National Transcontinental Railway Construction—Have tenders been awarded ? Ans.—No. Time for submitting tenders expired on the 12th—655.

Wednesdays taken for Government Business—What will be the course of the government regarding other motions pending ? I observe a motion by the Prime Minister to take every day in the week. Ans.—We will still leave Monday —2909. We intend to take Wednesday only.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City).

Maritime Provinces Representation—Thinks Mr. Turgeon adjourned the debate, and was to take it up to-night. Ans.—Did not call the item because the mover is not in the House ; neither is the leader of the opposition, who desires to speak on it—2075.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)

Motion by Mr. Fielding that item 37 of the Public Bills and orders, referring to a Bill standing in the name of the hon. member for Guysborough (Mr. Sinclair), be transferred to the list of government orders. Motion agreed to—6856.

Motion by Mr. Fielding that item 39 of Public Bills and Orders, referring to a Bill standing in the name of the hon. member for Hamilton (Mr. Zimmerman) be transferred to the list of Private Bills. Motion agreed to—6857.

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

Budget speech—Is the Finance Minister able to say when he proposes to make his exposition of the budget ? Ans.—In the usual way, an intimation will be given to my hon. friends several days in advance—2018.

Lord's Day Bill—When is it proposed to take it up? Ans.—Cannot say for certain; do not think it can be taken up before Wednesday—4990.

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Money Lenders' Bill—And then there is the Money Lenders' Bill ? Ans.—Cannot say definitely ; would prefer consulting the Minister of Justice before answering—4990.

Steamship Subsidies—Asks for report of the operation of all the steamship lines that are subsidized. Must have the report for a week or two before the estimates are brought down—568.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin).

Next Wednesday for private members—Would like to vote on motion of member for South York, but cannot be here on Monday; Wednesday would accommodate a large number of members. Ans.—If it is the sense of the House to keep this Wednesday for private members there will be no objection—2810.

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

Bills advanced a stage—The leader of the opposition has been informed that to-day we intend to take some Bills and advance them a stage, if possible. If agreeable to him, I shall move for Committee of Supply early to-morrow—4035.

House to stand adjourned—Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that when this House adjourns on this day (Friday), it stand adjourned to the following day (Saturday), and that the order of business for the consideration of the House on that day after routine be the same as on Monday—7184.

Item 17 of Public Bills and Orders—According to an understanding, moves that the item be called—2730.

Government Orders have precedence on Thursday. Motion that from this date to end of session—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—1253.

Victoria Day Adjournment—On the Orders of the Day, Sir Wilfrid Laurier says that instead of adjourning for a single day on Thursday the House might adjourn until Monday following. I shall give notice to that effect—3672.

Maclean, W. F. (South York).

Bills (18, 142 and 143), to Name Day for—Asks the Prime Minister to name a day for discussion. Ans.—Not prepared to fix days for Bills 142 and 143, but for Bill (18) will fix next Wednesday evening—2067.

Indemnities to Members—Asks when the Bill will come up. Ans.—If agreeable to House, immediately after item 17—2731.

Railway Act Amendment—When will government measure dealing with Railway Act be brought down? Ans.—Expect the Bill will be introduced on Wednesday next—568.

Railway Act, 1903, Amendment—On motion for Supply, inquires when it is likely the committee will be named in connection with item 13. Ans.—Perhaps to-morrow 3101.

Telephone Special Committee Sittings—On the motion to adjourn, Mr. Maclean

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Maclean, W. F. (South York, Ont.)—*Con.*

(South York) asks if special committee regarding telephones last session will continue to sit. Matter drops and adjournment is carried—126.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey).

Public Works expenditure—I give notice that when next the House is moved into Committee of Supply, one of our friends desires to move an amendment regarding the expenditure on public works. What will be taken up to-morrow? Ans.—Bills and supply for the Department of Marine and Fisheries—3403.

Stewart, Robert (Ottawa).

Bills from the Senate—Motion, that the following be placed on the Order Paper for second reading on Monday next: Bill (172) respecting St. Mary's River Bridge Company; and Bill (173) respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Company. Motion agreed to —4990.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox).

Bills on Order Paper—Asks if Prime Minister will consider Bills on Order Paper along with that of Mr. W. F. Maclean. Ans.—The Bill we have already in hand is enough to occupy our attention for some time—2810.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—ADJOURNMENT.

Owing to number of late sessions, Hon. Wm. Paterson moves that House do now adjourn. Mr. Borden asks what business will be taken up to-morrow? Motion agreed to—889.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—889.

What business does government expect to take up to-morrow?—889.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—889.

Gives notice that on motion to go into Supply to-morrow, he will move motion for member for Marquette (Mr. Roche) (quotes resolution)—889.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)

Gives program for following day—889.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—GOVERNMENT ORDERS HAVE PRECEDENCE ON MONDAYS.

Motion, that from this date to the end of the session government orders have precedence on Mondays immediately after questions to be put by members—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—4568. Motion agreed to—4572.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4570.

Calls the attention of the Prime Minister to Bill (8) in further amendment of the Railway Act of 1903, introduced by hon. member for Lincoln (Mr. Lancaster);

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

suggests that right hon. gentleman give an opportunity to have Bill considered; Bill was amended upon the suggestion of Minister of Railways and is a modification of the measure as originally introduced—4570.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton) —4572.

Draws attention of First Minister to item 34 on Public Bills and Orders; all motion requires now is to have Speaker put the motion and have it carried—4572.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4569.

It is the intention of the government to bring down legislation upon this vexed question of pensions. Asks the House to agree at once to the second reading of the Bill of the hon. member for Prince Edward (Mr. Alcorn) in reference to express companies—4569. Motion referred to hon. friend (Mr. Lefurgey) is of great importance but not of immediate consequence—4571.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—4571.

Would like to have the assurance of the right hon. gentleman that some time will be appointed to take up motion of Mr. Hughes (Kings) concerning the representation of the provinces—4571. Cannot see why resolution should have to wait indefinitely—4572.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4570.

Bill (17) was partly considered by a special committee, but the railway interests desire to be heard upon it as regards certain modifications; principle has been approved and Bill ought to be taken up for consideration—4570.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—4571.

Draws attention of Prime Minister to item 35 on the order paper for further consideration of proposed motion of Mr. Smith (Nanaimo) regarding false representations concerning the labour market; asks that motion be put to the House and declared carried—4571.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—4572.

Would like Prime Minister to stimulate the new Minister of Justice to give his opinion as to the power of this parliament to delegate to the legislature of Manitoba the power to acquire telephone systems—4572.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—4570.

When the right hon. Prime Minister is considering amendments to the Pension Bill. he should include members of parliament who have served continually for a term of twenty-five years—4570.

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Wilson, U. (Lennox and Addington)—4568.

Wants some reasonable chance of bringing forward the Bills which stand in my name on the order paper. The country is not satisfied that a man should be pensioned simply because he has been a member of the government for five years 4568. We had better not commit ourselves to any regular pension Bill; it was a mistake to increase the indemnity to members, and especially to such an extent as it has been increased—4569.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—IRREGULARITY IN PROCEDURE.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Sproule draws the attention of the House to what he believes is an irregularity in procedure that ought to be remedied—2325.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—2325.

A motion was made by the chairman of Standing Orders that in so far as it referred to those Bills introduced some time ago, the rule be suspended and these Bills be allowed to be introduced and carried—2326.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2325.

I noticed last week, and I noticed this week also, that private Bills are introduced without any motion to extend the time for the reception of private Bills—2325.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—RAILWAY SUBSIDIES.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks the Prime Minister whether there are any railway subsidies to be brought down this session—5532.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.) 5532.

Asks regarding railway subsidies, further supplementary estimates or estimates of any kind, and government legislation—5532.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) 5532.

Perhaps before the day is through we may be able to bring the supply estimates down—5532.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5532.

There will be supply estimates brought down for the next fiscal year, and they are almost ready; there will be no new railway subsidies, but the government intend to ask the House to revote some subsidies which have lapsed—5532. The only legislation of any moment yet to be brought down is that in regard to the Pension Bill of last session—5533.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

On the motion to adjourn, Mr. Borden (Carleton, Ont.) asks if the report of the Transcontinental Railway Commission will be printed. Matter drops and adjournment agreed to—126.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—126.

It is desirable to have the report printed at an early date. Asks for correspondence, orders in council, &c., asked for last year in connection with the treaty with Japan—126.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—126.

Treaty signed 31st January, but not yet received. Annual statement *re* Intercolonial to-morrow—126.

CALDWELL, C. F., COAL MINING LANDS.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. J. D. Reid renews inquiries for information respecting C. F. Caldwell and coal mining lands—1465.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1466.

Mr. Caldwell has submitted to the department applications from some 210 clients for permission to purchase coal mining lands in the province of Alberta, and has paid the regulation fee of $5 each, $1,050. So long as an applicant confines himself to 320 acres there is nothing to prevent his submitting any number of applications on behalf of others, providing the regulations are complied with—1466.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—1465.

Has the Minister of Interior any further information on the subject?—1465.

CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (39) respecting the Canada Atlantic Railway Company—Mr. E. M. Macdonald—2668. Progress reported—2669.

Macdonlad, E. M. (Pictou, N.S.)—2668.

Explains Bill—2668. No reason why Bill should not pass, but has no objection to letting it stand—2669.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2668.

Would like to have Bill stand, as several absent members have expressed a desire to speak on it—2668.

CANADA EVIDENCE ACT AMENDMENT—IN COMMITTEE.

Bill (68) to further amend the Canada Evidence Act—Mr. Fitzpatrick—read second time and House went into committee thereon—1265. Section allowed to stand; progress reported—1268.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1266.

Quotes present law; proposed amendment introduces words 'for the defence' after words 'competent witness'—1266. Does minister want to do away altogether with competency of husband or wife to testify for prosecution?—1267. Would like time to consider whether or not parliament should go that far—1268.

Clarke, A. H. (South Essex)—1268.

Would ask Minister of Justice whether exceptions in schedule C refer to case of bigamy, so that first wife could give evidence against husband—1268.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Justice)—1265.

Bill is introduced because of judgment of Supreme Court in case of King vs. Gosselin, in which judges held that word 'competent' in present Act means 'compellable.' Suggests amendment to Bill; quotes second subsection—1265. Moves that words 'in addressing jury' in third and fourth lines of subsection 2, be stricken out—1266. Relation of husband and wife is such that it is not desirable that either one should be compellable witnesses for or against the other—1267. Sections 275 and 276 cover case of bigamy—1268.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—1266.

Would subsection 2 apply to a case where a man elects to be tried without jury as well as to a jury trial? Would urge that provision be made that in non-jury trials counsel be not permitted to direct judge's attention to fact that he could have put a man in box if he had wanted to—1266.

CANADA EVIDENCE ACT AMENDMENT—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (68) further to amend the Canada Evidence Act—Mr. Fitzpatrick—1751. Bill reported—1764.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1752.

On Section 1—We were in advance of English legislation when we passed the Act of 1891, and I am not quite sure that there is any good reason for going back—1752. Suppose that the husband was guilty of cruelty to his children, under the proposed amendment, the wife would not be even a competent witness, although she would be the only evidence available—1753. Concedes that the power of the prosecution to compel the husband or wife to give evidence one against the other should be taken away, but we should leave each a competent—not a compellable—witness against the other—1754. I recognize the fact that the English statute does not permit the husband or the wife to give evidence, the one against the other—1755. Must confess I do not appreciate the effect of section 3 up to this time—1758. Would like to see some intelligible basis upon which we are to amend this law, if it is to be amended at all—1759. Would not that reasoning (Mr. Fitzpatrick's) apply to a case of assault?—1760. I am not afraid to go in advance of British legislation if you can show me any principle on which to proceed—1761. I still fail to see any intelligible principle which will justify us in passing such a provision—1762. If you alter the Evidence Act so as to render the wife incompetent in any case to give evidence against her husband, then you bring about the exact result which was pointed out by Mr. Clarke—1763.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Clarke, A. H. (South Essex)—1762.

On Section 1—One of the first statutes enabling the wife to testify was in the case of assault by the husband, but it does not seem to me as if that could be done under this amendment—1762.

On Section 2—I do not understand that under the common law the wife could give evidence against her husband in any case—1763.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Justice)—1751.

On Section 1—Begs to move that the words 'in addressing the jury,' be omitted from subsection 2. The amendment is to prevent any comments being made by counsel, on the failure of the prisoner to testify—1752. The amendment makes the husband and wife competent witnesses for the defence, and does not think it would be proper to go further—1753. The principle we are adopting is the principle of the English law. Such a decision by the Supreme Court as in the case of King vs. Gosselin was never contemplated by those who introduced the amendment—1754. Suggests amendment to subsection 3 of section 4, which would make the wife or husband compellable under schedule—1755. The witness ought to be put in the same position as any other witness if he chooses to exercise the privilege given to him—1758. As the law will stand, if this amendment is adopted, the wife or husband will be competent for the defence exclusively, not compellable for the defence but competent—1759. There is no logic in the Criminal Code at all—1760. The principle for which the hon. gentleman (Mr. Borden) contends is in advance of anything that is to be found in any country where the English criminal law is adopted—1761. Except it is under the Act we are amending do not think the husband or wife would be competent even in a case of assault, except at common law—1762.

On Section 2—If the witness is put in the box for the purpose of giving evidence and goes there of his own accord, he must take all the consequences which must result—1763. Many years ago the competence of a wife or husband to give evidence in cases of assault was never doubted—1764.

CANADA EVIDENCE ACT AMENDMENT—IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Fowler, G. W. (Kings, N.B.)—1757.

On Section 1—The accused person has not that right now, if the Attorney General or Solicitor General appears—1757. Does not understand why a wife or husband should be a compellable witness in one case and not in another—1758. There should be no distinction at all—1759. As a matter of fact, they do not give evidence—1762.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—1752.

On Section 1—Is it proposed to take away the privilege which has been granted the accused person, of giving evidence in his own behalf, and of preventing counsel from referring to his failure to give such evidence?—1752. Suggests further amendment to Act by introducing clause similar to that in English Act, which prevents cross-examining of accused as to previous convictions—1755. We have no system under our jurisprudence whereby it is open to a judge, in determining a sentence to be imposed, to inquire by legal evidence into the previous record of a criminal—1756. In the English Act, an accused person who proceeds to give evidence in his own behalf, without going into an elaborate defence by calling other witnesses, does not disentitle his counsel from the right to reply in closing to the jury—1757.

On Section 2—With regard to right to cross-examine accused as to previous conviction does minister say that he thought it would be unwise to make such an amendment?—1763.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—1762.

On Section 1—Has any reason been given why the Act should be extended further than to put the law in the same position as we thought it was before the Supreme Court decided that case?—1762.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John County)—1759.

On Section 1—Understands the Minister of Justice intends the wife shall be a competent witness but not a compellable witness—1759.

On Section 2—But not when the accused is compelled to go into the box—1763.

CANADA'S MERCHANT MARINE.

On motion to adjourn, Mr. Lewis calls the attention of the House to the merchant marine of Canada—1160.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—1201.

All agree that every effort should be made to increase the ship building industry in Canada. The industry has increased from 16,000 tons in 1896 to 43,000 a year ago. The question of inspection of barges is now engaging the serious consideration of government—1201. There is no inspection on railways, and it is a question if it would be wise to impose additional charges on water transportation—1202.

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Lewis, E. N. (West Huron)—1160.

Refers to decline in Canadian tonnage, and quotes North Sydney 'Herald' of March 28, 1906. No maritime nation which does not handle its own produce in its own ships can make true progress as a nation—1161. Canada is in a better position than is any other country on earth to increase its shipping—1162. Canada owns 2,384 miles of water way from tide-water to head of Lake Superior, but does not utilize, as it ought to be utilized—1163. Every sailor belonging to this country is worth double the man of any other class. There are two kinds of politicians—one who 'views with alarm,' and another who 'points with pride'—1164 Quotes from the Canadian Handbook in reference to export trade. What Buenos Ayres has done—1165. Canadian railways should have their own ships so that produce from the Northwest or elsewhere in the country could get a through rate by one company to any part of the world—1166. The sailors of Canada cannot be beaten by those of any other country in the world. Quotes the London 'Times' of Feb. 16, 1905, on proposed United States protection law—1167. Quotes from Congressional Records, from report of U. S. Commission on merchant marine, and from London 'Times'—1168. Quotes from American Merchant Shipping Report and from American Merchant Marine Ought to consider by what mode our commerce and agriculture can be best relieved from injurious dependence upon the navigation of other nations—1169. Advocates the payment of bounties to ships and the improvement of Canadian waterways. What the American Mercantile Marine Commission proposed—1170. Quotes evidence given before American Merchant Marine Commission. Quotes from London 'Times' as to method of developing trade used by United States, and claims that reference should apply to Canadian marine—1171. Why should we not say that the Pacific Ocean is a Canadian sea?—1172. During the last five years American tonnage on the Lakes increased by 570,000 yearly, and yet Canada has gone back—1173. Quotes evidence of James W. Porch of New Orleans on English subsidies—1174. Quotes from William Livingston at the half centennial of the Sault Canal—1175. By deepening the canals and enlarging the waterways the carrying powers of the railways are also increased. Takes exception to the fact that barges are not inspected and their officers are not certificated—1176. The sailors want the Plimsoll line and watch and watch outside—1177. On the American side the vessel is not considered loaded until it is so deeply loaded that the water comes in at the scuppers. Quotes from evidence in reference to wrecks—1178. England has a complete system of training lads for sea. The German government also assists the Hamburg-American line—1180. The largest cargo of wheat that sails out of Quebec would not go beyond 125,000, but a lake vessel to Midland carries 216,000 bushels—1181. The business of the orient should belong

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to Canada. The steel ship-building industry should be nourished—1182. Quotes J. J. Hill on the prospects of Canada today. Quotes Hon. Joseph Howe on Canada's resources. Quotes Canadian Handbook—1183. Was not speaking for the riding of West Huron only, but for Canada—1184. Quotes A. B. Wolvin, the man who started the trade from the West end of Lake Superior to Quebec; also F. M. Todd, of San Francisco, and Capt. E. Thayer—1185. The production of the U.S. navigation laws gives 92 per cent of the Lake shipping to the States and only 2 per cent to Canada. In the grain carrying trade canals are supreme until closed by ice—1186. It costs $4 per thousand to haul lumber 820 miles on the Pacific coast, and $1.75 to haul it the same distance on the lakes. How freights have lessened in recent years—1187. Quotes Walter D. Sayle, of Cleveland, and Alex. E. Brown. Canada is going to be the granary of the world, and should use its own delivery wagon—1188. What the building of a ship involves—1189. The United States is going to protect its shipping industry by Bill (8) 529—1190. The combined tonnage on the Great Lakes is 55,000,000. How the bounty to Canadian fishermen improved the conditions of that class. Believes that veteran sailors should be put in charge of Canadian lighthouses —1192. Canals should be improved up to the limit. Quotes from the report of the Steamship subsidies, 279, House of Commons, 1880—1193. Quotes from Merchant Marine investigation—1194. The contention that it is impossible for a lake vessel to navigate the ocean—1195. Quotes 'Canadian Journal of Commerce' on freight traffic—1196. If the government of Canada, whoever may be in power, improve the waterways from the head of Lake Superior to the St. Lawrence, they will provide the key that will unlock the traffic route of the whole continent of North America—1197. One third of the east bound lake freight is exported to foreign countries. The growth of trade on all the Lakes has been rapid, but Superior has been exceptional—1198. The vessels built in Canada for the Lake trade are better than those built in the old country for that purpose—1199. Quotes Froude's 'English Seamen in the Sixteenth Century'—1200.

CANADIAN-MINNESOTA BRIDGE COMPANY —IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (91) to incorporate the Canadian-Minnesota Bridge Company—Mr. Dyment—2499.

On section 6—Mr. Conmee moves to add the words 'and approaches' after the word 'bridge' in the third line—2505. Section as amended agreed to—2509

On section 7a—Section agreed to—2509.

On section 8—Amendment by Mr. Sproule. Section as amended agreed to—2509.

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On section 14—Amendment by Mr. Conmee. Amendment negatived. Section 14 agreed to and Bill reported as amended.

On the question that the report of the committee be received, Mr. Conmee moved that the Bill be referred back to the Railway Committee—2510. Motion agreed to—2511.

Conmee, James (Thunder Bay and Rainy River) —2499.

On section 6—This clause provides that before the work is started, the plans of the bridge and the site shall receive the sanction of the Governor in Council. I desire that the approaches to the bridge shall be included—2499. The Bill last year authorized a bridge just at the falls, but the present measure authorizes a bridge at Pither's Point, about two miles above the falls—2500. I do not want this Bill to accomplish the thing that has been guarded against and fought off so long—2501. If that Bill of last year does not give the right of supervision as to approaches to the Governor in Council, it does not carry out the agreement between the parties. Quotes the amendment that is put in—2502. While the Board of Railway Commissioners have certain jurisdiction, they have not got the necessary jurisdiction to protect the interests which are involved in the town of Fort Francis—2503. I am only asking that the approaches shall come under the same jurisdiction as the bridge—2504. I mean to put in the words, 'and approaches'—2505. My hon. friend who is promoting the Bill says that it does cover approaches; what harm is it, then, to say so in the Bill?—2506. It is for the Governor in Council to determine what the word 'approach' means—2507. There is no possible danger to the company unless they have something in view that we do not know of—2508.

On section 7a—I do not wish this company to obtain powers of expropriation within the limits of Fort Francis—2509.

On section 14—Moves an amendment the effect of which, applied to the Bill as first printed, would debar the company from exercising expropriation powers—2509. Nobody is going to suffer if the Bill goes back to the committee—2510. I am asking that the people of the community interested be given an opportunity to be heard before the Railway Committee—2511.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—2504.

On section 6—The clause is in the Bill; I have it here—2502. I think we had better try to keep to clause 6. Reads the amendment—2504.

Dyment, A. E. (East Algoma)—2505.

On section 6—The hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) wants the approaches to cover two or three miles from the bridge—2505. Any company that wants to use

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Dyment, A. E. (East Algoma)—*Con.*

this bridge must come under the Railway Act and submit its plans and specifications to the Governor in Council for approval—2506. When the time comes for the railway to get on that bridge then the railway company will have to submit to the Railway Commission plans and specifications of its line two and three miles away—2508.

On section 14—This Bill surely does not cover land two miles east of Fort Francis—2510.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —2504.

On section 6—Before the Railway Committee, exception was taken on this very point and the amendment which has now been read was suggested—2504. The bridge would not be complete without the approaches—2505. If there is any doubt in respect to the clause as amended by the Railway Committee it seems to me that the words suggested by the hon. member should be inserted—2509.

On section 8—There can be no objection to adding the words, "and amendments thereto"—2509.

On section 14—This Bill does not provide for a bridge to the town of Fort Francis. We have to give the Railway Commission jurisdiction over every part of Canada—2510.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2505.

On section 6—Does not section 122 of the Railway Act cover the location of plans, station grounds, approaches and so on?—2505. This would be a question that would involve a great deal of litigation—2506. The approaches to a bridge depend on the size of the bridge and the grade in approaching it—2507.

Schell, J. T. (South Oxford)—2508.

On section 6—The hon member (Mr. Conmee) who is a railway contractor, is perfectly right when he says that the approaches are entirely different from the railway track generally—2508.

On section 14—Does not agree with Mr. Conmee in regard to referring Bill back to committee—2510.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2499.

On section 6—Would not the site include the approaches?—2499 There are several clauses that ought to be in the Bill that are not—2501. I think the clause that was put in with regard to the approaches to the bridges ought to be in this Bill—2503. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) said this was a navigable stream —2507.

On section 8—It seems to me we should add the words, 'and amendments thereto' —2509.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John County)—2504.

On section 6—It seems to me that the request of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) who wants the amendment is a reasonable one—2504.

CANNINGTON, POSTMASTER AT.

Motion by Mr. Sam. Hughes for copies of all correspondence or documentary evidence in connection with the dismissal of the late postmaster; also copies of all reports from any source—2459.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General) —2472.

The hon. gentleman (Mr. S. Hughes) has brought the matter up without notice, although he had ample opportunity to give notice. The dismissal was not made on political grounds, but on the report of the inspector, in answer to complaints against the postmaster—2473. Details the facts that led to Mr. Talbot's dismissal—2474. The other business men of Cannington objected, as they said, to have a man subsidized by government to compete with them, and they stated their suspicions that their business correspondence was being tampered with as it passed through the office of this business competitor—2475. The interview quoted by the hon. member was not had until two days after Mr. Talbot's successor was appointed. The appointment was made on the recommendation of the member for North Ontario—2476.

I do not think that was my statement. It is on record—2489. If any complaints are made to me in reference to the officer mentioned, or anywhere else, these complaints will be promptly investigated—2491.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—2481.

If there were complaints against the former postmaster two years ago. why was it that the predecessor of the present Postmaster General did not dispense with his services—2481. The keynote of the Postmaster General's address is the same as it was in North York—something for the boys—2482. Quotes a letter from Mr. G. D. Grant in which a gentleman was asked to collect subscriptions for political purposes—2483. The money was raised to protest the election by blackmailing hotelkeepers who had voted for me. They have dragged my private affairs into the discussion day in and day out—2484. If Mr. Bole or any other man will make the statement outside of this House that I tried to tamper with the jury in the slander case, he will be given the opportunity to prove it—2485.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—2489.

Was hoping that the Postmaster General would make plain what his policy was with regard to postmasters with considerable salaries giving their exclusive time to their office. Cites the case of the postmaster at Chesley—2489. The postmaster at Wallaceburg gets a salary of $1,325 with $180 in perquisites. He is also town treasurer, secretary of the school board, and part owner and vice-president of the electric light plant—2490. The postmaster goes away for three months in the summer and leaves

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the office in charge of two young ladies. Hopes the policy adopted in the case of the Cannington postmaster will be applied to the cases mentioned—2491.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2468.

It is infinitely more germane to the debate than was the reference to the private business affairs and litigation of members of this House which we had during the debate that terminated last night—2468. Objects to rules being interpreted strictly against one side of the House and with latitude towards the other. Asks Mr. Hughes to acquiesce in the Speaker's ruling, with which he does not agree—2469. Does the hon. Minister of Finance think that litigation in the courts between two members on this side of the House was at all relevant to the discussion on the North Atlantic Trading Company contract, with which it had not the remotest connection?—2470.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —2468.

Even if previous discussions were somewhat unseemly and out of order, that would be the poorest possible reason why we should continue to be unseemly and out of order now—2468. I am able to testify, from my own observation, that the Speaker has been very lenient with both sides of the House and allowed equal latitude to each. The matter brought up by the hon. member (Mr. Sam Hughes) is irrelevant—2469. I do not agree with my hon. friend that it is a difficult matter for the Speaker to hold the scales evenly. I believe that in that respect Mr. Speaker has well upheld the traditions of his office—2470.

Gordon, D. A. (East Kent)—2490.

He is a small stockholder in the electric light plant, but has no paid position—2490.

Grant, Geo. D. (North Ontario)—2471.

I can safely say that never have I solicited subscriptions from hotelkeepers or any one else for political purposes—2471.

When I was first elected for the riding of North Ontario, I made my first visit to Cannington and found great dissatisfaction expressed against the postmaster by many prominent residents of the village. Letters of complaint were afterwards sent to me and these I forwarded, as in duty bound to the Postmaster General—2477. These complaints were investigated by the inspector and his report is on file, and will no doubt be laid on the table of the House. Mr. Macpherson, the newly appointed postmaster, has been a resident of Cannington for thirty or forty years—2478. I would advise the hon. gentleman (Mr. S. Hughes) to make very little reference to the wholesale slaughtering that has gone on at the hands of the local administration. It is foollish to say that

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there was any personal animosity against the late postmaster—2479. The treatment of the Civil Service by this administration has not only been considerate, but it has attained the characteristic of great generosity—2480. Not only did local criticism and local feeling demand a change in Cannington, but I may say that the man at present in charge of the post office there is and will be a valuable public servant—2481.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—2459.

Quotes from the Toronto 'Mail' a narrative of the transaction—2459. It has never been a part of my business either in the county of Simcoe or in the city of Hamilton to go around and hold up hotelmen. I never said the hon. member (Mr. Zimmerman) did—2460. If the hon. member for Hamilton denies he has done it, I have nothing to do but accept his statement—2461. Quotes answer of Postmaster General in reply to question placed on order paper on March 14 and 21. The Postmaster General had on each of these occasions evidence that the charges were unfounded—2462. A younger brother of the postmaster on his return from South Africa started a business, which he afterwards disposed of to Mr. Kift, but the postmaster had no interest in it save that he leased the building to Mr. Kift—2463. Quotes letter from Joseph A. Kift to Toronto 'Star' on this point—2464. Gives particulars of appointment of Mr. Mcpherson to the position. Quotes Toronto 'News' on Grant interview in Ottawa 'Journal'—2465. The date when Mr. Grant's interview and the date of the dismissal of Mr. Talbot correspond—2467. At the request of my leader, Mr. Speaker, I bow to your ruling—2470. Mr. Geo. D. Grant, according to rumour is not a stranger to the use of the boodle fund of hotelmen, and in general is the manipulator of political work in the riding—2471. The new postmaster is not carrying out his duties as they should be carried out. Quotes letter of complaint by W. Glynn, of Cannington—2472.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2485.

Instead of treating complaints in a partisan spirit, the department should send its officers when necessary to investigate those complaints—2485. It is utterly impossible for either the Postmaster General or his department to administer the department properly unless he has proper discipline in the post offices; instances cases of Woodstock, Napanee and Leamington—2486. I have always understood that, so long as an official did his duty, and conducted himself in a proper manner, just so long would he be continued in the service of this country—2487. Is it the policy of the department to allow one postmaster to continue the practice of his profession while another postmaster is kept so strictly confined to the attention of his duties that he has not time even

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for the physical exercise necessary to his health?—2488. Unless something is done in accordance with reason and justice, I will make some startling exposures to this House of the way in which some post offices are being administered at the present time—2489.

Lancaster, E. A. (Niagara and Lincoln)—2491.

What kind of postmaster are you going to be able to get if you tell him that he can be dismissed upon the mere whim of somebody?—2491. I cannot understand what the Cannington postmaster has done that has caused him to be dismissed—2492. We want to know what is the policy of the Postmaster General in regard to the dismissal of postmasters—2493. What is the Postmaster General going to do in regard to the other post offices which have been mentioned?—2494. We propose to see that the Postmaster General does his duty fairly towards the people of Canada—2495. Quotes the Postmaster General's reply to Mr. Bennett from 'Hansard', March 19, pages 346-7, as to policy of department—2496. If the post office inspector who investigated were up here for examination, he would be obliged to give some other reason for the dismissal of Mr. Talbot—2497. Cites the action taken by the post office inspector in the case of the Grimsby postmaster, three years ago, as against that in the case of the postmaster at Cannington—2498.

Speaker, Mr.—2460.

Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Zimmerman) rise to a point of order?—2460.

I think the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sam. Hughes), should withdraw the statement—2460.

I understand the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sam. Hughes) has withdrawn the statement—2461.

I think the hon. gentleman (Mr. Zimmerman) should withdraw the statement—2461.

The hon. gentleman (Mr. S. Hughes) must see that this is not at all germane to the motion—2467. If the hon. gentleman persists in his course, there will be open to me but one course which I shall be obliged very reluctantly to take—2468. I think the hon. gentleman will see that this is equally not germane to the question—2468.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—2485.

What Mr. Bole said was that a statement of that kind had been made, but that he did not believe it—2485.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—2460.

The hon. gentleman (Mr. Sam. Hughes) makes a statement that I held up hotel men in the city of Hamilton. I say it is a deliberate falsehood—2460. The hon. gentleman was mistaken entirely in his statement—2461.

CERTIFICATES TO MASTERS AND MATES OF SHIPS.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (7) further to amend the Act respecting certificates to masters and mates of ships—Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—18. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—18.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—18.

The Bill principally to provide that masters and mates in inland waters shall be British subjects, as it is provided that masters and mates of American vessels shall be United States citizens—18.

CINQ-MARS, THE CASE OF

On the Orders of the Day, hon. Geo. E. Foster rose to make a denial of a statement made by Mr. Cinq-Mars in his defence.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5438.

Quotes statement of Mr. Cinq-Mars. I did not in London, Ontario, or at any other place make such a statement, nor a statement which could bear such a meaning—5438.

COAL LANDS IN THE NORTHWEST—MR. C. F. CALDWELL.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. J. D. Reid calls attention to an item in an evening paper in connection with Mr. C. F. Caldwell and coal mines in the Northwest—1,000.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1001.

Have no knowledge of Mr. Caldwell or of his application—1001.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—1000.

Reads extract from 'Journal'—1,000. Asks Minister of Interior if Mr. Caldwell has called upon him—1,001.

COAL ON LACHINE CANAL, TOLLS ON

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Monk asks the Minister of Railways if a charge of 5 cents per ton is being made on the Lachine Canal for all coal coming down to Montreal for some time past—7063.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) 7063.

There has always been until last year a a charge or toll on coal passing through the Lachine Canal of 5 cents a ton—7064. This was cancelled last year; we have under consideration the proposal to replace the toll on all coal unloaded on the banks of the canal which does not go into the harbour of Montreal—7064.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—7063.

I have been informed that this is a recent charge and would like to know if this is the case—7063. Am I right in supposing that this charge is only being imposed this year, and that it is confined to the Lachine Canal?—7064.

COASTING TRADE OF CANADA.

Motion, that it is expedient to amend the Act respecting the coasting trade of Canada—Mr. Clarke (South Essex)—590. Motion withdrawn—594.

Clarke, A. H. (South Essex)—590.

Moves the resolution as preliminary to introduction of Bill to carry out intention of resolution. Designed to amend the Act respecting the coasting trade of Canada passed in 1902. Quotes sections—590. How Pelee Island people suffered from the working of the present Act—591. Government should have power to take action—592.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—592.

Have Canadians passing over to any American port the right to engage in the coasting trade This is a concession that might be easily abused—592.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—592.

The situation in Pelee Island one which should be remedied if possible, but the remedy proposed would create another evil—592. Cannot allow American vessels to engage in Canadian coasting trade at present—592. Believes a remedy will be found—594.

COCHRANE, FRED, CASE OF

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Ward brought the attention of the House to the case of Fred. Cochrane—841.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Justice)—841.

The attention of the home authorities will be drawn to the matter—841.

Ward, H. A. (Durham)—841.

Believes that Fred. Cochrane is held as a prisoner by the Russians and asks that steps be taken by the Minister of Justice towards obtaining his release—841.

COLD STORAGE STATIONS.

On the Orders of the Day, Hon. Mr. Fisher makes a statement in reference to a question asked by Mr. Taylor on March 26 last, in reference to the expenditure connected with cheese-curing at certain points—2240.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2243.

My hon. friend from Leeds (Mr. Taylor) is not in his seat at the moment, but he will be here at 5 o'clock—2243.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—2240.

Corrected statement up to March 1st last amounts to $122,871.83. Mr. Taylor's statement was $108,623.74—2240. Quotes statement in detail. Quotes items omitted in Mr. Taylor's statement—2241. How the items were charged—2242. Makes this statement in reply to hon. gentleman's (Mr. Taylor's) criticism—2243.

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On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Taylor referred to statement made by the Minister of Agriculture yesterday in his absence—2321.

Derbyshire D. (Brockville)—2324.

The object of following this plan is to have a uniform high quality box for cheese shipped from the curing room—2324. These cool curing rooms have benefited Mr Taylor's county more probably than they have any other county in the Dominion—2325.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—2323.

Several times the figures were brought before me, but in a form that I did not think was clear, and I insisted upon revision, so that there would be no possibility of a mistake—2323. We have to buy the boxes and charge the owners of the cheese for the boxes as the cheese are disposed of. They are not brought in in the boxes in which they are put on the market—2324.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—2321.

Quotes question asked on March 26. I made a mistake of $4 in my computation, and he (Mr. Fisher) acknowledges that he or his officers made a mistake of $15,000—2321. The amounts charged for cheese boxes did not refer to boxes, but to cheese bought for speculation. If the hon. minister now says that the cheese boxes are to be charged for also, he virtually admits mistakes totalling about $15,000—2323. Does the hon. minister mean to inform this House that the cheese are brought in from the country to the cool curing room at Brockville without any boxes on them?—2324. Would like hon. gentleman (Mr. Derbyshire) to name one factory in my county that puts one cheese in that cool curing room—2325.

COPPER CLIFF, POSTAL FACILITIES AT

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Boyce draws the attention of the Postmaster General to the condition of affairs at the post office at Copper Cliff—7693.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—7693.

On March 8, a petition signed by over 500 people of Copper Cliff was sent to Postmaster General, drawing his attention to inadequate service and unsanitary condition of the post office—7693. The petitioners desire that the postmaster be dismissed and that a better service be given them—7694.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Postmaster General)—7694.

This is the first time my attention has been called to the matter; as soon as the session is over I will look into the matter, and see that justice is done—7694.

COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS AT EMERSON.

On the Orders of the Day, Hon. Geo. E. Foster asks if the Minister of Customs (Mr. Paterson) can give information as to reinstatement of collector of customs at Emerson—5995.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5995.

Can Minister of Customs (Mr. Paterson) give the House information as to matters respecting the collector of customs at Emerson ?—5995.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —5995.

The hon. member for Marquette (Mr. W. J. Roche) moved for the papers and they were laid on the table two or three weeks ago—5995.

COMMITTEE, PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Belcourt, Hon. N. A. (Ottawa)—5529.

Motion, that the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts have leave to sit while the House is in session. Motion agreed to—5529.

COMMITTEES, REPORTS OF

Debates—Mr. Gervais (St. James, Montreal).

First report—recommending that quorum be reduced from eight to five members—162.

Special—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Presentation of lists of select standing committees—163.

COMMITTEE, REVISION OF RULES OF THE HOUSE.

Motion that a committee of seven members be appointed to carefully examine the rules of the House and report changes to expedite business—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—252.

COMMITTEES, SELECT STANDING

Motion that select standing committees for the present session be appointed—Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister). Motion agreed to—7. Committees appointed—11.

Motion appointing members of special committee to prepare lists of select standing committees—11.

Presentation of lists of select standing committees—163.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —163.

No. 1—On Privileges and Elections—163. No. 2—On Expiring Lands—163. No. 3—On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines —163. No 4—On Miscellaneous Private Bills—165. No. 5—On Standing Orders——165. No. 6—Joint Committee on Printing—166. No. 7—On Public accounts—166. No. 8—On Banking and Commerce—167. No. 9—On Agriculture and Colonization—168. (See debates committee and library committee.)

COMMITTEES, SELECT STANDING—*Con.*

Motion that certain changes be made in the personnel of certain committees—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—5082.

COMMITTEE SITTINGS, RAILWAY

Motion that the select committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph lines be granted leave to sit while the House is in session—Mr. A. Campbell—5362. Motion agreed to—5363.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—5363.

We hope to finish on Thursday the work of the committee. There are several Bills from the Senate and two or three others but we shall probably get through in one sitting—5363.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5363.

This is hardly necessary because we have only a few Bills on the order paper, which are non-contentious, and which could be disposed of by the committee being called an hour ealier—5363.

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Speaker, Mr.—2.

Certificates and reports received by which elections have been declared void in electoral districts of Compton and Sherbrooke ; warrants issued for new writs of election—2.

COPYRIGHT ACT—AMENDMENT.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—4791.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (189) to amend the Copyright Act—Mr. A. C. Macdonell—4791. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—4791.

What is proposed is that in the case of single sheets such as photographs, cuts and articles of like nature, that long formula should not be required, that in its place should be printed simply the word 'copyrighted' with the date—4791.

COURT OF APPEAL FOR MANITOBA—THIRD READING.

Bill (195) respecting the Court of Appeal for Manitoba—Mr. Aylesworth—read the second time, and House went into committee thereon. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5556.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —5556.

Yes; the Manitoba Act gives like jurisdiction with regard to provincial controverted elections—5556.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5556.

That gives to this Court of Appeal sole jurisdiction in controverted election cases in that province—5556.

CRIMINAL CODE, 1892, AMENDMENT.

Motion, that leave be granted to introduce Bill (4) further to amend the Criminal Code, 1892—Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—16. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—16.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—16.

The main provisions of this Bill (4) are to introduce legislation with respect to the practice of members of parliament and of legislatures receiving rewards for their services in parliament or in a legislature, or in the departments of the government —16.

CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT, BILL (4)—SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (4) further to amend the Criminal Code, 1892—Mr. Borden—437. Motion agreed to and Bill read the second time. Motion that Bill be referred to the special standing committee —443.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—438.

Enactments which are proposed. Desirable that the Board of Railway Commissioners, who are persons holding a judicial as well as administrative office, should be brought within the purview of section 131 of the Criminal Code; proposed to amend 131—B by stating that no member (lawyer or layman) shall accept money or reward for promoting legislation—438. Counsel who are members of British House of Commons who have been concerned in the debate of questions do not accept retainers. Quotes Mr. Mundella, who resigned as President of the Board of Trade. United States have dealt with the question thoroughly—440. Quotes case of State Senator J. L. Mitchell, of Oregon—141. Will be willing to go before committee and testify as to one or two matters —442.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —438.

Think it is a very proper provision—438.

House went into committee on Bill (4) further to amend the Criminal Code, 1892—Mr. Aylesworth—7648. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—7648.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) 7648.

On section 1—The effect of this Bill is simply to make the Transcontinental Railway Commissioners and their employees subject to the provisions of the Criminal Code. The words 'government official' would scarcely include an official of the Transcontinental Railway Commission— 7648.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7648.

On section 1—Why do you specify those who are employees of the government?—7648.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7648.

On Section 1—The provisions which have been struck out are to be found almost precisely in these terms in the revised statutes of the United States, and they were aimed at an evil which prevails in this country at the present time—7648.

CRIMINAL CODE, 1902, AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (155) to amend the Criminal Code of 1892—Mr. Fitzpatrick. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—2452.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Justice) —2452.

This is merely for the purpose of enabling persons out of the country to be examined in those cases in which persons proceeded against by indictment may be so examined under the Summary Convictions Act—2452.

CRIMINAL CODE, 1892, AMENDMENT—THIRD READING.

Bill (155) to amend the Criminal Code, 1892 —Mr. Fitzpatrick—was read the second time. Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, that the House go into committee on the Bill—3099. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—3101.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3099.

This Bill is necessary in view of some decision that has been rendered on the subject—3099. The judge should make it a condition of the order that the Crown should provide counsel for the defendant —3100.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Justice) 3099.

Magistrates have not in summary cases the power to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses such as is possessed in an assize court or in an ordinary criminal court. We have not had such legislation before—3099. If a man comes before a jury on indictment he would have a right to a commission; if tried on a summary conviction why should he not be placed in the same position?—3100. The rule laid down by the judge in the case mentioned by Mr. Borden seems to be an extremely reasonable one—3101.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—3099.

Have we had anything of this kind before except in criminal cases?—3099. It must be an advantage if the Minister of Justice would give an intimation of opinion as to how it is contemplated that this would work out—3100. I did not notice the exact wording of the section before—3101.

CRIMINAL CODE—AMENDMENT.

Bill (209) to amend the Criminal Code 1892 as respects lotteries—Mr. Fielding—read a second time, and the House went into committee on the Bill—7660. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—7664.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7663.

On Section 1—While I am in sympathy with the objection to lotteries, this Art Union of London can hardly be construed as a lottery in the ordinary sense—7664.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7660.

On Section 1—In remedying the undoubted abuse which exists in the city of Montreal, parliament went too far, when it interfered with the operations of certain art which are of a most excellent character; explains difference between good and bad art unions—7660. This Bill will allow a legitimate art union to do business in Canada, and will not open the door to fraudulent concerns—7661.

Fowler, G. W. (Kings and Albert, N.B.)—7661.

On Section 1—Why do these people not sell their works of art in the same way as other art dealers? Lotteries of this kind and lotteries in churches are all equally bad because they encourage the spirit of gambling—7661. This measure to give legislative sanction to the gambling principles will do more harm to the morals of Canada than having our Sabbath as we have had it in the past—7663.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—7663.

On Section 1—The Finance Minister (Hon. W. S. Fielding) is legislating in advance of public opinion on this question—7663.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7660.

On Section 1—Under this Bill, are you not discriminating against the home articles? —7660. The effort of the government should be directed towards preventing spurious art unions and encouraging good ones in Canada—7662.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and County) —7663.

On Section 1—So far as I know, there is no other art union than the Art Union of London, or the Art Union of Ireland which transacts business on the same lines; while on ordinary principles I would be opposed to lotteries, I can see no objection to this legislation—7663.

CURRENCY ACT—AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (196) to amend the Act respecting the currency—Mr. Fielding—5082. Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time—5083.

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Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5083.

What has been done under the Act of last session in reference to exporting American silver?—5083.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) 5082.

This is a Bill containing but a single clause; reads clause—5082. The practical purpose of this Bill is to enable us to redeem worn silver which has served its turn and has become depreciated in value and appearance; Bill will not include the redemption of filled silver—5083.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—5083.

How will this Bill affect silver coins which have been perforated and the hole filled with some substance the colour of silver? —5083.

Bill (196) to amend the Act respecting the currency—Mr. Fielding—read the second time, and the House went into committee thereon—5547. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5559.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5558.

A means should be found whereby this silver should be taken up at the banks, and then through the banks by the receiver general, and replaced by good silver, or in some other way—5558. Anybody offering to sell that kind of silver would beliable to arrest. There is still a great deal of American silver in Canada—5559.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —5557.

On section 1—We have not prepared any regulations for redeeming coins. Mutilated silver is about in the same position as a counterfeit note. I am told that the churches get it—5557. I am afraid it would be unsound policy to undertake to redeem mutilated coin. You can get the value of the silver for it. It is a violation of the law to circulate mutilated coin—5558. Silver is always worth its value as commercial silver. At the date of the last report, we had exported $273,000 of American silver—5559.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5557.

On section 1—Will the regulations prescribe anything as to the standard that shall render coins liable to redemption? —5557.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5557.

It seems to me that there should be some means whereby one could get the value that is really in it—5557. It is not necessary to offer a premium on mutilated coin but surely the silver is worth something—5558. There should be some means provided whereby silver of this kind could be redeemed at some fair value—5559.

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (175) to amend the Customs Tariff Act, 1897—Mr. Fielding. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—4029.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —4029.

The House has already adopted the resolution touching tariff changes. In conformity with that resolution I now ask leave to introduce this Bill—4029.

Bill (175) to amend the Customs Tariff—Mr. Fielding—read the second time and House went into committee thereon—5102. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5103.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—5103.

On Section 3—How will the minister (Mr. Paterson) identify whether the rails are old rails re-rolled or new rails?—5103.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —5102.

This is simply a crytallization of the resolutions which parliament adopted some days ago—5102.

On section 3—Would insert the word 'otherwise.' No distinction will then be made between new rails and these old rails. The United States have adopted a law which will come into operation on January 1 next, whereby they grant free alcohol for industrial purposes. I am not prepared to say definitely what will be done but our officials are looking carefully into the matter, and in some form or other it will be dealt with—5103.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5102.

On Section 3—If there is a mill in Canada prepared to do the work in sufficient quantities you may abolish the duty—5102.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5103.

On Section 3—Would like to draw the attention of the government to a resolution recently passed in the United States with regard to free alcohol for industrial purposes; trusts that in the tariff revision the hon. minister will take up that subject with the view of adopting similar legislation—5103.

DEBATES COMMITTEE.

Motion that a select committee be appointed to supervise the official reports of the debates of the House for this session—Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister)—126.

DEBATES, OFFICIAL REPORT OF ANALYTICAL INDEX.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, that the second report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the official report of debates of the House during the present session be concurred in 2021. Motion agreed to—2026.

DEBATES, OFFICIAL REPORT OF—ANALYTICAL INDEX—*Con.*

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—2024.

The analytical index is very different from the present 'Hansard' index, even as restored in its old form. The analytical index is not only an index of all of the subjects touched upon, but is also an analysis of the speeches made by every member—2024.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine) —2025.

Understands that in each volume of 'Hansard' they have the old index restored, and, in addition will have the analytical index—2025.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2022.

I doubt very much whether it is practically useful or necessary and it adds a great deal to the cost of 'Hansard' each year—2022. Suggests that the report lay on the table until the hon. members have had opportunity to examine the analytical index—2024.

Have just had placed in my hand and have looked over a copy of the analytical index. I am willing to withdraw any supposed opposition I had to it. It is quite different from the index which is in each volume, and I think it will be very useful —2026.

Gervais, Honoré (St. James, Montreal)—2023.

The analytical index was first prepared in 1904, at the special request of many members. During the present session many members have requested us to continue the work. The work is well prepared, both in French and English. Over one-half the members of the House favour it. Suggests that the members will compare the two indexes—2023.

Henderson, David (Halton)—2026.

My objection to the analytical index is that it contains more than is necessary, more than is really convenient—2026.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—2025.

Am in favour of the analytical index, but would suggest that the index for the whole of the volumes of 'Hansard' be in each volume as it was before—2025.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2023.

Explains change made in index contained in 'Hansard' volumes. Sees no necessity for analytical index—2023.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2022.

Would like to hear from the chairman of Debates Committee—2022.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2022.

The question is, do we require an analytical index at a cost of at least $1,500 a year in adition to the index the 'Hansard' volumes now contain?—2022.

DEBATES, OFFICIAL REPORT OF—ANALYTICAL INDEX—*Con.*

Taylor, George (Leeds)—2026.

Instead of looking over the different volumes they could get the desired information in the analytical index. The committee were unanimous in favour of the report—2026.

DEBATES, OFFICIAL REPORT OF.

Mr. Gervais presented the third report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the official report of the debates during the session—6244.

Mr. Gervais moved that the third report of the Debates Committee be referred back for further consideration. Motion agreed to—6677.

DELAY IN BRINGING DOWN RETURNS.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden brings attention to the memorandum brought down by the Secretary of State, showing returns ordered by the House of Commons in 1904 and 1905, and not yet brought down—1253.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1253.

Gives list of returns not yet brought down—1253. Papers relating to efforts or proposals to authorize the investments of trust funds in the United Kingdom in the securities of any province of Canada, cannot be very voluminous—1255. Would suggest that it might be well for some official of the House to keep in an acessible form a memorandum of all reports brought down—1256.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1255.

They were brought down yesterday. Understand the practice has been not to bring into a new parliament returns which were moved for in the previous parliament—1255. When papers are ordered and are wanted by the member, who moves for them, he usually takes care to renew his motion until the papers are brought down—1256.

In reply to certain inquiry for returns, Hon. H. R. Emmerson makes the statement that practically all returns asked for from the Railway Department have been brought down—1367.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1368.

Has the minister (Mr. Emmerson) examined the list of previous years?—1368.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—1367.

Reference made by leader of opposition that certain reports moved for had not been brought down—1367. Practically every report asked for from the Railway Department has been brought down except one, and the information called for in it

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Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—*Con.*

cannot be got immediately. Returns ordered during an expiring parliament are not brought down to a succeeding parliament. Said that practically all the returns had been brought down—1368.

Martin, A. (Queens, P.E.I.)—1368.

Asked for a return on the 20th March, and not aware that it has been brought down—1368.

DELAY IN CALLING SESSION.

On motion to adjourn, Mr. Borden (Carleton, Ont.) calls attention to the delay in calling the session of the House—8. Matter drops and motion agreed to—11.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—8.

I suppose we will have some explanation later on as to why the date of opening has been delayed so long—8.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—9.

The length of time required by the tariff commission to make a thorough investigation delayed the session—9.

DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENTS.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (5) further to amend the Dominion Controverted Elections Act—Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—16. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—17.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—16.

A recent decision of the Supreme Court interprets the existing law as preventing further proceedings upon an election petition if the petitioner has been guilty of hiring a team for the conveyance of voters to the poll—16.

DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT—SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (5) further to amend the Dominion Controverted Elections Act. Bill read the second time, and referred to special committee—443.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT (1900) AMENDMENT.

Motion, that leave be granted to introduce Bill (2) further to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900—Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—15. Motion agreed to, and the Bill read the first time—16.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—15.

Bill is designed to accelerate the bringing on of by-elections in case the government of the day does not see fit to act within a given time—16.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT (1900) AMENDMENT—SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (2) further to amend the Dominion Elections Act (1900) —Mr. Borden. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time. Motion (Mr. Borden) that Bill referred to special committee, motion agreed to—437.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—437.

Propose to move that the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee appointed on motion of the Minister of Justice—437.

DOMINION GOVERNMENT STEAMERS.

On Orders of Day, Hon. L. P. Brodeur states that the statement made yesterday as to government steamers that carry passengers is correct—1009.

DOMINION LANDS, ADMINISTRATION OF.

On motion that House go into Committee of Supply, Mr. Ames desires to bring to consideration of House matters in relation to the administration of Dominion Lands in the West—3101. Motion for Committee of Supply agreed to—3200.

Adamson, A. J. (Humboldt)—3155.

The dearth of facts in hon. gentleman's)Mr. Ames) speech was most remarkable. If these were real cases of abuse of the Land Act the proper mode of procedure for hon. gentleman to follow was to bring these facts to the notice of the department and to endeavour to get wrongs righted immediately—3156. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Ames) has no right to bracket the name of a gentleman who is highly respected with men of the class he has mentioned—3157. The wonder is that there are not more cases of mistake and more cases of abuse in this great Department of the Interior—3158. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Ames) had nothing to say of the vast fertile plains, the activity of its people, and the optimism that pervades them but contended himself with picking out two or three miserable so-called abuses. Hon. gentlemen opposite in their speeches continually referred to land agents, and they neglected to draw a distinction between Dominion Land agents and agents who are doing business on their own account—3159. I do not say that there have not been abuses, but I do say that I have lived in the country continuously and I have never yet been able to nail one case—3160. Of the 171,000,000 acres of land estimated by Prof. Saunders, only five per cent is under cultivation. In 1879 the officers of the Department of the Interior cut the size of the homestead in two by not permitting a man to have more than eighty acres instead of the usual one hundred and sixty; there are many Canadians in North Dakota—3161. It is absurd to suppose that because some persons actuated by improper motives, have been able to hold up some of the land, therefore the Department of the Interior is not administering the country wisely and well. In view of the tremendous increase in the resources and wealth of the country and the wise administration of the land department these criticisms are entirely inopportune and out of place—3162.

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Adamson, A. J. (Humboldt)—*Con.*

Ames, H. B. (Montreal, St. Antoine)—3101.

Hope of Canada lies in our Canadian Northwest and therefore there is no apology necessary for any member of this House taking up time of chamber in dealing with questions relating to Great Northwest—3101. There is no department which carries on a work of greater importance than the Department of the Interior; that department is the custodian of Canada's uninventoried wealth—3102. Time has arrived for us to endeavour to take inventory of our stock in trade in the great Northwest ; explains object in asking for numerous and voluminous returns—3103-4. Quotes page 44 of introduction to annual report of Department of Interior for 1904-5. Quotes page 72 of 'Report of Board of trade on the Northwest of Canada' by Professor James Mavor, in 1904; after taking a number of calculations have estimated that the fertile prairie belt of the Canadian Northwest is about 90,000,000 acres—3105. Reason why I made calculation with so much care was because it is my intention, by endeavouring to show how much land has been alienated, to bring out in strong relief the quantity of land yet left to be disposed of within the available area fit for settlement in the Canadian Northwest—3106. Sums up and enumerates lands that have passed from the possession of the Canadian government—3107. By calculation there are only 10,000,000 acres of land yet open for homesteading. During the last calendar year 34,500 homesteads were taken up in the Canadian Northwest, the largest year in the history of Canada. 75,000 homesteads are all that the agencies at present surveyed can supply—3108. By 1910, the 90,000,000 acres of the Canadian Northwest that we have spoken of will be all alienated, if not all occupied ; farm lands in the Northwest during the last five years have more than doubled in value ; quotes figures of some land companies—3109. Proposes to speak of only one phase of question, the administration of the homestead law—3110. At the end of three years, beginning 1902, out of 108,409 homesteads entries, there had been 49,455 patents granted and 44,213 cancellations made—3111. Quotes letter from a Dominion Lands Agent at Brandon ; no attempt is made on the part of Dominion land agent to ascertain whether homesteaders are performing their duty or not ; quotes explanation of hon. Minister of Interior in 1903—3112. Quotes citation made by Deputy Minister of Interior in the annual report of the Department of

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Ames, H. B. (Montreal, St. Antoine)—*Con.*

Interior for 1898—3113. Gives a number of instances of non-compliance of Homestead laws—3114. Quotes letter from J. W. Waddill of Radisson; quotes letter to R. S. Lake, M.P., from J. A. Hamilton of Radisson—3115. Quotes letters from Wm. Waugh of Winnipeg in Manitoba 'Free Press'—3116. Quotes editorial in Manitoba 'Free Press' dated March 3rd, 1906—3117. Are these abuses of the homestead laws? Are these abuses known, what is the extent of abuses, and what is being done to correct them? Quotes citation from Manitoba 'Free Press' of March 15, 1906—3118. Quotes page 19 in introduction to annual report of the Department of Interior by deputy minister; quotes report of agent at Battleford, addressed to Commissioner of Dominion Lands on July 15, 1905—3119-20. How can opposition help government put things right if reports are garbled and suppressed as these were? Quotes report of F. K. Herchmer Dominion Lands agent at Dauphin, Man., in Part I, page 16 of printed report—3120-1. Quotes clipping from Manitoba 'Free Press'—3121. Demands that a full, careful inquiry be made into the whole situation in the Canadian Northwest regarding homestead entries—3122.

Bole, D. W. (Winnipeg)—3176.

What was the date of the sale of these lands by the government at $1 an acre?—3176.

Chisholm, T. (East Huron)—3184.

Visited two new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan at close of last session—3184. Describes conditions in the west—3185. Why should not our farmers' sons get some similar advantage to those which Doukhobors and Galicians get?—3186. Eastern Canadian farmers' sons should have an advantage over foreigners. Privilege of entering for homesteads by proxy should be confined to Canadians alone. An entry made by proxy should be put in a different class from those which are made by persons themselves and should terminate at end of six months—3188. Reads letters from Mr. G. H. Lennox, local agent Canadian North Dakota Land Company at Winnipeg, and Mr. James Clinkskill, a merchant at Saskatoon. The massing of foreigners in solid blocks in the midst of vast reserves is a mistake or worse—3189. One man out of every five in our two new provinces is a foreigner who does not understand our language, our laws or our system of government—3190. Twenty years from now, no matter what government is in power, there will be no homesteads taken up in our fertile belt, because there will be none to take. If the Conservatives of old days did wrong they were punished and driven from power; the Liberals came into power promising to reform wrongs but have only aggravated and increased them—3191.

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Crawford, John (Portage la Prairie)—3116.

Were land agents who were throwing in homesteads Dominion agents or company agents—3116.

Devlin, E. B. (Wright)—3148.

Quotes reports of L. R. O. Noel, of Battleford, and J. W. Hannon, of Prince Albert, government land agents. No Minister of the Interior has ever had greater popularity or been better thought of than the present incumbent of that office—3148. Quotes report of transport of crops in the Northwest in reference to shipments of wheat from Fort William. Quotes pages 14 and 15 of report of Royal Commission on Transportation. Never before did any government show such a record of progress as this administration has shown since 1896—3149. The present government is doing all any government could possibly do for the Canadian Northwest—3150.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—3163.

Country is prosperous but no amount of prosperity can atone for mal-administration; does not agree with hon. friends opposite as regards the reasons for that prosperity—3163. It would have been strange indeed if altered circumstances had not forced the government of the day to make some change in their regulations, as had been done from time to time by government which preceded them—3164. It was not until an article appeared in the government organ in the Northwest, the Manitoba 'Free Press' that anything was done to stop the blanketing evil though the department knew, two or three years ago, that abuse existed—3165. Blanketed homesteads in the great majority of cases could not be held, or could not continue for any time to be held by these companies without either an extension of time or some method of bogus cancellation; there was collusion in some way with some of the officials of the department unless done under instructions of the minister—3166. We ought to find out who was the official responsible for the mutilation of the land agents' reports; there is absolutely no justification for such a thing being done—3167. From one end of the country to the other constant charges of favoritism are being made in regard to the administration of the department in the granting of entries—3168. Quotes speech of Mr. J. P. Brown, member for Souris in the legislative assembly of Saskatchewan; quotes letter of Mr. Glen Campbell, member of the legislative assembly of Manitoba—3169. New regulations in regard to land administration do not go far enough; books of land agents should be open for inspection of any one; system of secrecy is wrong—3170. A full and complete inquiry into the whole administration of the lands department should be made—3171. Minister of the Interior has taken the strange position that public documents which belong to the people are

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not open to the representatives of the people; is not asking for returns out of idle curiosity—3172. Reads Prime Minister's answer to a question respecting Mr. Henry Entenier—3173. Reads statement in Winnipeg 'Telegram' regarding value of land—3175. A large number of lands have been sold at low prices for political reasons; instances some cases—3176. Why should a gentleman, who is in the employ of the department and earning a very good salary be given valuable land grants? Is it any wonder with such patronage at their disposal the government are able to win elections in Northwest—3177.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—3138.

Hon. member for St. Antoine (Mr. Ames) never suggested automatic cancellation but spoke of automatic inspection. Quotes motion made by hon. member for East Assiniboia (Mr. Turriff) in legislative council at Regina on July 24, 1884—3139. Under Conservative administration there were constructed west of the great lakes, six thousand four hundred and some odd miles, while under Liberal administration there were constructed only one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three miles of railway—3140. Do not changed conditions call for changes in homestead regulations. Government are not to be congratulated at this late date for making some slight alteration in their regulations but rather to be condemned for their negligence in not having done so long ago —3141. Quotes Winnipeg 'Free Press'; quotes letter in 'Free Press' by Mr. Richard Waugh—3142. Explains system of blanketing; quotes pamphlet issued amongst immigration literature entitled 'Why and How and All About It'—3143. Homestead regulations are enforced when it suits the department and when it does not suit the department they are not enforced—3144. Quotes letters from Mr. Keys, secretary of department; cites cases of party favoritism—3145. Regulations may be all right but administration is certainly all wrong—3146. The best immigration agent is the contented settler; but you will not have contentment as long as you drive people away from the railway line, while others are blanketing the land there without any legal right—3147.

McCraney, G. E. (Saskatchewan)—3191.

When hon. gentleman (Mr. Ames) was told and believed that the Rev. James Bryant had gone up and down the line endeavouring to sell homestead he was completely humbugged; quotes letter written by J. W. Waddill which appears on page 3216 of 'Hansard'—3192. Has never had any complaint; one needs to come to the House of Commons in Ottawa to learn certain things about the West. Can quite understand that either a member of parliament or the department may act on statement from a homesteader which may turn out to be a misrepresentation—3193. Very sure there is no real grievance

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existing in district of Radisson with regard to land question—3194. Quotes section 37 of Dominion Lands Act; quotes amendment made in 1898, 61 Vic. chapter 31, subsection 2 of section 3—3195-6. There is no Doukhobor reserve to-day. Real grievance to people of Radisson and Borden lies in fact that cultivation duties may be done in blocks near those villages and there are very considerable tracts of land which show no sign of cultivation—3196. There is no Galician reserve and never has been one. Is the immigration policy of the Conservative party to be the transplanting of people from east to west?—3197. Explains community privileges—3198. Never heard of an entry being made which was not made for some person whom the person making the entry believed was likely to be a settler in the Canadian Northwest. It is not the duty of the Dominion government to issue patents automatically any more than it would be right for them to make cancellations automatically. The fact that there are a number of homesteads outstanding not patented is no evidence at all of fraud on the part of any person—3199. People of the west to-day think our land laws are effective for the assistance of the settler and are administered in a business-like manner—3200.

McIntyre, W. (Strathcona)—3178.

Has to come to the House of Commons at Ottawa to hear of the wrongs with which the Minister of the Interior is accused in the administration of his department—3178. Quotes speech of hon. member for St. Antoine (Mr. Ames) on column 3212 of 'Hansard'—3179. A great area of land has been filed that has never been cancelled; but cancellation is just as easy as original entry; application for inspection means cancellation—3180. Explains evils of proxy system—3181. Minister of Interior has cancelled proxy system; thinks new regulation is too drastic—3182. Quotes letters protesting against new regulations respecting cancellation of proxies—3183. Where privilege is granted we must be prepared to receive some abuse—3184.

Sifton, Hon. Clifford (Brandon)—3122.

Could not undertake to speak to subject offhand or without an opportunity to read report of hon. gentleman's remarks. If reports have been garbled, the officials responsible for it are very much to blame—3122.

Turiff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—3123.

Congratulates hon. member for St. Antoine division, Montreal (Mr. Ames) for the fair and straightforward manner he has discussed question. You cannot administer such a department as the Department of the Interior. with the amount of business done, without difficulties arising and abuses coming in—3123. Automatic cancellation of homestead entries causes de-

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pression in country. If the Conservative government in the old days had not given away 30,000,000 or 40,000,000 acres of land there would have been that much more for settlers at present time ; the quicker the land is settled up the better it will be for every interest in Canada—3124. The government lands policy is thoroughly endorsed in the West—3125. If there is only 10,000,000 acres of land for homestead entry it would take less than two years to dispose of land—3126. Better and more prosperous class of settlers are coming into western country ; thousands of men are coming from the United States—3127. Explains progress made by continental emigrants in cultivating lands—3128. Advises government to get railway lands all settled first ; there will be a great deal more than 10,000,000 acres of odd-numbered sections to be dealt with when the railway grants have all been supplied—3129. Would not like to see any one convicted on circumstantial evidence hon. member (Mr. Ames) adduced to-night; should not deal too stringently with settler—3130. The trouble under the Conservative government was that the Department of Interior was administered down here by men who had never lived in the West and did not understand the conditions—3131. Explains the system of blanketing of homestead entries and how department deals with it—3132-3. Under the Dominion Lands Act, a man who offers to sell his homestead before he has his certificate of entry is liable to have his entry cancelled—3133. Never knew of a case where land was held for boys of 13 or 14 years of age ; satisfied that information given hon friend (Mr. Ames) is absolutely unreliable—3134. Outlines some changes initiated by present government in regard to Interior Department—3135. When hon. friends opposite gave a man the right to a second homestead entry, they would not allow him to take his second homestead within forty miles of his first. Under old administration, if a farmer had three or four sons, each one had to build a shack on his quarter section and live there three years—3136. An important change that was made was the wiping out of the fees that were charged to the homestead entry when cancellation was made. Another change made was the issue of patents to homesteaders irrespective of the fact that there was a seed grain charge against the homestead—3137. Homesteaders in British Columbia are now treated in same way as homesteaders in prairie country. The recent elections are proof that the land in the Northwest has been wisely and well administered—3138.

DOMINION LANDS—EXCHANGE OF

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (163) to authorize the exchange of certain school lands for other Dominion lands—Mr. Oliver —3233. Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time—3234.

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Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3234.

Would it not be a good thing if there were a general law that all exchanges of land between the government and other people, or corporations should be regulated by an act of parliament?—3234.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —3233.

This Bill relates to a half-section of school land near Indian Head, one-half of which at the present time is occupied by the nursery of the Forestry Department. The other provision relates to a section of land in southern Alberta upon which a discovery of petroleum was made some years ago—3233.

DURYEA, CHESTER BURWELL, PATENT OF.

House in committee on Bill (79) respecting certain patents of Chester Burnell Duryea—Mr. Belcourt—2194. Bill reported, read third time and passed—2205.

Belcourt, N. A. (Ottawa)—2196.

On section 1—Bill is similar to many Bills which come before House every year ; promoter of Bill wanted two years' extension, but committee allowed him only one year—2196. Bill does not need consideration of House, because it has already received consideration of committee to which it was referred—2200.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—2195.

On section 1—The words 'two years' have been stricken out and replaced by words 'one year.'—2195.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Justice)—2196.

On section 1—To say that a minister should be responsible for all private legislation introduced by private members of House is a novel theory in constitutional law—2196.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2202.

On section 2—Would be disposed to vote with committee if it had not been for explanation given by hon. member for Kootenay (Mr. Galliher)—2202. Does not think it would be wrong or unreasonable to let Bill stand until a little more of the exact facts were produced—2203.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—2195.

On section 1—Patentees asked for two years, but committee thought that one year was sufficient to manufacture this article—2195. Reason for not manufacturing within time limit was on account of financial difficulties; was not explained to committee what sugar and syrup meant—2197.

Henderson, David (Halton)—2195.

On section 1—Thinks committee should decline to allow Bills of this kind to pro-

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Henderson, David (Halton)—*Con.*

ceed unless there is some one here to speak for Bill and advise committee—2195. Government is responsible for every piece of legislation that passes, and some minister of the Crown should be in his place to say that this legislation has received sanction of government and should pass—2196.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2195.

On section 1—Do we understand that any rights acquired by any other person subsequent to the lapsing of the patent are reserved?—2195. If company comes to parliament it is because they have failed to avail themselves of remedies provided in Patent Act—2198. Reasons why Bill has passed committee should be given; wants good and reasonable grounds for granting this legislation—2199.

On section 2—Who will give an explanation of the cause for this patent expiring? —2201. When a patent must be handled by a railway company or a large corporation that is a justifiable reason for extension of time, but where the article can be manufactured by the efforts of parties controlling the patent the patentee is himself to blame for allowing it to lapse —2202. The United States, the greatest country on earth in way of inventions, grants a man a patent for seventeen years; if inventor is offered a reasonable price for patent and refuses to sell or to make use of patent, the country takes back patent and it becomes public property; hopes when Patent Act is amended this idea will be embodied—2204.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—2195.

On Section1—What are these Maltose syrups and sugars? Parliament has discussed the adulteration of maple sugar, and now we are encouraging some kind of unknown syrups—2195.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2198.

On Section 1—Government have invariably followed policy of accepting report of any committee of the House recommending a certain action, unless there is some strong reason urged against it—2198. Committee on private Bills had good and substantial reasons for passing Bill; promoter of Bill should give reasons for passing Bill —2199.

On Section 2—Application is made for renewal of patent because patentee had not money at proper time to put patent in operation—2203. Has sympathy with the man who tells us that the reason he did not put patent into operation was because he had not the means—2204.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—2200.

On Section 1—Does hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule) say that oleomargarine Bill was a patent Bill?—2200. Understands that patent preserves only the right to one person to manufacture the article which he may sub-let or allow other people to use; Patent Act cannot and does not encourage manufacture of article—2201.

On Section 2—Power ought to be conferred on some duly qualified officer who could extend or refuse to extend patent, after acquiring the requisite information or evidence in a quasi-judicial way—2202.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2205.

On Section 2—Would be well to put proviso in Bill that compound shall not be sold labelled as 'Quebec maple syrup' ?—2205.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2196.

On Section 1—Patentees did not manufacture within time limit fixed by Patent Act and hence this is an application for an extension of time within which they may manufacture—2196. First question before committee is the question of extending time limit, and the second question is whether this spurious compound of sugar and malt should be allowed to be manufactured—2197. Was chemist of Inland Revenue Department asked to ascertain whether this was an article that we should permit to be manufactured here?—2198. Thinks it is important that committee should have information as to nature of product which is turned out—2199.

On Section 2—Has suspicion that material referred to in this measure might be sold under another name, and so endanger trade in sugar and maple syrup—2204.

EASTER, ADJOURNMENT FOR

Motion, that when this House adjourns on Wednesday, 11th inst., it stand adjourned till Tuesday, the 17th inst.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—1253.

EASTERN RAILWAY SUPPLY ASSOCIATION.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Barker asks when will the return as to the Eastern Railway Supply Association be brought down—840.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—840.

When the minister was asked the question the reason he gave for not answering was that the papers were voluminous—840.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —840.

Hopes to have the papers at once as the transactions with the company have been so limited. They might be too voluminous for a question and not be very voluminous for a return—840.

ELECTION CASES APPEALS.

Speaker, Mr.—2.

Judgment and decisions of Supreme Court allow appeals in the following four cases: North Cape Breton and Victoria, Pictou, Cumberland, and Shelburne and Queen's; and dismiss appeal in King's, N.S., and in Halifax (two judgments)—2.

ELECTION COMMITTEE.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks what progress is being made by committee appointed to consider certain proposed amendments to the election laws—4801.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —4802.

The committee has had a number of sittings ; the work, however, is far from being completed; it has occurred to me that no great public interest would suffer if the work of that committee were left without concluding it to another session —4802.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4801.

It is desirable that the committee should make its report at a date as early as possible—4801. Three Bills introduced by me were referred to that committee—4802.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and County) —4802.

A Bill introduced by the late Minister of Justice was referred to that committee; I see no great difficulty in disposing of that Bill—4802.

ELECTIONS TO THE HOUSE.

On the Order being called, Mr. Borden expressed desire to discuss it as early date as possible. Hon. Mr .Fitzpatrick and Prime Minister agree to discuss it to-morrow on Mr. Borden's motion—211.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—211.

Would like to discuss as early as possible. Does not insist on his own motion, if Minister of Justice goes on same line—211.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —211.

Might do it to-morrow. Mr. Borden's motion has preference—211.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —211.

To-morrow's first motion that of Mr. Bennett, then that of Mr. Smith, and then that of Mr. Borden—211.

Motion that a select committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the Acts relating to the elections of members to this House—Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick—Motion agreed to—252.

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Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Justice) —252.

Matter was fully discussed yesterday afternoon—252.

Motion that a select committee be appointed to inquire into Acts relating to elections of this House, and the prevention of corrupt practices—Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—235.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—235.

Subject first engaged attention of parliament in session of 1903 ; was considered by special committee upon Bill introduced by Mr. Charlton ; committee made report in closing hours of session ; was not approaching subject from partisan standpoint, but with sincere desire of reforming electoral law—236. Directs attention of Minister of Justice to report of committee of British House of Commons of 1898 ; desirable to make some change in law which will result in bringing on by-elections within reasonable time ; returning officers should be of a non-partisan stripe—237. Subject of dealing with voters who decline to vote till paid engaged attention of parliament in 1903 ; present law regarding conveyance of voters to polls not much respected by either political party—238. Quotes Rogers' work on Elections—239-40. Quotes English statute—Act of 1883, section 41, 43, 44—241-2. Quotes article by Mr. Arthur Bottow in February 'North American Review'—242-3. Law in Canada at present time is fairly effective ; would accomplish much greater results than at present if some force independent of both political parties would see that law was carried out—245.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —246.

Fully sympathizes with object leader of opposition has in view—246. Three Acts to be considered—the Election Act, the Controverted Elections Act and the Franchise Act—247. In this country political partisanship runs high—248. Have agreed to adopt the provincial franchise as basis of Federal Election Act—249.

On the order for resuming the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. R. L. Borden for the appointment of a select committee of nine—883. Motion withdrawn—884.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—883.

Object of motion has been subserved by appointment of a committee to which certain Bills have been already referred; asks leave of House to withdraw motion —884.

ELECTION PETITIONS—JUDGMENT OF SUPREME COURT.

Speaker, Mr.—1.

Informs House that Supreme Court has affirmed judgment of election court judges voiding the South Wentworth election—1. Warrant for new writ for said election issued—2.

ELECTORAL AND INDEPENDENCE OF PARLIAMENT BILLS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks whether the committee to which these Bills were referred is likely to make a report this session—7064.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7064.

There have been three separate summonses for a meeting of the committee in question; on the first occasion, two members of the committee attended; on the second, one; and on the third, one—7064. Certainly, it is not possible to legislate on the subject during the present session—7065.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7064.

Would the Minister of Justice give us a statement of the position in which the matter is—7064.

ELECTRIC POWER AND GAS, EXPORTATION OF.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (145) to regulate the exportation of electric power and certain fluids and gases—2159. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—2160.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —2159.

The principal object of this measure is for government to control electric power in Canada, and also to control the exportation of fluids and gases which are capable of transportation by pipe line, &c.—2159.

Maclean, W. F. (South Toronto)—2159.

Explain—2159. It is a good thing to regulate the export of electrical energy and natural gas. This country should insist on our raw nickel and our pulp being manufactured in our own country—2160.

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Motion for second reading of Bill (145) to regulate the exportation of electric power and of certain liquids and gases—3077. Motion agreed to. Bill read the second time, and House went into committee thereon—3078.

On Section 2—Definition of expressions used in the Bill—3078.

On Section 3—3078.

On Section 4—The minister may grant licenses —3086.

On Section 5—3088.

On Section 6—3088.

On Section 7—Deals with penalties—3089.

On Section 8—Mr. Fitzpatrick suggests that clause be added—3090.

Progress Reported—3099.

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Barr, John (Dufferin)—3080.

On Section 3—Will not this Bill lead to conflict of jurisdiction between the federal and provincial authorities?—3080. We should not take any steps that would prevent the development in Ontario—3086.

On Section 8—Is it not a fact that some of these companies were first incorporated by the Ontario government and then came here to have their charters confirmed?—3096. The companies are entitled to fair remuneration, but the province is entitled to be served before any foreign country —3097.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—3078.

Is there not danger of conflict with the provincial government on that point?—3078.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3077.

I do not know whether we have had any explanation of this Bill—3077.

On Section 3—The export takes place at certain points, at Niagara, for example—3079. I would like to know whether or not the terms of the Bill have been submitted to the provincial governments—3081. What is the danger against which the government expects to provide by this Bill?—3082. Was the cable on the bed of the river or above the surface?—3083.

On Section 4—In the United States Congress a Bill has been introduced for the purpose of prohibiting the transmission of electrical power into that country—3087.

On Section 5—Is it likely that the question will be submitted to the courts or dealt with in some final way—3088.

On Section 6—Believes the clause should stand—3089.

On Section 8—If it is right for us to provide a system of licenses which shall apply to companies incorporated by the legislature of Ontario, why not apply the same system to companies incorporated by the parliament of Canada?—3093. Refraining from interference would not affect present conditions—3096. A curious question as to rights might arise as between the provincial and federal legislators—3098.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—3097.

I have the honour to be a member of the Ontario Power Commission. This is one of the questions Ontario is watching with a very jealous eye—3097. It is a very serious matter, and if we make mistakes now, they may be the occasion for very great regret in the future—3098.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —3077.

The main object of the Bill is to give the government control over the exportation of gas, electric power and other gaseous fluids—3077. It is introduced to avoid conflict with the provincial governments

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—3078. As soon as the Bill was printed I sent a copy to the Prime Minister of Ontario, who acknowledged the receipt of it. I have had no further communication with him—3078.

On Section 2—The object is to take power to deal with the export of the substances mentioned in the Bill. I would suggest that blank be filled in by inserting word 'three'—3078. The export figures were given in a report from the International Waterways Commission. I do not know that the right of this government to interfere with the export of gas is questioned by the Ontario government—3079. I think it is the desire of this House that we should establish the principle that we control the export of electric power, gas and such other articles as may be necessary for the development of our local industries. The provincial government licensed a company in Windsor, but they have since cancelled that license—3080. The regulation of the export of these substances is undoubtedly within our jurisdiction—3081. I think it most desirable that the greatest possible publicity should be given to the provisions of the Bill—3082. At Niagara a cable was laid for the purpose of exporting electric power without consulting the Public Works Department, but when it became necessary to add a second they applied to the department for permission. By the device now proposed we would be assuming jurisdiction which would give us the effective control over the export of this fluid which we ought to have—3083. I do not concede that for commercial purposes we have not the right to interfere with the bed of a river—3084. I cannot see why the Bill should not be left over in order that we may have the opinion of the electrical body—3085.

On Section 4—The intention is that there should be no such fixity of tenure as results from a license to cut timber—3086. The policy is government regulation and departmental action—3087. The Canadian government could not authorize the company to do anything which would be in violation of the law of the United States —3088.

On Section 5—In view of the judgment in the fishery case, if Mr. Borden can devise a way by which the legal difficulty can be settled, he will be looked upon as a public benefactor—3088.

On Section 6—I am in the hands of the House with respect to the amount which we should insert in the liability clause, but would suggest $5,000—3088.

On Section 7—Would suggest that $5,000 be the maximum penalty and $1,000 the minimum—3089.

On Section 8—The Ontario Power Company of Niagara has drawn attention to the Act of incorporation which was granted them by this parliament. Reads clause and suggests that another clause be added —3090. I will send a copy of the letter which I received from the Ontario Power Company to the Premier of Ontario, and a copy of the Bill with the amendment suggested—3091. We authorize the companies to do certain things, and having done that, should we now, after they have made their investments on the faith of that authority, interfere by legislation with the right which we have given to them?—3092. When we give power to an individual or corporation we cannot be too careful about interfering afterwards with those rights and powers—3094. If the companies already incorporated have the right to export the electric power, the Ontario government is not affected by this Bill—3095. In the matter of electrical development, our desire is to co-operate with the province of Ontario and all of the other provinces—3097. The intention of the amendment is simply to allow the company which is exercising certain powers to continue in the exercise of these powers—3098. The difficulty, as I understand the leader of the opposition, arises in connection with the power asserted by the legislature of forbidding export—3099.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—3083.

On Section 3—There may be a conflict between provincial and federal authority—3083. I think this parliament has a right to legislate in reference to everything concerning the export of gas, oil or electricity—3084.

On Section 4—The order in council should be a general one under which any one could avail himself of the conditions set forth in the order in council—3087.

On Section 8—You give them the power to erect lines and lay pipes, but that power in no way implies that you give them the right of exporting the material—3092. Unless they get a license or permission from the authority they cannot export—3093. That is a moral obligation; the legal one is another thing—3094.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—3089.

On Section 7—Would this section apply to a workman or person in a subordinate position, or is it only intended for the principal?—3089.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3078.

Has the Minister of Justice consulted the provincial authorities in regard to this measure, and at what stage are these negotiations?—3078.

On Section 2—In regulating the export of power, you may do so by requiring a license or by imposing an export duty—3078.

On Section 3—How large is the export at present?—3079. Unless a company takes out a license, it cannot be regulated by the federal authorities; but once it does, it comes under the federal jurisdiction—

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3080. It can subsequently be used to supplement the revenues of the country—3082. If it was decided to be good national policy that our power should not be allowed to go out of the country would not this law enable you to prevent the export?—3084.

On Section 4—Are the terms of this license set out in the Bill? All licenses ought to have a term. What is the term ?—3086. You only license out; you do not license in—3088.

On Section7—The penalty ought to be a large one. I think a whisky pipe line was stolen across the Detroit river for a long time and a good deal of money was made out of it—3080.

On Section 8—Would ask the government to hold this measure until consultation can be had with the province of Ontario, which also has jurisdiction over this company—3090. It may be as I hope it will, that the two governments will work together in dealing with this matter—3091. There are enough charters in existence to export all the power that can be generated at the Falls—3092. The province of Ontario has undertaken to regulate the export of sawlogs—3094. It is still in us to regulate these power companies by license and by an export duty, even if we have incorporated them—3096. It is provided that the companies must supply the provincial market, and if there is a surplus they may export it—3098. The Rankin Company have come here and asked to be brought under federal jurisdiction—3099.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—3093.

If you have not given any right, this section will not affect the matter at all—3093.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3079.

On Section 3—This taking out of a license before one can export is rather a new departure—3079. It seems to me a novel plan, and a precedent which may result in many applications being made on the same line—3080. What would be the position if the provinces desired to impose licenses for revenue purposes?—3084.

On Section 8—The giving of special rights to this company, because it has secured a better charter than some others, will be of immense advantage to it—3091. If the companies which have charters have the right to use all the power generated by Niagara River, what will become of the policy announced by the Ontario government?—3095.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and County)—3086.

On Section 4—This is at the will of the minister—3086. The minister carries out the regulations of the Governor in Council—3087. You would not want to fine a workman $5,000—3089.

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Tisdale, David (Norfolk)—3079.

On Section 3—Will the Bill take away any rights already granted?—3079. Surely we can pass the Bill and then let the electrical men see it—3086.

Wright, A. A. (South Renfrew)—3085.

On Section 3—The licenses should not be for too long a time, and there should be a provision that they could be annulled at any time by the government giving so much notice. The electrical men will be at Niagara from every part of the Dominion—3085.

On Section 6—What does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fitzpatrick) mean by, 'for each such offence' ?—3088.

On Section 7—I do not see how they could steal a wire across a river without some one knowing it—3089. I think that we should treat those parties who get their licenses in good faith, but I don't think our people of Ontario should be deprived of obtaining the power if they can purchase it—3096.

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House again in committee on Bill (145) to regulate the exportation of electric power and of ce taine liquids and gases—Mr. Fitzpatrick—4035. Motion agreed to and committee rose—4068.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—4036.

Desires to say a few words before the Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) withdraws his Bill. Bill before the House is a new departure, so far as the exercise of this government's power in regard to Niagara is concerned. So far as the preservation of the scenic effect of Niagara Falls is concerned, our friends to the South are very much more anxious to preserve it than people of Canada are. Our friends to the south are actuated, not so much by a desire to preserve the scenic effect, as they are by a fear that the industrial interests of this country will receive an impetus from cheap power that they cannot hope to get—4036. The parties who are resident upon the banks of the river Niagara are entitled to use that river to a very large extent for their own purposes; as the Ontario government is at present in possession of the banks of a considerable part of that river they, therefore, have the right to regulate the adjacent waters. What is the position of the federal government with regard to the jurisdiction over these boundary waters? —4037. Authorities in the United States have claimed that neither the Ontario government nor yet the Dominion government have power to regulate what water should be taken from the river Niagara; quotes opinion of an eminent American authority, Mr. Griggs, on question—4038-9. Prof. Fessenden, who was

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the expert employed by the municipal power commission, has made a computation of the value of Niagara river as a power proposition; Ross and Holgate, of Montreal, had charge of the hydraulic and electrical work and the actuarial works were looked after by Mr. John McKay, of Toronto—4039. Quotes what Professor Fessenden estimates the value of Niagara river at as a commercial enterprise—4040-1-2. Quotes basis of calculations of Municipal Commission—4092. Quotes total calculations of the International Waterways Commission. The total estimate of the flow of Niagara Falls according to the engineer employed by the International Commission is 222,400 cubic feet per second—4043. Is it worth $2,000,000,000 for the people of New York State or the people of Ontario, to preserve Niagara Falls as one of the great wonders of the world for all time, and allow this vast force of nature to run to waste in the future as it has in the past?—4044. If this government enters into a bargain with the United States to limit the amount that can be withdrawn from river for all time, they will very seriously handicap the industries of the province of Ontario; navigation is certainly under federal control, and this parliament has a right to control Niagara river so far as navigation is concerned, but any argument that navigation is to be interfered with is not valid. The principle embodied in the Bill introduced by the Minister of Justice is a very good one; trusts withdrawal is only temporary—4045. Under the existing agreement so long as the power companies at present in the field, supply the present needs of Ontario, which are comparatively limited, they are at liberty to export to the United States a large amount of power, explains predicaments the present arrangement may lead to. Wherever you withdraw water from the lake you interfere to a certain extent with the level of the lake—4046. In the province of Ontario at the present time power can be produced at Niagara ready for transmission at $5 per horsepower, for a 24-hour day per annum—4047. Reads report of the International Waterways Commission issued by the authority of the Public Works Department. The Niagara river is a heritage given us by nature to make up for the lack of coal from which we are suffering. The power of Niagara runs continually day and night the whole year round—4048. Quotes a table of cost for various horse-powers; explains gradations of cost—4049. Electricity can be produced at Niagara free of transmission charges at $5 per horsepower; as compared with gas this makes a difference in favour of electricity of $11 per horse-power; Ross and Holgate, engineers of Montreal are the authorities for figures—4050. In Toronto they are now paying about $40 per horse-power for electricity, but it is now shown that power can be delivered on the switch board at

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Toronto at from $16 to $17 per horsepower per annum, with a twenty-four-hour day. Would like to know from government whether they are going to withdraw the jurisdiction so long exercised by the province of Ontario over the Niagara river?—4051. There is no place on the whole North American continent that is so favourably situated for power as the two hundred miles surrounding Niagara Falls—4052. The party living on the banks of the river has an inalienable right to use that water so far as he needs it for his own purposes, provided he does not pollute it, and provided he does not interfere with the rights of navigation—4053. Have resolutions submitted by the International Waterways Commission obtained concurrence of the minister (Mr. Hyman), or is he prepared to say now whether he concurs with them?—4055. The present development includes 32,100 feet on the Canadian side and 26,400 on the American side—4057. I said that with a 30,000 horsepower development it would cost between $8 and $9, the $5 is with a development of 100,000 horse-power or more—4062. We are justified in estimating not only the quantity which the Americans take from the Niagara river direct, but what they take by the Chicago drainage canal; quotes supplementary report; when canal is fully utilized, it will be capable of taking 10,000 cubic feet per second. The Waterways Commission say that navigation shall not be interfered with, and if the Americans took water above the rapids, they interfere with the level of the river required for navigation—4064-5. Present franchises will be vastly enhanced in value if government says that no future development shall take place on river. The figures I quoted were all prepared by Ross & Holgate, of Montreal, for the report of the Ontario Power Commission—4066. The amendment may raise the question as to the jurisdiction of the province of Ontario to control existing rights on the river—4067.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—4035.

Intends to withdraw Bill standing in his name but shall be glad to have Bill taken up in committee in order that hon. member for Brantford (Mr. Cockshutt) may have an opportunity to speak—4035. Moves that committee rise—4068.

German, W. M. (Welland)—4044.

The lowest price paid the Ontario government is 50 cents per horse-power; they pay from $1.50 to 50 cents—4044. On what authority does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Cockshutt) say that power can be produced at $5 per horse-power at Niagara?—4050.

Seven years ago it was absolutely impossible to get any man of financial standing in Ontario or any municipality either, to take the slightest interest in the deve-

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lopment of electric power at Niagara Falls ; it was necessary to go to New York and then to Buffalo to get capitalists to put their money into electrical development on the Canadian side of the river ; it was by reason of American capital that the monopoly of the Canadian Niagara Power Company was broken up—4061. The government of Ontario have entered into agreements with three different companies whereby they obtain $1.50 per horse-power for the first 10,000 horse-power ; and on every pound of water used over 30,000 horse-power the Ontario government receive 50 cents per horse-power. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Cockshutt) pretend to say that they can sell 30,000 horse-power at $5 a horse-power and pay the interest on $6,000,000 let alone maintenance and working expenses?—4062. Electrical power at Niagara Falls can be developed and disposed of at a fair profit for about $10 a horse-power. No treaty should be entered into between the government of Canada and the government of the United States which would in any way curtail the right of Canadian people to develop electrical power at Niagara Falls or from Lake Erie—4063. Within a very few years you will see every railway running out of Niagara Falls operated by electricity within the distance that electrical power can be transmitted with commercial success. Hopes that government. before taking definite action in this matter, will very carefully consider the possibilities of the future and the interests of the people—4064. I did not say I had an interest in the company other than a public interest.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—4049.

What is the price of coal?—4049.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Public Works)—4043.

The figures are not given by the Canadian section alone but by the International Commission—the Canadian section in conjunction with the American section—4043. If hon. friend (Mr. Cockshutt) will look at reports, he will see that the Chicago Drainage Canal have power to divert 10,000 cubic feet per second—4047. Regrets that debate on so important a matter should have been brought up upon a mere question of the withdrawal of a Bill. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Cockshutt) hardly recognizes the importance of the subject when he asks that there should be made at this moment some declaration of policy on behalf of the government—4053. The policy of the government is shown by the withdrawal of the Bill ; explains why Bill was withdrawn. Recognizing the importance to Ontario the government has thought better, before entering into a contest in regard to the question of jurisdiction, to see if it is not possible to arrive mutually at some settlement on this question which would be beneficial to Ontario, to the other provinces, and to the Dominion itself—4054. Is not prepared to state the policy of the government upon the whole question raised by the International Waterways Commission ; has not had time to consider report fully as it is proposed to hold an interprovincial conference after this session is over—4055. No matter where the jurisdiction may lie this Dominion parliament have entire and absolute control over the export of electricity—4056. The report of the joint commission recommends that there should be an arrangement by which there should be permitted to be developed on the Canadian side 36,000 cubic feet per second and on the American side 18,500 cubic feet per second—4057. Quotes some figures of the International Commission; figures of the International Waterways Commission were arrived at only after the most careful computation—4058. The Chicago Drainage Canal have the right to withdraw 10,000 cubic feet per second, but they have not, up to the present moment withdrawn anything like that amount. It is the purpose of the government to carefully consider the whole question and to confer not only with the Ontario government, but with the different provincial governments at the conference which will be held between this and the next session of parliament—4059. Is there anything to prevent the Americans going further above the Falls, where they have considerably the larger portion of the river on their side, and carrying the water down to the Falls and developing the power there ?—4065. Authority was given for the Chicago Drainage Canal before this government came into power—4067.

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Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—*Con.*

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—4059.

The entire province of Ontario could be lighted from Niagara Falls if the power could be sold as cheaply as it ought to be sold in accordance with the figures given here to-day. The signs of the times point to the early electrification of the great railways of the North American continent—4059. If either the federal government or the provincial government obtains control of the electric power that can be generated at the Falls, we will once again have the great railways under control, and a new instrument will be given into our hands for the regulation of railways ; we ought to set about recovering the franchises we have already given for the development of this great water-power. No treaty affecting our rights should be signed until parliament of Canada has become a party to it. Minister of Justice has done a wise thing in delaying passage of Bill and in consulting the province of Ontario in reference to it—4060. Trusts that very soon we will have a law regulating the export of power, and that no company will be excluded from its jurisdiction—4061. Asks govern-

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ment whether the Canadian government at any time has protested in regard to the diversion of the waters of the Chicago Drainage Canal, as interfering with the navigation of the lower lake system —4067.

EMERSON COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Foster calls attention to newspaper clipping referring to the collector of customs of Emerson—1581.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1581.

Asks Minister of Customs to state whether reports published in reference to collector at Emerson are correct—1581. Then the strike is practically on—1583.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —1582.

The collector was suspended and an investigation held. On the report of the chief inspector the collector was reinstated—1582. Did not know that a strike was on—1583.

EMPIRE DAY—ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.

Motion by Hon. Mr. Brodeur, that when this House adjourns on Wednesday next, the 23rd inst., it stand adjourned till Monday, the 28th inst. Motion agred to—3795.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—3795.

It is understood that the House will adjourn at six o'clock ?—3795.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—3795.

I understand this motion is made with the consent of the House, as expressed to the Prime Minister the other day—3795.

EMPIRE TRUST COMPANY.

On the order for the House to go into committee on Bill (135) respecting the Empire Trust Company—Mr. Worthington—4945. Bill stands—4945.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —4945.

Objection has been taken that the name is similar to that of one company in Manitoba and another in Nova Scotia. I think the hon. gentleman contemplates changing the name and, in his absence, would suggest that Bill stand—4945.

EMPIRE TRUST COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (135) respecting the Empire Trust Company—Mr. Worthington—5221. Progress reported—5223.

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A protest has been filed by the Empire Trust Company of Halifax, against granting this charter, on the ground that confusion may be caused by the name. Would suggest that, for the present, the Bill be not proceeded with—5221. If a company comes for a Dominion charter it necessarily implies the right to do business throughout Canada. Quotes telegram from deputy provincial secretary of Nova Scotia—5222. In the meantime, the Bill will not suffer by this delay, because it will have its turn later on—5223.

Henderson, David (Halton)—5223.

Thinks the course suggested is the best that can be taken—5223.

Worthington, A. N. (Sherbrooke)—5222.

I am quite willing to comply with the Finance Minister's suggestion, and leave the question of the name to the third reading of the Bill—5222. The Bill might pass the committee with the understanding that the name would be submitted to the hon. minister later on—5223.

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House in committee on Bill (135) respecting the Empire Trust Company—Mr. Worthington—5446. Order allowed to stand—5447.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5446.

Would suggest that some other member might move it as hon. friend (Mr. Worthington) will not be here again this session—5446.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —5446.

The hon. the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) informs me that it is reserved because there is another company of the same name—5447.

House again in committee on Bill (135) respecting the Empire Trust Company—Mr. Worthington. Motion that clause 1 be changed—Mr. Borden—5682. Motion agreed to, and Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5683.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5682.

Moves that clause 1 be changed. We might go on and change the name of the company, and if any objection is raised the question can be disposed of in the Senate—5682.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)— —5682.

I understand that Mr. Worthington was to have a motion to change the name to the Dominion Trust Company, and in that form there is no objection. I was not aware that there was that Quebec com-

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pany—5682. I am willing to accept the suggestion that we dispose of the Bill now and let the matter be arranged in the Senate—5683.

EMPLOYEES OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Motion by Mr. Sproule, for a return showing the number of permanent employees at present in the service of the Senate and House of Commons; also number of sessional employees; also the number employed in 1896—1869.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —1869.

No objection to first part of motion, but the second part, regarding the Senate, would not be according to the rules of parliament—1869.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1869.

Thought the government could get the information from the Senate—1869.

ENFRANCHISEMENT OF JAMIESON WEBSTER LEWIS, INDIAN—

Bill (85) for the enfranchisement of Jamieson Webster Lewis, Indian, of the Moravian Band of the Thames, in the province of Ontario—Mr. Oliver—read second time, and House went into Committee thereon—2827. Bill reported, read third time and passed—2832.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2830.

It seems unusual that year after year the highest court in the land should be called upon, simply because some formalities have not been attended to at the proper time. How many cases are there of this kind this year?—2830.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—2828.

Is there any precedent for this legislation? Is it the policy of the government to enfranchise Indians who are considered desirable and who will make good citizens? If this particular Indian is superior to all other Indians wherein does his superiority lie? What is the standard by which an Indian can be enfranchised; what amount of education does he need; what is required of him before he is to be enfranchised?—2828. If Indians are to be enfranchised you should begin with the Brant Indians who exercised the franchise for ten years. Let the government fix a standard and let every Indian who comes up to that standard be enfranchised. Will not this Indian have the right to vote?—2829. If this Act should pass, what has this Indian to do in order to qualify for political right?—2830. Is not opposing Act; only asks minister to extend it—2831.

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Fowler, G. W. (Kings and Albert, N.B.)—2827.

What is the object of this Bill?—2727. Do you give him a patent of his land and also his share of the capital amount standing to the credit of the band?—2828. Will the Indian have the same right to vote as a white man?—2830.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2829.

This Bil is intended to give this Indian civil rights and not political rights. It is intended to remedy the neglect of an Indian agent who failed to carry out certain formalities which, if had carried out, would have permitted this Indian to be enfranchised without a special Act—2829. This Indian will have to qualify for political rights in exactly the same manner as the white man would do—2830.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of Interior)—2827.

Quotes explanation as given by Indian Department—2827. This is not a precedent; it is an exception. The policy of the department is to encourage Indians to become enfranchised—2828.

Paterson, William (Minister of Customs)—2830.

The Indian Act provides a way by which an Indian may become separate from his band—2830. Every Indian in every band has precisely the same rights that this Indian has but the Indians of Brant do not desire to become enfranchised—2831. This case would not have needed to come to this parliament at all if it had not been for omission of Indian agent to do his duty—2832.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2832.

An important consideration is that the Indian would be able to buy his whiskey like a white man, and the seller would not be liable to a fine of $200 for giving it to him—2832.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co., N.B.) —2832.

This parliament is the only body that can pass legislation to raise an Indian to the dignity of a citizen. The difficulty in this case is that there was a defect in the conduct of the government official in not pursuing the proper legal course—2832.

Wright, William (Muskoka)—2832.

There is danger that if this parliament passes an Act enfranchising this Indian, it may not be in accord with the legislation passed by the local legislature and thus give rise to a conflict of jurisdiction —2832.

ERIE ONTARIO POWER COMPANY—THIRD READING.

House went into committee on Bill (107) respecting the Erie Ontario Power Company—Mr. German—2668. Bill reported, read third time and passed—2668.

ERIE ONTARIO POWER COMPANY—THIRD READING—*Con.*

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —2668.

Section 16 of chapter 119,1903, has to be repealed to allow passage of this section one of the Bill—2668.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2668.

On section 2, c. 119, s. 16 repealed—Would like to know what is being repealed—2668.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LAZARETTO FOR LEPERS.

House in committee on Bill (115) respecting leprosy—Mr. Fisher—2185.

On section 9—Section as amended agreed to—2188. Bill reported, read third time, and passed—2189.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) 2185.

On Section 1—There is no authority on statutes of Canada which creates a lazaretto; the lazaretto at Tracadie has no authority for existence—2185.

On Section 5—If person is suspected of disease he may be examined by medical officer and upon report of officer that there is reason to believe that such person is afflicted with leprosy he may be confined to lazaretto; quotes clause 6—2186.

On Section 8—County court judges and district court judges have same juridiction—2187.

On Section 9—It is a pretty serious offense to knowingly conceal and harbour a leprous person; has no objection to making minimum penalty $10 instead of $25, and leave it to discretion of magistrate—2188.

On Section 12—Under Act there are two ways by which patient can be admitted to Lazaretto. One is on the authority of the minister after a voluntary examination. The other case is where patient resists and an order of a court is required—2188. Patients should only be admitted after examination by officers of lazaretto—2189.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver City)—2186.

Asks minister (Mr. Fisher) if it is intention of government to take over the lazaretto at D'Arcy island in British Columbia; anything that can be done for unfortunate people afflicted with leprosy would be an act of greatest charity—2187.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2185.

On section 1—The institutions that now exist would be established already would they not ?—2185.

On section 5—Medical officer must have good reason to believe that person is afflicted with disease before he is incarcerated in lazaretto where he would be sure to be infected with leprosy—2186.

On section 8—Is this clause sufficiently wide so that a person suffering from leprosy may be committed by a district judge as well as by a county court judge? —2187.

On section 9—There may be extenuating circumstance for harbouring of a leper. How does penalty compare with penalty in similar cases ?—2187.

On section 12—Why should minister authorize admission ?—2188.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LAZARETTO FOR LEPERS—*Con.*

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—*Con.*

EXCHEQUER COURT ACT AMENDMENT—THIRD READING.

Bill (156) to amend the Exchequer Court Act —Mr. Fitzpatrick—read the second time. and the House went into committee thereon—3523. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—3528.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3527.

At all events, if they held that this is not a final judgment, it seems to me that this legislation is very proper. It only shows that we cannot have a perfect system—3527.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) 3524.

By allowing an appeal on the judgment on the question of liability a great deal of time and expense may be saved. The purpose of the Bill is to make the judgment final and conclusive for the purposes of the appeal—3524. I am looking after the interests of the Crown in introducing this legislation, but, if there is likely to ensue hardships to future suppliants, I am willing that the Bill should remain in committee for further consideration—3525. If an action is brought against the Crown by a contractor, and a defence is put in on the question of liability, that question is first tried in the Exchequer Court; an appeal cannot be taken until the whole case is ended, including examination of witnesses as to damages—3526. My deputy states that a judgment affirming the liability of the Crown and referring the question of damages, was not regarded as a final judgment, and it is to remedy this difficulty that this Bill is brought in—3527.

German, W. M. (Welland)—3527.

It seems to me that the Bill is placing the Crown in exactly the same position as any private litigant, and there is no reason why the Crown should not be placed in the same position—3527. I do not think we need to be anxious about doing anything which may injure the contractors when we are looking after the interests of the Crown—3528.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—3524.

Would the effect be to provide that there is to be no appeal from the decision of the assessor or referee ?—3524. If by using the words here proposed we are

EXCHEQUER COURT ACT AMENDMENT—THIRD READING—*Con.*

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—*Con.*

deciding, in effect, that the judgment here referred to is the only one that can be appealed from, I think it is a very serious matter—3525.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—3525.

Does this not give an undue advantage to the Crown, in respect of such legislation as this? I think we should consider well whether we are not, at the instance of the Crown, working injustice to possible suppliants—3525. Could not the matter be worked out by way of consent?—3526. If the judgment has gone the other way, prima facie the suppliant is wrong; and, in the other case, prima facie the suppliant is right—3527.

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden calls the attention of the Prime Minister to the Bill relating to express companies which stands on the order paper for second reading—4537.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—4538.

Had an understanding with the ex-Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick), that the Bill should be referred to the same committee as that to which was referred the Bill introduced by the Minister of Railways—4538.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4537.

The understanding with regard to this Bill was that it should be referred to the committee to which had been referred the amendments to the Railway Act. If we might arrange to take second reading of Bill to-day there would be less ground for objection to the government taking Monday for the remainder of the session.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—4537.

Not prepared to give an answer to hon. friend (Mr. R. L. Borden) to-day; shall have to consider matter—4537.

EXPRESS COMPANIES AND THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (82) respecting express companies—Mr. Alcorn—999. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—1000.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—1000.

Simply taking the clauses of the Railway Act that appear to be applicable, and endeavouring to mould and apply them to the case of express companies—1000.

Motion that the order for the second reading of Bill (82) be now called—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to.—4734.

Motion that Bill (82) respecting express companies be read a second time—Mr. Alcorn. Motion agreed to, and Bill referred to the Select Committee on Railways—4734.

EXTENSION OF TIME.

Motion that time be extended for receiving petitions of the Western Insurance Company and the British American Insurance Company, and that said petitions be read and received forthwith—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—Motion agreed to—5082.

FENIAN RAID, VETERANS OF

Motion by Mr. Monk, that it is desirable that the government of Canada should recognize in some substantial manner the services rendered during the Fenian Raids of 1866 and 1870 by our Canadian volunteers—613. Motion negatived, yeas, 46; nays, 90—646.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—624.

Objects to statement that it is not in accord with British loyalty that the men who were out in 1866 and 1870 should expect any recognition from the government—624. The conditions as they existed in 1866—625. Only about one in seven received recognition by medal—626. The Niagara invasion was not confined to the few thousand who actually crossed the river—628.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—639.

Urges Mr. Monk not to withdraw motion—639. If any blame attached to the late government, would make no apology, but something should be done—640. The men who went out in 1866 and 1870 did so without expectation of reward, but the House will not be doing its duty if appreciation of the services is not given—641. Never spoke of veterans coming here as beggars, hat in hand.—642.

Borden, Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia)—619.

Whatever is done for the veterans in Ontario and Quebec, the same thing must be done for those who served in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—620. Quotes the number of men called out in 1866 and 1870 and the number who were on the firing line. There were 21 wounded and 9 or 10 killed—621. Forty-nine were pensioned including widows and orphans—622. The only point from which the proposition could be favourably considered might be to give them a special privilege over others in the matter of selection, when they became active settlers—623. To admit that every time the militia is called out they should be entitled to extraordinary privileges and grants of land is not in accord with our ideas of British loyalty—624. 5,250 medals have been issued to the militia of that time—626. 15,250 medals distributed—637.

Suggests that member for Jacques Cartier should withdraw motion, and if action be not taken by government, bring it up later—639.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—636.

The same pledge given by Premier this session as to tariff consideration in Nov-

FENIAN RAID, VETERANS OF—*Con.*

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

ember, that he gave to Fenian Raid delegation ten years ago. Trusts there will be a better fulfilment of latest pledge—636. Minister of Militia says that only 5,250 medals were distributed. If it should be 15,000 that is more in accordance with the numbers. Draws attention to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company project—637. After what the Prime Minister and the Minister of Militia has said the government ought to accept the motion—638.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John)—629.

Before leaving home, Mr. Stockton and I were waited upon and asked to promote the application for recognition of sesvice—629. They did their duty and bravely, and had they been under fire, would have done the same—630.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—643.

The stalwart independance of the member for Cumberland—643. No definite pledge made by the Prime Minister or by the Minister of Militia, and yet the member for Cumberland (Mr. Logan) recedes from his original position—644.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—631.

Men who were called out to guard the lines of communication just as deserving as men on the firing line. Questions minister's figures—631. Suggests that a tract of land be set apart in Peace River District for veterans, and that scrip be issued in lieu thereof—if the man goes up and settles on it he will get 320 acres, but if he does not settle on it, he will get only 160 acres—632. The argument cannot be used now by the Prime Minister that the Federal government does not control the land—633.

Col. McLennan, of Glengarry, long anterior to 1896, took an active interest in the matter, but the Conservatives went out of power and the Liberals came in, and nothing was done—633.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—633.

If the arguments advanced in favour of motion are well founded it is a sad commentary upon previous governments—633. The Conservative party had an opportunity of doing everything they wanted to do. Mr. Barker says the veterans do not want substantial recognition, but the member for Jacques-Cartier says they do—634. Willing to give to any veteran or to any veteran's son, the pick of the land in the West—635.

The motion comes late, after a lapse of 40 years, but if a plan can be devised to leaven the mass in the West with our own blood, and find homesteads for veterans and their descendants, the government will be prepared to do its share in the matter—636.

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Logan, Hance J. (Cumberland)—542.

The member for Beauharnois (Mr. Bergeron) after sitting for eighteen years under Conservative rule, inactive waking up from Rip Van Winkle sleep—642. The motion simply a political dodge, juggled around the House to catch votes—643.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—613.

Object of motion to test the opinion of House as to manner in which the matter should be settled—613. What the Prime Minister stated to the deputations in 1896 and 1905—614. Quotes Prime Minister from 'Hansard', 1905, vol. 4, page 6047. The Fenian raid veterans, took up arms to defend this country, and are in a class different to the volunteers of 1885 and the South African volunteers—616. The lands of the Northwest falling largely into the hands of foreigners and railway companies—617. Only some 12,000,000 acres of available land left, according to estimate of Mr. Ames. Difference between American and Canadian immigration policy—618. The veterans are entitled to a definite answer as to the policy of the government on this question—619. Motion broad enough to cover the volunteers from the maritime provinces—638. Ontario admitted the justice of veteran recognition in 1901—639.

Stewart, Robert (Ottawa City)—645.

The veterans are grateful to the present government for recognition already given, which was so much greater than that received from previous government. They are not beggars, hat in hand, as pictured by Mr. Bergeron, and are not looking for substantial favours—645.

Telford, W. P. (North Grey)—644.

Would rather trust to the somewhat indefinite promises of the Prime Minister and of the Minister of Militia than to the belated good intentions of hon. gentlemen opposite—644.

Walsh, R. N. (Huntingdon)—630.

In favour of resolution. The men who volunteered to resist the Fenian Raid did so with no other object than the defence of their country—630.

Worthington, Arthur N. (Sherbrooke)—628.

It is true that few of the Canadian volunteers came in contact with the enemy, but all were anxious to do so—628. If anything is to be done it ought to be done now—629.

FISCAL YEAR.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (162) respecting the fiscal year—Mr. Fielding. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—3065.

FISCAL YEAR—*Con.*

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —3065.

This is the Bill to give effect to the change of policy announced some months ago whereby the fiscal year shall begin on April 1 instead of on July 1 as at present—3065.

FISCAL YEAR, THE—SECOND READING.

Bill (162) respecting the fiscal year—Mr. Fielding—read second time and House went into committee thereon—5093.

On Section 4—Motion to amend—Mr. Fielding—5094. Progress Reported—5102.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5094.

On section 2—Is there no change except a change of dates?—5094.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —5094.

On Section 2—It is the old clause with the dates altered—5094.

On section 3—A suggestion has been offered by one of the departments and approved by the Department of Justice to amend section 3 by terminating it at the words 'old fiscal year'—5094.

On Section 4—Moves amendment to section —5094. The object is to enable the Governor in Council in any case to which attention is called to adapt the machinery to the new fiscal year; provision is made that the returns shall be given up to a certain date and we propose to change that date and to make the machinery as far as possible adapted to the new order of things. I agree that Bill shall remain in committee and in the meantime I will refer it back to the Department of Justice—5096.

On Section 5—In some services of the government if you have a nine month's appropriation it covers nearly the whole year because of climatic reasons; in dealing with our public accounts we should deal with actual figures and not hypothetical figures—5097. If we fix the time when parliament shall meet, we should in all reason also fix the time when parliament close.—5099. When we establish the new system and give it a fair trial, members will find their personal comfort and convenience served to a much greater degree than in the past—5100.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5094.

On Section 2—Section gives power to extend the time for finally closing the account of any appropriation for a period of not more than three months from the end of the fiscal year and then it will be optional with the government to close the account within that time—5094.

On Section 5—Is there any way by which public accounts may be compared on the basis of the nine months so as to keep the continuity of comparison between the fiscal years without a breakage?—5096. Why should we not have a fixed date for the calling of parliament? We shall seldom hereafter get through the business

FISCAL YEAR, THE—SECOND READING —*Con.*

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—*Con.*

of parliament in less than five or six months each session and the uncertainty disturbs a member in his business relations, his social duties and all the accompaniments of life—5097. If there was a fixed date it would conduce to the despatch of business in the cabinet, because every minister would know that parliament must meet at a certain time. No man and no government can be absolutely free; freedom is only a question of degree and parliamentary freedom is a freedom which may well be dispensed with—5098. Can see no reason that can be validly urged against the establishment of a fixed date for parliament—5099. If parliament fixed the time of meeting, it would be consistent with their position as representatives of the people—5100.

German, W. M. (Welland)—5101.

A better proposition than that of having a fixed date for the opening of parliament would be a fixed date for the closing of parliament and for general elections. In a democratic country such as this we ought to be able to improve on English practice and procedure—5101. I do not believe it is good for the country or for party or in the public interest that a government should be able to dissolve parliament any time it sees fit—5102.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5095.

On section 4—The word 'amend' is rather a peculiar word for us to use in this section; it is rather a peculiar proposition that the Governor in Council should amend an Act—5095. This is a precedent and it certainly is not a desirable method to adopt—5096.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5095.

On section 4—Will this section cover the annual reports of the departments—5095.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5095.

On section 4—Do you think it is possible to amend an Act by order in council?—5095.

On section 5—If we had not in our system the principle that a ministry might be defeated at any time and the parliament come to an end, the suggestion of a fixed date might possibly be workable—5101.

House in committee on Bill (162) respecting the fiscal year—Mr. Fielding—5559. Motion to amend—Mr. Fielding. Section as amended agreed to. Bill reported, read the third time, and passed—5560.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —5560.

Although the Bill was reported I thought it better to have the clause redrafted, so as to meet the objection raised. Reads proposed clause—5560.

FLAG ON PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

On the Orders of the Day Mr. Elson drew the attention of the government to the negligence of having a flag on the House of Commons on Dominion Day—7184. Mr. Elson moves adjournment of the House—7185. Motion (Mr. Elson) to adjourn, negatived—7187.

Elson, P. (East Middlesex)—7184.

Refers to visit of the 7th Fusiliers regiment of London on Dominion day and to absence of the national flag—7184. Demands some explanation of why the flag was not unfurled on the day of celebration of our national birth; moves adjournment of the House—7185.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7186.

The official in charge of flag-raising should have common sense enough to know that the instructions must include the day that is celebrated as well as the holiday itself—7186. It is an excellent idea that the flag should be flying on the main tower during the time parliament is in session—7187.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Public Works)—7185.

The flag was flying on the parliament buildings on Sunday the 1st of July in the usual way; the difficulty arose out of the officer following the rules strictly—7186.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—7186.

Would suggest that the flag should float from the main flag staff of this building during the entire time that parliament is in session—7186.

FLOUR FOR PENITENTIARIES, TENDERS FOR

Motion by Mr. Taylor, for a list of names of persons who were asked to tender, otherwise than by newspaper advertising for flour supply at penitentiaries. Information produced by the Minister of Justice 774.

FORDING VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY, THE—IN COMMITTEE.

House in Committee on Bill (197) to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company—Mr. Galliher—Bill reported, read the third time and passed—6035.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6035.

What is the length of the line?—6035.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—6035.

About 150 miles—6035.

FOREST RESERVES, ESTABLISHMENT OF.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (47) to provide for the establishment of forest reserves—Hon. Frank Oliver—559. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—559.

FOREST RESERVES, ESTABLISHMENT OF —*Con.*

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—559.

Will the minister kindly explain this Bill—559.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—559.

So far forest reserves have been constituted merely by the withdrawal of the lands from sale and settlement; now provision is to be made within areas privately owned; also to constitute forest reserves game preserves—559.

FOREST RESERVES.

Bill (47) respecting forest reserves—Mr. Oliver—read second time, and House went into committee thereon—2832.

On Section 7—Section stands—2874.

On First Schedule—Amendment agreed to.

On Second Schedule—Agreed to—2883.

On Fourth Schedule—Agreed to.

On Fifth Schedule—Schedule as amended agreed to—2884.

On Seventh Schedule—Schedule as amended agreed to—2885.

Amendment to schedule in reference to Alberta—Mr. Oliver—Amendment agreed to—2885. Progess reported—2886.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—2881.

On section 12—Would suggest that after word 'Act' in fourth line some such words as these be inserted 'unless and until the title thereto shall become so vested in the Crown,' because, manifestly, after the title is so vested, we want Act to apply—2881.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2832.

On section 2—Would minister give fuller explanation of general provisions of Bill—2832. What authority had department to establish reserves by departmental order?—2833. Would minister (Mr. Oliver) be good enough to inform us what is the total area and situation with regard to the great watercourses of the Northwest areas which have been already reserved by department—2834.

Agrees with what has been said by Prime Minister as to importance of subject. Principle of Bill is all right; but we want to know exactly what is involved in the proposal to establish these forest reserves. It is necessary that the House should know that the details of the measure are conceived in a wise spirit—2845. Is there, apart and outside of these forest reserves, a sufficient area set apart to enable the companies to make selection which they are entitled under any contract or under the law of the land?—2846.

On section 4—What is the meaning of the word 'utilization' or rather what policy will the government carry out in making regulations for the utilization of such reserves—2867. Would think it desirable

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

before this Bill gets through committee that we should have an opinion from the law officers of the Crown as to the legality of timber licenses—2868. I think that the minister's suggestion to run through clauses and then let Bill stand in committee is a good idea—2870.

On section 7—The clause is very comprehensive in its present shape and the minister might consider whether words could not be restricted to what he has in mind —2873.

On section 9—Might be possible that the statute would operate as a dedication of the road to the public. Does not observe anything in the section which would authorize the government to change the location of road—2876.

On section 10—The effect in the end depends altogether on the power conferred on a justice of the peace under the regulations ; quotes section. Are there any railways being constructed or projected into the areas covered by the forest reserves mentioned in this Bill ? —2879. You should have some special provision against fires from the railways —2880.

On section 11—This section does not enable the Governor in Council to secure an absolute interest, but only such interest as will permit the operation of any regulations for the prevention of trespass and the protection of game—2880.

On section 12—Quotes section. Might not word 'right' include timber license for example ?—2881.

On section 13—The ranges mentioned in section 10 would have the power under this section 13, upon catching a trespasser upon the land, of trying him and fining him upon the spot and of imprisoning him without any further delay —2882.

On Fifth schedule—What do you propose to do with eastern half of present reserve? —2884.

Fowler, G. W. (Kings, N.B.)—2844.

On section 2—Principal criticism of Bill is that it has not taken in enough timber territory. Thinks Bill is a move in the right direction ; it is one of the most important Bills that have come up before this House—2844 Has the department had any interviews with the lumbermen of British Columbia with respect to these matters ?—2852. So long as there is provision for compensation it is a matter of importance to know the number and to what extent these licenses are held—2854. The Bill makes no provision for contribution by the licensees towards the expenses of fire-rangers— 2856. Minister of Interior (Mr. Oliver) should take into consideration the whole question of the timber within the railway belt throughout British Columbia— 2857.

On Section 4—Where will the superintendent reside ?—2863.

On Section 7—It would be possible, under this section, for a man who had a piece of land within these reserves that was

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Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—*Con.*

not very valuable to exchange it for land that would be valuable ; department should be guarded carefully in working section—2872. Suggests that minister amend section by confining it exclusively to the case of the Hudson's Bay Company—2873. Does the Hudson's Bay Company take its 20th of all this area? Are they not confined to a certain limit ?— 2875.

On section 10—Instead of one-half the cost falling upon the railway, the whole cost should; minister is not drastic enough— 2878. This clause only takes effect while a railway is being constructed ; does not anticipate difficulty which alarms my hon. friend from Qu'Appelle (Mr. Lake)—2879.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—2836.

On Section 2—Has the railway company made the selection of any part of this land in the Porcupine Hills up to this time ?—2836. If licensed parties have right to cut timber for ever, what is the use of preserving timber?—2842. Would like to know what legal or statutory obligation the government are under to keep those lands that are set apart for railway purposes?—2852. As the Bill provides for compensation to those whose rights are affected in any manner, we should know to what extent we are pledging the credit of the country in entering on this undertaking—2853. Would the hon. minister state what obligation we are under to reserve lands that are set apart for railways ?—2854.

Henderson, David (Halton)—2861.

On Section 4—Will it be possible for one man to take charge of this great extent of country and give the work the supervision that is absolutely necessary if the purposes of the Bill are to be carried out ? Principle of Bill is admirable— 2862.

Herron, John (Alberta)—2840.

On Section 2—Asks hon. minister (Mr. Oliver) if what is known as a park in southern part of Alberta is included in this forest reserve—2840. Understood minister to say that he would continue to issue permits to cut timber on forest reserves —2859.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—2863.

On Section 4—Has minister (Mr. Oliver) set apart the reserves marked on the maps? —2863. Duck and Riding Mountain timber reserve includes some of the best farm land in the Northwest. Will it be of more value if used as a timber reserve? —2864.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—2834.

On Section 2—Have any railway companies the right of selection of lands within the boundaries of areas reserved, and if so, what provision has minister made for granting them other areas?—2834. May

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not the railway company bring pressure to bear upon government to have some other areas set apart from which it may select its lands?—2835. Are we to see some further area laid apart and withdrawn from public settlement in order to give railway companies the right of selection—2838. Thoroughly agrees with the general principles of the selection of forest reserves—2839.

On Section 4—Are these not extensive powers to give to the Superintendent of Forestry ?—2861. Is minister (Mr. Oliver) not able to give any outline of what his general policy will be in regard to the administration and management of reserves—2871.

On section 7—Quotes objectionable sentence ; if that phrase remains in clause the minister will never be able to make any exchange without giving some compensation—2874

On section 9—Has known cases of the Dominion government having refused to build roads across an Indian reserve, throwing that burden upon the old territorial authorities—2876.

On section 10—Does this clause mean that the forest-ranger is the man who summons the company and then determines whether the company committed the offence or not and imposes a fine if he thinks they did?—2878.

Is there an amendment to schedule 10 ?—2885.

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On section 2—The object of this legislation is primarily to set apart certain areas of land which shall be preserved as forests—2839. If it be true that the whole of this area is covered with timber licenses, that does not interfere with its being in the public interest that this area should be preserved as a forest. The greatest enemy of the forest is the settler—2843.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—2836.

On section 2—Was no arrangement made with the Canadian Northern before this area had been set aside ? What was the extent of territory given to them in substitution for their right in the Riding and Duck Mountain, and where is this new area ?—2836. Has the minister any knowledge of timber licenses within the areas now sought to be set apart by this Bill ? If so, have any negotiations been taken with these people with regard to settlement of their claims—2837.

On section 4—Has the minister considered regulations as to the protection of timber ? Will licensees, under their present licenses take timber in reserves protected by government ?—2861. Quotes clause 4 ; whole effect of this legislation will depend on what regulations are passed and how they are enforced—2866.

On section 9—Will the maintenance of these roads fall upon the province or upon the Dominion ?—2875. It would be hardly fair that the province should be called

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upon to maintain the roads when it derives no revenue from them—2876.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2837.

On section 2—In creating these reserves we are laying ourselves open to considerable claims from railway companies ; quotes section 11 of Bill. By whom was the plan for these reserves first laid before the government—2837. Is this Bill modelled after any special legislation existing in the United States or other countries ?—2838.

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On Section 2 — Quotes forest reserves created by departmental order or by order in council. The principle of reserving forested tracts in the prairie country is a policy that has prevailed since 1893 in a greater or less degree. The Bill is offered as being the closest approach available to the reservation of the areas which have hitherto been set apart—2833. Gives information with regard to situation of mountain reserves—2834. The Duck and Riding Mountain and the Porcupine Mountain reserves are within the area in which the Canadian Northern Railway Company as successors of the Hudson's Bay Company may select their land grant. The very purpose of the reservation by parliamentary enactment is to provide for retaining the ownership of these lands against the requirement of the railway company—2835. What was said in the newspapers was hardly likely to be true, because the company could acquire the right to cut timber quite irrespective of the ownership of the land —2836. It does not follow that because a reserve is declared, therefore the cutting of timber upon that reserve shall be debarred—2837. The Bill is for the express purpose of bringing timber on area up to merchantable character; number of timber licenses which have been issued is immaterial—2842. Gives area of various reserves—2844. It is because the department had not the authority to take the action that was sometimes needed in order to secure the object of this reservation policy that this Bill is called for 2850. One of the purposes of the Bill is to have timber cut under different conditions from those which now exist—2851. The great question to be decided first, is whether it is sound policy to reserve certain areas, which are possibly the sources of water supply, from occupation and utility—2852. Reserves are set apart and were set apart in the first instance for the purpose of delimiting the several rights of the different railway companies as to the selection of their lands—2854. The intention of clause 11 is to enable the government to secure absolute control within the limits of these reserves—2855. There is a provision in Bill that the administration shall be under regulations approved by Governor in Council —2856. Government desires to make this problem a parliamentary rather than a

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departmental responsibility—2858. Where an application is made for a permit or license within the area proposed to be set apart by this Bill, the intention is that such license shall be withheld until the provisions of Bill come into force—2859. I would be very willing if House approves of Bill as it stands and if a general opinion exists that there should be power of expropriation to insert it in Bill—2860.

On Section 4—It is believed that one superintendent with an efficient staff can administer the Act in regard to the reserve—2863. The purpose of Bill is to set apart areas which are not only useful for the growing of timber but which also, by reason of their elevation, are a source of water supply for the adjacent country —2864. The holding of privileges within the timber reserves is not inconsistent with the purpose of the Bill, provided the holders of privileges are made to conform with regulations which are passed—2869. It will be necessary to make different regulations for different reservations, and therefore it is impossible to make one statement that will cover all cases—2872.

On section 7—If reserve is to be made effective, some provision must be made for overcoming the Hudson Bay company's control of two sections, and this provision is inserted especially with that in view—2872. We have not gone so far as to ask for expropriatory rights but we are making provision for acquiring these lands by measures short of expropriation ; this plan will not burden the treasury and there will be no loss to the public domain—2873.

On section 9—If it were the Dominion government's road, the Dominion government would have to keep it up, but if it were the provincial government's road, the provincial government would have to keep it up—2877.

On section 10—I thought that the parties who were the cause of the danger should pay half the cost of protection. This section will apply where the conveniences of civilization are not at hand—2878.

On section 11—It might be expensive to acquire the actual title to that land and yet it might be possible that the owner of land would have no objection to permitting the operation of our protective measures in regard to both timber and game on his land ; idea is again in regard to the Hudson's Bay Company—2881.

On section 12—This is simply declaratory and it is intended to say that we do not assume in any of our provisions to interfere with individual rights of property —2881.

On section 13—Section 13 is a penalty clause for infraction of the regulations in regard to the reserves ; section 10 is intended to apply outside the reserves and the ordinary penalties of the provincial law would apply—2883.

On First schedule—Moves as an amendment to first schedule a description of the reserve suggested in the map of the railway belt of British Columbia—2883.

On Fifth schedule—Moves an amendment to fifth schedule referring to the spruce woods—2884.

On Seventh schedule—Moves an amendment to seventh schedule referring to a description of the Porcupine Forest Reserve—2884.

Moves amendment to schedule in reference to Alberta. Section 7 in schedule 10 as it appears in printed Bill is struck out —2885.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—2840.

On section 2—Bill is a step in the right direction. Thinks hon. Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) ought to give parliament some sort of report on proposed reserves before asking us to support Bill —2840. Have the railways which have been in possession of these lands had the rights to take ties from them ?—2841. About how many acres of land does this whole reserve that we are dealing with now cover ?—2843.

On section 4—We ought to be able to form some idea as to the damages these people may claim—2869. The Bill should not pass until we have the fullest information as to the land controlled by the government—2870.

On section 7—The Hudson's Bay Company own one-twentieth so that, assuming there are two and a half million acres, they will get 125,000 acres—2874.

On section 12—What is the meaning of this section ?—2881.

Perley, Geo. (Argenteuil)—2864.

On section 4—Is heartily in sympathy with the intention of Bill. Would strongly urge on minister to see that a proper system is established and enforced and that the Superintendent of Forestry is made to see that the regulations are properly carried out—2865.

On section 7—Under section 11 minister would have power to arrange with the Hudson's Bay Company or any private owner for their land without exchanging it for other land—2873.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—2839.

On section 2—Are these forest reserves locked up from settlement ?—2839. Quotes report on the Riding Mountain timber reserve made in 1904 by Mr. Young, a forest inspector. All those who have squatted or purchased lands should be bought out by government—2847. Quotes court evidence of Mr. James White, government inspector—2848. Why should government officials be sent there to order off these Scandinavian settlers on the plea that the half-breeds were entitled to the property ?—2849. Reads letter from Hon Clifford Sifton dated Sept. 7, 1904 *re* squatters on township 19, range 19. Does the minister (Mr. Oliver) state that there was no authority to take these lands ?—2850. After Bill becomes law all

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the squatters as well as those who have purchased land within the area of the timber reserve will be compelled to vacate ; reads clause 11—2854. Reads clause 12—2855. It would appear from section 12 that this Act will not apply to any persons who have at present a right acquired by purchase—2856.

On section 4—Is it the minister's intention to appoint any more forest rangers, and if so, how many ?—2870. The fact that the minister (Mr. Oliver) is not taking authority in this Bill to preserve reserves intact and to prevent squatters going upon them, and that he has not taken authority to dispossess them shows quite clearly that it is not the intention of the department to carry out the true object of the Bill as explained to the House—2871.

Is it the intention to enforce these clauses referring to compensation for rights acquired by various settlers who have located on the land between now and next session ? I presume Minister of Interior (Mr. Oliver) will require an appropriation for this purpose—2885.

Ross, Duncan (Yale-Cariboo)—2876.

On section 9—Would the Dominion government be called upon to pay the expense of maintenance of the Cariboo Trunk road if this section is passed ?—2876.

Schaffner, F. L. (Souris, Man.)—2857.

What is the policy of the government in reference to Turtle Mountain forest reserve ?—2857. What is policy of the government towards these squatters—2858.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—2841.

On section 2—In the areas which are being set apart as public forests, there is a considerable amount of land which is fairly fit for settlement. The only possibly way that settlers could be kept out of a timber reserve would be to set it aside as a public park and take it out of the hands of the department—2841. Government will not have any difficulty in making a settlement with the holders of timber licenses—2842. All squatters who went within limits of Turtle Mountain reserve were notified by timber ranger there before they made any improvements, that they were within the reserve, and would not be granted homestead entries—2858.

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Sections 4, 7, 11 and clause 12—stand—3348.

Section 10—amended—3348.

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Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—3321.

Read the clause which gives the government the power to terminate the lease—

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3321. Are any lands within these forest areas at present open for selection to railroad companies whose grants are not completed?—3339. Am I rightly informed that the additional section of country in which the Canadian Northern or their assigns were permitted to select land lies to the westward of the area which had previously been given to the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan?—3340. If you deprive a company of a certain privilege are you in exchange to give them a privilege very much more valuable than the one you took away?—3341.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3324.

Is there any measure of compensation paid to the Crown, for example, by rent per square mile, and if so, how much? Is there any obligation to cut—3324. I would like to know if there has been any notable loss by fire in any of these timber reserves, and which of them?—3225. While this Bill does to some extent create a state forest, to a certain extent, in another aspect it does not—3331. At the present time the licensees are entitled to all the increment beyond 50 cents a thousand in all the timber cut, but we think the state should have the whole or a part of the increment it creates in the future—3332. You must have dual ownership or do away with the timber licenses—3334. The object of good forestry is to keep certain trees growing every year, so that in five or ten years they may be cut out, and there will still be a younger growth which will gradually replace them—3335. The hon. minister (Mr. Oliver) says that the railway companies are entitled to be furnished with land of a certain quality; under what statutory enactment?—3342. Has the minister brought down the report of the Superintendent of Forestry, if there is such a report?—3343. Would it not be well to have the opinion of the Minister of Justice upon this point, and especially on the point of compensation with respect to timber licenses?—3346. Suggests that sections 4, 7, 11 and 12 be permitted to stand—3348.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—3344.

What was the result of the action of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway and Steamboat Company?—3344.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—3333.

The Premier has a different view from the Minister of the Interior. The Minister of the Interior tells us he does not contemplate at present interfering with the licenses—3333. I believe in the plan of setting apart these reserves, but I believe the only feasible one is complete ownership by the government—3334. The order in council says that the Canadian Northern Railway Company shall have the right of making selection to the 31st December, 1905—3344. Has there been any order in council renewing that? If we are not bound it facilitates the solution of the subject of forestry—3345.

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Herron, John (Alberta)—3326.

Does the $5 a year rental give the lessee the exclusive grazing rights on some of these forest reserves?—3326. I am quite in accord with the Bill; but I would like to know what the government will do in the event of great development in the oil fields in southern Alberta—3337. In the event of a dispute between a railway corporation and the government as to the value of this land, what procedure is provided for their coming to a settlement—3343.

Jackson, S. J. (Selkirk)—3325.

Four years ago I travelled twenty-five miles in the Duck Lake Mountains through the finest dead timber I ever saw—3325.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—3337.

Have the forest rangers been successful in preventing fires, and in cases of fires, have they been successful in tracing the origin and securing the conviction of the parties?—3337. Is the minister satisfied that the forest rangers are doing their duties in hunting up the originators of fires and in bringing them to justice?—3338. Refers to J. F. Neilson—3339. Does the Act or the order in council give to the company the exclusive right of the selection of the lands which they are to take for their land grants?—3349.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—3331.

In Quebec the stumpage has been increased from time to time. I share very many of the views that have been expressed by the member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule), and feel very much disposed to hold the increment for the State and not for the holder of the limits—3331. The object of this Bill is to withdraw at once from private ownership everything included in these reserves, and to make them State forests. It should set aside from time to time such portions as contain timber which is mature and ready for consumption—3333. I do not think we have the right to interfere with the licensees—3334. The lumbermen pay one-half of the remuneration which is given to these fire-rangers, and if the rangers were remiss in their duty, the lumbermen would at once report them to the government—3339. If it is good average land I do not know that the Canadian Northern Company could ask for more than to be given land of equal area and of equal value—3346.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—3329.

Suppose the price of timber went down what suggestion would the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) make?—3329. Is the question raised by the leader of the opposition not covered by the issue of a new license each year?—3332.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—3318.

I have the information that was asked for, and which I shall be glad to give to the

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House—3318. Quotes the proposed reserves. Total area of reserves, 5,190¾ miles. Gives list of Riding Mountain Forest Reserve—Timber Berths. No timber permits have been granted to or for any railway companies within this reserve. The leases are for an indefinite time. Quotes clause 2—3319-20. I would like to give to the House in continuity the statement of Timber Reserves asked for so persistently on a former occasion. The stumpage dues are fifty cents per thousand feet of the sales of lumber. Quotes list of Duck Mountain Forest Reserve and Porcupine Forest Reserve—3321-22. Quotes list of timber berths in Lake Manitoba West Forest Reserve. Turtle Mountain has no timber berths; Spruce Wood Timber Reserves have no timber berths; nor Moose Mountain Reserve, nor Beaver Hills Reserve. Pines Reserve has one berth. Quotes a short statement of terms of license—3323. There is a ground rent of $5 per square mile per year. The provision which requires the licensee to erect a mill is considered to be a part of the provision which compels him to cut—3324. Am of the opinion that there has not been a serious loss by fire in the Manitoba reserves. Turtle Mountain and Cypress Hills Reserve suffered severely—3325. The timber license does not give any grazing rights within the reserve. The important point is that the timber has been made use of—3326. This lease is subject to such regulation as may be made from time to time by the Governor in Council, and, I take it, that would be part of the regulations—3330. There is no objection, whatever, to bring down any information the hon. member (Mr. Osler) may ask for—3331. There will be no restriction on the production of petroleum within the area of any reserve that may be set apart—3337. The greater or lesser number of convictions is not an evidence as to the activity or the contrary of the fire rangers—3338. There are vast wooded areas in what are called the prairie provinces outside of these reserves. Mr. J. F. Neilson was not in the employ of the department as a fire ranger at the time he was supposed to be employed in political operations—3339. I repeat, so far as the Duck and Riding Mountain reserves are concerned, there has been an exchange of land; no such exchange has been made in regard to the Porcupine Mountain reserve—3340. If the Canadian Northern have a certain right of selection in a certain place, and this parliament sees fit, in pursuance of public policy, to take from them that right of selection, parliament will have to compensate them or give them another selection—3341. They demand, as they have a right to demand, so many acres of land fairly fit for settlement—3342. The Bill is rather the effort of the superintendent of forestry to place in practical form the ideas that were presented at the forestry convention held in Ottawa early this year, with the approval of the

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government—3343. There is no arrangement for the settlement of a dispute. Cites the case of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway and Steamboat Company—3344. Moves that section 10 be amended—3348. Would like to have certain amendments made in the schedule in regard to the dry belt in British Columbia—3349.

Osler, E. B. (Centre Toronto)—3319.

Are the leases all on the same terms? When do they expire? What is the stumpage?—3319 I thought the minister told us all these leases were terminable at any time, at the dictation of the government—3320. Is the stumpage the same in all the leases? What is it a thousand?—3322. How does this order of 1898 materially differ from the old regulation? Has the government power to increase the stumpage from time to time, or is it a fixed price? If the leases that are now existent are in their terms subject to a 50-cent fee, surely the government cannot increase that unless there is a provision in the lease allowing them to increase—3330. I think we should have the order in council of July, 1898, so that we could see in what it differs from the older regulations—3331. Even at a very great sacrifice, the country should set aside their timber reserves; but we ought first to know exactly where we stand—3334. Under the regulation the licensee would still keep sufficient ten-inch timber on his reserve to wait for the younger timber to grow up under the protecting care of the government—3335.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—3335.

This Bill does not give power to dispossess persons who have purchased lands from the railway companies, and who reside on their lands within the reserve—3335. Quotes report of Messrs. Young and White, dated July 4, 1904, in regard to the Riding Mountain Reserve—3336. It will be necessary, not only to take power to take over the rights of those who have licenses to cut timber, but to dispossess those who own the lands within the timber area—3337. The report which I read a few minutes ago partly answered the question asked by the member for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Lake)—3338. Do these reserves comprise all the wooded areas in the prairie provinces?—3339.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3326.

How many sawmills have been erected on these limits? The original intention was that sawmills were to be put up or otherwise the licenses would not be granted—3326. Quotes the conditions of the lease—3327. Although timber there had increased in forty years from $6 or $8 a thousand to $60 or $80 a thousand, the stumpage dues had been raised only once, when they were raised to $1.50 or $1.75 a thousand—3328. The licenses should be cancelled or

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the fees should be increased from year to year, as the lumber goes up in value. The system as carried on now is only a kind of brokerage—it is a speculation—3329. There seem to be three different kinds of leases and the provisions under the original lease were different from the ones we have before us to-day. Is it not a fact that one licensee holds several licenses? He cannot be expected to put up a mill for each—3347. Asks for regulations under which leases were granted between 1880 and 1890, and the regulations made by order in council of 1890, as amended by any subsequent orders—3349.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—3325.

These timber reserves that were burned over some years ago are all growing up again with a heavy growth of poplar, so that they will become timbered later on—3325. Quotes section 2 of the license with respect to disposal of land denuded of timber—3334. In the past, if on a twenty-mile limit, the timber over ten inches had been cut and taken away from ten miles of it, the minister exercised the power of withdrawing those ten miles—3335. The fire that burnt over Turtle Mountain reserve came in from the United States, and the fire that burnt out the Moose Mountain timber up from near Regina, and travelled over 100 miles—3339. Every lease issued has a provision that the lessee must put up a mill within a year after the department instructs him to do so, and if he does not do so, it cancels the lease—3347.

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I understand that this Bill cannot be proceeded with at present, because it is in the hands of the printer—3412.

House again in committee on Bill (47) respecting Forest Reserves—Mr. Oliver—3528.

On section 4—Control and management—3528. Agreed to—3578.

On section 10—Amendment by Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—3578.

On section 11—Release of interest to land within reserves—3578. Agreed to—3580.

On section 12—Section stands—3881.

On section 13—Amended by stating penalties. Section as amended agreed to—3582.

Progress reported—3582.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—3548.

On section 4—Is the Porcupine Mountain Dominion reserve a new or an old reserve? It takes up one-half of the en-

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tire 5,000 square miles—2412 square miles. That is what the Bill says—3548. In 1886 a bonus was paid by G. H. Bradbury, amounting to $176.04. Then, when the hon. gentleman (Mr. Turriff) stated that no bonuses were asked for under the Conservative administration, he did not mean that—3564.

On section 11—I would like to ask the hon. minister (Mr. Oliver) if there is any reason why the order of the House for the production of the original tenders cannot be complied with ?—3679.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3528.

On section 4—We want to know upon what general principle the regulations are based ; also, as to the opinion of the law officers of the Crown in respect to the liability of the Crown—3528. It seems to me you are asking parliament to pass this Bill without stating whether or not this area of 500 miles is really to be forest reserve or not—3529. Quotes the order in council of Sept. 17, 1889, and asks if it has been eliminated. Having eliminated that you are, to a certain extent, at the mercy of these men—3530. Some years ago, I secured a provision that the increased powers with respect to certain regulations in the Yukon, should only have force until the end of the next succeeding session, unless during that session they were ratified by the House of Commons and Senate. Why was that amended behind the back of parliament? —3531. The complaint is that formerly the continuity was subject to the revision of the annual rental and royalty, and now it is not—3532. This Bill will increase the value of these timber limits, and, notwithstanding that, the government is absolutely powerless, under the amended regulation, to take for the state one dollar of the increased increment—3533. The difficulty is this, if you once include within the limits of the forest reserves areas covered by timber licenses, do you not thereby give these persons certain rights ?—3541. The changed condition of the licenses has nothing to do with the principle of the Bill, but it has to do with the obligation which may be imposed on the country by the Bill—3544. Are you not increasing the area of the forest reserves by this Bill?—3545. When we put in the form of a statute that these forest reserves should be created, we should declare that any compensation to be paid to the licensees should not be increased by reason of the establishment of these reserves—3546. If the government would consent to introduce an amendment of that kind it would meet a great many of the objections that have been raised—3547. We understand exactly the position of the minister (Mr. Oliver) in regard to the rights of the speculator and exploiter. He has proclaimed himself to be the friend of that individual as against the rights of the people—that is the inference—3558. Every dollar that is gained by these limit holders by means of the

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change in the regulations can be put in their pockets, and the people can be put at defiance—3559. In 1903, when friends of the administration and relatives of ministers of the Crown had possessed themselves of these timber limits, changes were made in the regulations which greatly advanced the value of the limits —3560. When the regulations were amended in 1903, were the amendments made applicable to timber licenses previously granted, or only to licenses granted thereafter ?—3563. Why make the concessions more valuable by taking away the power of revising the royalty ? —3566. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Crawford) has not yet answered the question —3568. Would be well to avoid putting the timber licenses in the position of having these lands constituted a part of the forest reserve until you can find out how you can deal with them ?—3573. The amendment would provide that the value for expropriation or any other compensation should not be increased by the passing of this statute—3574. My object is not absolutely to withdraw them, but to postpone the bringing of them into the reserve until the government shall have found out exactly the conditions of these limits—3575.

On section 11—There are no powers of expropriation—3580.

On section 12—You will have to take out the 500 miles—3580. This goes very much further than the amendment which I proposed and which the government would not accept. This prevents the licensed limits from coming in at all—3581.

Crawford, John (Portage la Prairie)—3565.

On section 4.—Describes how the old regulations worked under the Conservative government—3565. Our Conservative friends could not have considered them very valuable—3566. Cites the case of the Boyd Ranching Company in 1895, one of the members of which was a member of this House at the time. One timber limit practically given away by the Conservative government had 21,000,000 feet of timber on it—3567.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —3546.

On section 4.—The government should not pay on the enhanced value that may accrue as the result of this—3546.

On section 12—This section would have the effect of making the forest reserve legislation applicable only to lands not subject to timber licenses or other leasehold rights. Lands purchased from railway companies would not be included in the forest reserve—3581.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—3567.

Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Crawford) give the location of some of these limits, and state that on any of them there is or ever was any timber of value—3567.

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Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3577.

Wants to have the method of disposing of limits explained; how tenders are put in; what officer opens the tenders; and what length of time elapses between the advertisements and the opening of tenders—3577. Will furnish the minister privately wherein the privilege of opening tenders has been abused—3578.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—3543.

On section 4.—The policy which we have now has been in existence for more than twenty-five years—3543. The object of the Bill is to take away from the government the powers which it has to-day in regard to these forest reserves and to vest them in parliament—3544. If this Bill becomes law, as I think it should, there will be 5,000 miles of forest reserves and the government will not have the power to sell an acre of this land—3545. Most of these forest reserves are already forest reserves, but we have the power, under the regulations as they exist to-day, to sell the land or to do something with it. We want to take that power from the government, so that there will be no authority to alienate them—3546. I have no objection—and I think the Minister of the Interior will agree with me—to put in a caveat that nothing we do here should give the right against us, to the holder of a license, to increase the compensation to him—3547. I do not know as to trespass, but I know that he cannot cut hay on the land or use it to raise grain. He has only the right to cut timber—3550. Whatever benefit redounds to the leaseholders from this legislation should not be made a ground for additional claims, if we are ever called upon to expropriate them. I cannot see the force of the suggestion of the leader of the opposition that we should take the 500 miles which are under permit practically out of the reserve—3575. I do not know whether in law we could impose new conditions upon the present licenseholders, but where there are no limits reserved now we can impose such conditions as we think necessary—3576.

On section 12—Better let this section stand ———3581.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3534.

On section 4—The time has arrived when parliament should put a stop to any further alienation of the public domain, especially in large blocks to companies or individuals—3534. Does the hon. member know how much per thousand, pine, the province of Ontario is getting now?—3536. What the public wish to know is whether in dealing with this matter, the government intend to abandon the reckless policy they have pursued up to the present time. Quotes the Toronto 'Globe.' 3542. The government have made rich men out of those who hold these timber limits, and they propose to make them richer men by the Bill which they now have before the House—3543. You could

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take the power to deal with these 500 miles if you had not passed that order in council—3544. Must the builder of the mill manufacture the lumber also ?—3563.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—3537.

On section 4.—Surely my hon. friend does not say that the Ontario government are charging dues to the extent of $7.75 per thousand feet—3537.

On section 11—The value of the licenses in these reserves cannot be arrived at until the usual proceedings by the way of arbitration or expropriation take place. It seems to me that there are more complications in the matter than may appear at present—3580.

On section 13—Suppose a man deliberately set fire to a forest, three months would be a very light sentence—3582.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—3581.

Do I understand that the timber license within the limits of the forest reserve is excluded by this amendment from the operation of the Act ?—3581.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—3528.

On section 4—What is the question of hon. gentleman (Mr. R. L. Borden) in regard to section 4, that was reserved ?—3528. The principle is, as is set forth in the general tenor of the Bill, to acquire absolute control of everything, both land and timber within the limits of the reserve, so far as that is practicable without incurring any undue expense—3529. The maximum limit held by any one is fifty square miles. The provision of 1889 is not contained in the present license—3530. To have parliament responsible for these enactments to a greater extent than has been the case in the past, is the very purpose of this Bill—3531. The object of continuity of license was to warrant the holder in establishing a sawmill, which he otherwise would not be willing to do—3532. What is the date of regulation (referred to by Mr. Osler)?—3535. No Bill ever came before the House in regard to which so much information was made available to parliament after its introduction—3539. The contention of the hon. member (Mr. Osler) simply means that he cannot trust the government, as a committee of parliament, to carry out the will of parliament, as expressed in this Bill—3540. If the government finds that the financial obligations laid upon it under this Bill, within certain boundaries, are too onerous, it will be necessary to come to parliament for a readjustment of these boundaries—3541. The Porcupine Mountain Reserve is new. The Bill is in error in that respect—3548. The change made by the order in council in April, 1903 was made on the ground of public policy—3552. This government administers the natural resources of the country for the benefit of the people. Compares the regulations as they were and as they are—3553. To-day there are

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more people in the territories, three times over, than there were ten years ago, and they use more lumber in proportion ; yet, lumber is cheaper now than it was then—3554. How many of my hon. friends who have spoken have a practical knowledge of the lumbering operations, or of the conditions as they prevail in the West?—3555. It is not contrary to the policy of the Liberal government that a man holding a timber limit should make money, as long as he makes it honestly and legimately—3556. At the forestry convention experts stated that the destruction by fire was incomparably greater than the amount of timber used for the requirements of commerce—3557. I spoke on behalf of the men who are using and who want to use the natural resources of the country for the benefit of the people of the country—3558. I fail to grasp the result which the hon. gentleman (Mr. Borden) proposes to achieve which will be different in any material particular from the result achieved by the passage of this Bill—3573. I have no objection whatever to the amendments suggested by my hon. friend (Mr. Borden) but he would have to take the responsibility for fathering them—3574. I bow to the superior legal knowledge of the Minister of Justice—3575. Details the manner in which timber berths are acquired—3577. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Ingram) has any instance of abuse of privilege which he cares to bring to my notice, publicly or privately, I will guarantee to deal with it—3578.

On section 10—Moves an amendment—3578.

On section 11—I think it would be the intention to arrive at some conclusion as to the cost in regard to each separate reserve, but it would not be necessary to find out the cost in regard to all the reserves before acting in regard to any of them—3578. If the House insists on the production of original papers, of course they will be produced, but such an order is very unusual—3579.

On section 12—There is a proposal to amend this section—3580. The operations of this Act would not apply to timber limits the title to which was not vested in the Crown—3581.

On section 13—Suggests one hundred dollars fine and three months' imprisonment. I would accept six months—3582.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—3534.

On section 4—The Minister of the Interior says that in framing of the new regulations by the present government, the possibility of bringing in such a Bill as this had not been thought of—3534. Under the old regulations $5 per mile was paid, and a royalty of 5 per cent on the value of all the timber taken—3535. So far from the present proposal making the marketing and the cutting of this timber an advantage to the licensee, the result is absolutely the reverse. All these lands now pay $5 per mile and 50c per thousand—3536. I do not believe

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there is any act of this government which looks to me, on the face of it, so absolutely damning—3537. The government are taking power under this Bill to settle with everyone—man or corporation—who has any claim in that territory, and to do so without any reference to parliament—3538. This Bill should not go one step further until we have a full report from the Minister of Justice, as to the possible liability incurred by the country under this Bill—3539. There is not a man in the House who more thoroughly endorses the principle of the Bill, but I do not want to swallow this thing without knowing the responsibilities of the country in connection with it—3540. Restrict your boundaries now and enlarge them afterwards, if you cannot make an arrangement—3541. These licenses have been changed entirely within the past two or three years, and there is no comparison between the condition of things now and that which formerly prevailed—3543. The old regulations said that no man should own more than fifty square miles, and he had to erect a mill—3561. The present regulations allow any man to have any amount of timber lands, and they expressly take away from the government the right to make him erect a mill except on a year's notice, which notice the government may give just as they like—3562. How much money has this government received as bonuses ?—3564.

Perley, George H. (Argenteuil)—3552.

On section 4—Is there any consideration given by the limit holders for the changes made by the order in council of April 14, 1903 ?—3552.

I did apply for a limit in my youthful days, and when I found that no money could be made out of it, I threw it up. The order in council of April 14, 1903, was an improvident and unfortunate one—3568. Compares the old regulations with the new, and shows how they affect the lumbermen—3569. Quotes the order in council of April 14, 1903, rescinding the regulation of 1898, by which the government controlled settlement—3570. There was no reason why the government should alter in one iota the conditions under which the license was held, even for the purpose of making it a renewable license 3571. Anything that contributes to make the holdings permanent increases the value of the limits in this country—3572 This order in council of April 14, 1903, affects not only the 500 miles included in the forest reserve, but it affects every license issued by this government—3573. Is it the intention to have the regulations with respect to timber within the forest reserves more stringent than the regulations in force elsewhere ?—3574.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—3578.

On section 11—Does the minister mean to have an estimate made of the compensation that will be necessary to release all

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those rights before exercising that right in any individual case?—3578. No doubt the member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) had in mind, when he moved for original tenders, the original reports from the land agents at Battleford, and at other points in the Northwest which, when brought down, were found to be very different from the reports as given in the blue book—3579. Suppose there were half a dozen settlers and one was willing to accept, say $2,000, and the others refused to sell; the government could not purchase the rights of the other five, and they would be allowed to stay on their holdings—3580.

On section 12—Does this section exclude those who purchase their lands from a railway company from getting compensation for their lands?—3581.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3532.

On section 4.—If stability were the object why was not some limitation of time specified—say 5 years or 20 years?—3532. The government should first map out a policy and expropriate these leases under present conditions, and before they are made more valuable—3547. The principle of this Bill is good, but before we commit ourselves to it the government should expropriate these timber rights—3548. Refers to Riding Mountain Reserve—3548. Timber berths in Proserpine reserve and in Lake Manitoba West reserve—3549. There are 320,000 acres of public land given away in perpetuity to make a few people immensely wealthy at the expense of impoverishing the state—3550. What injustice is done the leaseholder if the government takes back the property that belongs to the state and compensates him for the outlay he has incurred, but not for prospective benefits through holding the public domain—3551. As the timber grows more valuable, that increase in value should go to the state and not to the individual, because the property belongs to the state and not to the individual—3552. These license-holders could not keep those limits if the government compelled them to put up mills; if the limits are still held the government is derelict in its duty—3564. If the lease has not been cancelled, then this government is to blame—3565.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—3562.

On section 4—It is within the discretion of the government to say to any limit holder that within a year he must erect and run a mill of a certain capacity on his limit, or his lease will be cancelled—3563. A return brought down last year showed that hundreds and thousands of dollars were received for bonuses now, where formerly the timber was given away for little or nothing—3564.

House again in committee on Bill (47) respecting Forest Reserves—Mr. Oliver—5416.

On section 12 (reconsidered)—New section substituted—5417.

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On section 11—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5418.

On section 10—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5418.

On the British Columbia schedule—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver—5419. Motion agreed to—5421.

On the Alberta schedule—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Motion agreed to—5421.

On Porcupine Mountain Reserve, section No. 1—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Motion agreed to—5421.

On Porcupine Mountain Reserve, section No. 2—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Motion agreed to—5421.

On Duck Mountain Reserve—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver—5421. Motion agreed to—5422. Progress reported—5422.

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On section 12—The purpose of the section is to declare that it is not the intention of the Bill to assume a right or authority over property that is not vested in the Crown. Submits section to replace section 12—5417.

On section 11—Moves that section be amended—5418.

On section 10—Moves that section be amended—5418.

On the British Columbia schedule—Desires to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, of the schedule relating to British Columbia—5419. It is the policy of the government, in asking the House to consent to this Bill to be in a position to deal with squatters and similar cases—5420.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—5419.

There is no means taken by this Act to secure possession of lands held by individual holders in the reserves, either by granting of other lands, by compensation to individual holders or otherwise—5419. Is it the intention of the government to leave squatters there or to have them removed? What is the policy with regard to half-breeds who have located?—5420.

House in committee on Bill (47) respecting Forest Reserves—Mr. Oliver—5537. Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver—5538. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5556.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5541.

Would the minister tell us how many miles there are in the reserve ?—5541. Have you not them in a book?—5551. With the modern systems of indexing which are now used, it should not take more than 15 minutes to obtain the information which the minister says we cannot get under two weeks—5552. Suggests amendments to section 13 or 12a and subsection 2—5553. I regard it as desirable to pass this section as a notice to persons with whom the government may have by and

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by to negotiate, that parliament will not allow any increased compensation by reason of continguity of their lands to a forest reserve—5554. I am as anxious as my hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) that nothing should be passed by this parliament which would have in any way the aspect of expropriating without compensation—5555.

Burrows, T. A. (Dauphin)—5541.

A very small area in each of these timber reserves is held under lease—5541. I would be pleased, if the Minister of the Interior would agree to it, to remove from the Bill anything which would give the minister power to acquire any timber limit without first coming to parliament for such power—5542.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5538.

Then the minister does take power under this Bill to buy up, if he chooses, timber limits which have been leased, and which lie within the area of the reserve ?—5538. Under what section has the minister power to purchase —5539. I do not find any clause here which allows the government to purchase — 5541. That seems to me to be almost as objectionable as the right to purchase outright—5542. In these reserves that are set apart, what proportion of the land is held otherwise than by timber leases?—5543. I think the matter might be easily arranged by giving the minister the power of this exchange with regard to all lands except timber limits—5544. Are there any corporations holding large blocks of land?—5546. Have the Canadian Northern yet selected?—5547. The difficulty is as to how to deal with a railway company whose area of selected lands within the reserve may be very large—5548. I think there must have been some misapprehension on the part of the officer who gave the information to the minister —5551.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—5540.

I see by the papers that this clause would enable the minister to make an exchange with a railway company of land where timber had been cut off by the company for other land with timber on —5540.

Henderson, David (Halton)—5548.

Quotes questions which he asked yesterday —5548. The minister did not give a fair answer to the question. I ask the minister to say if he will bring down an answer to the question if I place it again on the order paper?—5549. It is useless for the minister to say that the preparation of the answer to this question would occupy two weeks—5550. I shall accept what I take to be the minister's answer that he will give me the information—5552.

Herron, John (Alberta)—5540.

In the event of all the timber on the limits being cut, does the leaseholder give up

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the lease when he wishes to, or does the government say when he must give it up?—5540.

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The Bill remained in committee for the purpose of inserting another clause after clause 12, which should simply be declaratory in regard to valuation—5537. Quotes amendment proposed. As the leader of the opposition has suggested that such an amendment is proper, I am quite willing to agree to the expression of that principle in a section of the Bill—5538. I am willing to agree to either insert this amendment or to amend the Bill as my hon. friend has suggested—5539. My information is that they did not select the land from which they cut the timber—5540. The power to purchase may be construed to reside in clause 7 and clause 11—5541. It seems to carry all the objectionable features of a right to purchase, and perhaps with some additional—5542. The purpose, of course, is to have the dead wood used up to have it turned to account—5545. The principal private holder that we have necessarily to deal with on these reserves is the Hudson Bay Company, which owns sections 8 and 26 in each township—5546. The Canadian Northern Company have the right of selection within the Riding Mountains, the Duck Mountains and the Lake Manitoba West Reserve—5547. All or nearly all of these reserves were within the area from which the Canadian Northern Railway was entitled to select its grant—5548. I think I was more than justified in asking the hon. member (Mr. Henderson) to move for a return, and I think I am justified in still taking that position—5550. I gave the hon. gentleman the answer I received from the officers of the department—5551. I will give the House to-morrow information as to whether the departmental officer was mistaken in his understanding of the question or not—5552. The first clause, I understand, replaces the suggestion of the hon. member for Toronto (Mr. Foster) in regard to section 7—5553. That is one side of the question. But, on the other hand, I am sure my hon. friend does not wish to be unfair to any private interests 5554. In accordance with the suggestion of the leader of the opposition, moves that certain sections be added—5556.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—5540.

Were not some of these lands a part of the land grant which the railway company secured, and would they not then be owners of the land?—5540. I do not think you should deal with one differently from what you deal with another, leaving some squatters and removing others—5546. There are some exceptions—5547. Have the government, up to the present, made any arrangements with the Canadian Northern for an exchange of an area outside the reserve for an area within? —5555.

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Schaffner, F. L. (Souris)—5544.

Will the people in or near Turtle Mountain reserve be allowed still to cut dead wood on this reserve, or will that be entirely prohibited? What disposition will be made regarding squatters?—5545.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5539.

Do you purpose still allowing leaseholders still to retain the right to this timber, and at the same time put the charge of protecting the territory upon the government?—5539. I should judge from this that these lands under timber license will be held in perpetuity—5541. The information asked for by the hon. member for Halton (Mr. Henderson) is very proper and necessary information—5542.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—5542.

There is no man who takes as much care and who spends as much money as the licensee to prevent fire getting in—5543. Settlers have crowded in and squatted on the lands, to which they have no right; these men will have to be dealt with—5544.

FOREST RESERVE—CONCURRENCE.

Consideration of amendments made by the Senate to Bill (47) respecting Forest Reserves—Mr. Oliver—6829. Amendments read a second time, and concurred in—6529.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6829.

Are these amendments important?—6829.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of Interior)—6829.

The amendments are merely matters of detail—6827.

FRUIT FOR EXPORT, INSPECTION OF.

Motion for copies of all papers between the Canadian government and any government, corporation, firm or person, respecting the quality of inspected fruit exported from Canada since the 1st of January, 1905.—Mr. E. D. Smith—1380. Permission asked to amend the resolution—Mr. E. D. Smith—1392. Motion agreed to—1396.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1387.

Some one should be able to answer for the government. If the rule is a universal one why has it not been applied universally?—1387. The policy of the government should be declared to the House—1388. The Minister of Agriculture says that the return as moved for will bring down nothing at all unless it is amended—1389.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) 1382.

Was glad to accept the motion and to allow the House to pass it—1382. The letter referred to was published by Department of Trade and Commerce—not by the Agricultural Department. Thinks it well that criticisms should be brought to the attention of our exporters, so that they may

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see the difficulties that the trade meets in the English markets, and endeavour to overcome them—1383. Letters from commercial agents on matters of interest to the trade are frequently given to the press. Unless a package had been inspected and stamped 'falsely marked,' we would have no correspondence about it—1384. If every package of fruit, for export trade alone, were inspected, it would take more than ten times the present number of inspectors. Is willing to have the motion changed so that it may cover a larger mass of correspondence—1385. The apples were marked Golden Russets, but apparently they were Roxbury Russets—1386. Fruit in closed packages must be marked with the exact name of the fruit in the closed packages—1390. Two or three months ago Golden Russets ruled three to four shillings per barrel higher than Roxbury Russets—1391. Glad to have that correspondence prepared as quickly as possible; in reply to Mr. Sproule, would say that Mr. Ball is the commercial agent at Birmingham—1393. Mentions the case of Coyne, as that of an exporter or packer whose case had been published in the last few weeks. He was arrested and punished for another case—1394. The gravity of the publication of the letter is entirely measured by the opinions which would be created by it—1395.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—1386.

It seems that although hundreds of letters of this kind have been received by the department, not one of them has ever been published with the name of the party affected until this particular letter reached them—1386. The only reason appears to be that Mr. Smith has been successful in the past few months in a contest in his constituency—1387.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1395.

Quotes report of Trade and Commerce Department, page 19, on 'arm chair criticism'—1395. The department could have sufficiently served the cause of justice by communicating with Mr. Smith—1396.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1388.

The object of the hon. mover (Mr. E. D. Smith) when he asked for this bundle of hay was simply to get a needle out of it—1388. When the papers are brought down then Mr. Smith will know what is the practice of the department—1389. The law makes the difference between the two fruits. Would be sorry to believe that there was any desire to cast contumely upon Mr. Smith—1390.

Smith, E. D. (Wentworth)—1380.

Wants to know if during the year there has been only one infraction of the law in regard to packing apples—1380. Charges that the case mentioned is the only one out of hundreds—perhaps thousands—that has been published. It may have been done out of revenge—1381. Could place on

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the table of the minister twenty varieties which he himself could not name. The purchaser probably incited to write the letter by the government agent at Birmingham—1382. Cites cases where Roxbury Russets were worth less than Golden Russets—1392. If every man is punished who happens to name a variety wrongly then the packing of apples in Canada will have to cease—1393. Was not the other case one where the man was arrested and fined?—1394. Does not the minister consider the publication of this letter an extremely severe punishment for a very trivial offence? Is it the intention of the department to punish every case of misnaming varieties?—1395.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1390.

Would it not be an accurate filling of the order to fill it with either kind even though they might not be equal in value or quality?—1390. Of all the picayune, low administrations of an Act ever seen or heard of this was the lowest—1391. All the information should be brought down —1392.

FORT WILLIAM TERMINAL RAILWAY AND BRIDGE COMPANY.

House went into committee on Bill (120) to incorporate the Fort William and Port Arthur Terminal Railway and Bridge Company—Mr. Macpherson—5400. Bill reported —5401.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5400.

On section 8—How does this affect navigation?—5400. The English of the amendment made in committee is not well expressed—5401.

Campbell, Arch. (Centre York)—5400.

On section 8—The plans for the bridge across the Kaministiquia river were submitted to the committee; the words 'when constructed' cannot refer to anything but the company—5400.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —5400.

On section 8—The Railway Act of 1903 applies, and that Act makes special provision with respect to bridges over navigable rivers—5400.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —5401.

On section 8—Would suggest that hon. member promoting the Bill might let it pass to its third reading, and then have it reprinted and let the law clerk revise it—5401.

Ross, Duncan (Yale-Cariboo)—5401.

On section 8—The idea was that, while you cannot compel the company to build a bridge, yet if the bridge was built it must be arranged for foot passengers——5401.

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Third reading of Bill (120) to incorporate the Fort William and Port Arthur Terminal Railway and Bridge Company—Mr. Macpherson—5446.

Motion by Mr. Campbell that words "Port Arthur" be struck out and that title be "An Act to incorporate the Fort William Terminal Railway and Bridge Company. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the third time and passed—5446.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5446.

These words were struck out in the first section so they must be struck out in the title—5446.

Campbell, Arch. (Centre York)—5446.

There has been a change in the title; the words "Port Arthur" should be omitted and the titles should read "to incorporate the Fort William Terminal Railway and Bridge Company". Moves that words "Port Arthur" be struck out—5446.

FRAUDULENT OR DELETERIOUS MEDICINES.

Motion, that a committee of seven be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of fraudulent or deleterious medicines in Canada, and the advertisement thereof throughout the public press or otherwise—2952.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and County) —2952.

The public are protected in the purchase of pure food, and it is equally desirable to protect them in regard to proprietory medicines—2952.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—2952.

The government will be pleased to consult with the hon. gentleman in selection of members to compose the committee—2952.

FRAUDULENT OR DELETERIOUS MEDICINES, SALE OF

Motion by Mr Stockton, that Messrs. Templeman, Fisher, Bole, Béland, Sproule, Lennox, Maclean (Lunenburg) and Stockton be the committee to take into consideration the sale of deleterious medicines in Canada. Motion agreed to—3065.

FRAUDULENT OR DELETERIOUS MEDICINES—CHANGE IN COMMITTEE.

Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the name of Mr. Bergeron be substituted for that of Mr. Lennox on the select committee to inquire into and report upon the sale of fraudulent and deleterious medicines in Canada—3150. Motion agreed to—3151.

FRUIT MARKS ACT, AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (101) to amend the Fruit Marks Act, 1901—Hon. S. Fischer—1364. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—1366.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—1366.

Will these proposed amendments apply to apples packed in boxes the same as in barrels ?—1366.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —1364.

Section 4 provides that closed packages for sales shall be marked as follows : (a) with the name and address of packer ; (b) with the name of the variety or varieties; (c) with the designation of the grade of the fruit—1364. A certain amount of confusion has arisen and a desire has been strongly expressed to simplify the marking of fruit packages. Quotes amendments suggested—1365. The inspector shall be obliged to notify the packer within twenty-four hours after marking the package instead of before—1366.

FRUIT MARKS ACT AMENDMENT—SECOND READING.

Bill (101) to amend the Fruit Marks Act, 1901 —Mr. Fisher—read the second time and House went into committee thereon—2162. Progress reported—2185.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—2181.

Are amendments printed in Bill word for word with the suggestions made by fruit conference? Are there any new amendments added to suggestions made by fruit conference ? Moves amendment to clause four—2179. Thinks shippers would not object to extra work knowing that goods would be disposed of at better advantage—2181. Quotes section 9 of Fruit Marks Act of 1901 ; points out evils of inspections—2184.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—2178.

Would not medium size be according to variety?—2178.

Blain, R. (Peel)—2184.

Has hon. minister (Mr. Fisher) a statement of quantity of apples of different grades that were exported for two or three years back?—2184.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) 2162.

On section 1—Bill could stand for third reading if hon. member (Mr. E. D. Smith) is absent—2162. Bill is for purpose of making some amendments to Fruit Marks Act, 1901; there are no amendments to principles of Act; present amendments while going a little further in stringency are chiefly for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of Act—2163. Resolutions passed by fruit convention were largely drawn by men without experience in drafting legislation; resolutions were submitted to Department of Justice to see that they did not conflict with rest of Act ; in last clause of section 3 some words are changed from original Act ;

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section 9 of Act was found unworkable 2164. Quotes definition of No. 1 fruit in Bill—2166. Explains difference in quality of the three grades for shipping apples—2167-8. Safe in saying that proposed amendment to clause 6 of Fruit Marks Act will meet demands of trade, meet views of fruit growers, and will redound to credit of Canadian trade in the different fruit markets—2169. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Henderson) says there would be a 10 per cent reduction on No. 1 and a twenty per cent reduction on No. 2 ; if all fruit had to be fancy there would be 50 per cent less fruit sent—2171. Fruit has to be same all through barrel—at the top, bottom, middle or any other part of barrel——2172. The percentage would vary if he had 10 ' fancy ', 25 ' No. 1 ' and 265 ' No. 2 '—2173. Definition of ' fancy ' class says they must be of normal shape as well as of normal size—2174. Definition of No. 1 fruit in the existing Act talks about uniform size, and as a matter of fact the inspectors and trade have found no difficulty in meeting definitions 2179. The question of quality and character has nothing to do with size ; any magistrate would judge question on its merits—2180. Thinks extra marking would throw some unnecessary trouble on packers—2181. Twenty four hours is the ordinary accepted period for notification of falsely marked fruit—2182. Inspectors have instructions to send notifications as soon as possible—2183. When Bill comes up again hon. friend (Mr. Armstrong) will have opportunity of moving formal amendment—2185.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2162.

On section 1—Once Bill has passed its second reading and got out of committee, waiting for third reading, there would not be much opportunity for discussing it and suggesting amendments—2163.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—2169.

On section 1—Member for Wentworth (Mr. E. D. Smith), who is absent, would like very much to discuss Bill—2169.

Henderson, David (Halton)—2164.

Quotes definition in second section of Bill respecting quality of fruit for shipping —2164. Does minister propose to have any regulation respecting bruised or scabbed apples?—2165. Cannot be too particular about character of fruit if we are to preserve old country market—2166. Thinks minister (Mr. Fisher) is unduly alarmed as to extent of reduction of quantity for export if government insisted upon sound apples being put in barrel ; explains reasons—2169. Would be better to exclude inferior apples of either No. 1 or No. 2 grade and take chances of getting better prices for all three grades—2170. Takes no objection to other parts of Bill —2171.

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Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—2172.

Agrees with hon. friend from Halton that quantity practically affected by legislation is only 10 per cent—2173. Definition of the different grades of fruit ought to be more explicit—2174. Would like legislation put into practical shape—2175. Does not minister think it is dangerous to use expression medium if he wants people to understand statute well?—2180. Was matter referred to by member for Lambton discussed at convention?—2181. Department are not giving poor shipper of goods as quick notice as he ought to have—2182.

Piché, Camille (St. Mary's, Montreal)—2163.

Would be glad if minister (Mr. Fisher) would not insist on going on with Bill at present; not quite ready with amendments—2163.

Schell, M. S. (South Oxford)—2175.

Not intention of Act to compel shipper of apples to pack three grades—2175. Impossible to specify in Act what is normal size of apples; not much difference between normal and medium—2176. Provision in Act for No. 2 grade will compel shippers to better classify their apples—2177. Any apple under two inches would be small—2178.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2179.

Grades would not apply exactly the same every year because one year the apples may be larger than another—2179.

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House in committee on Bill (101) to amend Fruit Marks Act, 1903—2550. Amendment by Mr. Piché—2554. Amendment withdrawn—2566. Bill reported read the third time and passed—2566.

Armstrong, Joseph E. (East Lambton)—2551.

On section 1—It is practically impossible to secure a carload of apples within the meaning of the Act. Moves amendment which is afterwards withdrawn—2551.

On section 2—Asks if it was not British Columbia fruit growers who were anxious to grade 'fancy.' Would it not be possible to make the grade 'fancy No. 1' instead of 'fancy'?—2552.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—2551.

On section 1—Has the minister any idea as to which of these grades is on the increase?—2551.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—2557. (Translation.)

On section 2.—Blueberries cannot be shipped in open boxes. If the dealer wishes to protect himself let him open the boxes, and examine the contents—2557. The provision should apply only to dealers in such fruit—2559.

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Dubeau, J. Adelard (Joliette)—2564. (Translation.)

On section 3—The people in the wild fruits industry should be encouraged rather than restricted. I think that if the boxes must be marked the fruit dealers only should be bound to comply with that requirement—2564.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—2561.

On section 3—The wild berry industry is an important one in some parts of Nova Scotia—2561. Any restriction on this trade would be a source of embarrassment and annoyance to people in many parts of the country—2562.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—2550.

On section 1—No. 1 is an established grade, and there is a considerable portion which is very much better than the usual No. 1 2550. It is better to carefully select and put up fruit of a similar character and grade it down rather than to mix up the very best with the second or third quality. There is an impression among inspectors that the better qualities are increasing in quality—2551.

On section 2—British Columbia growers were the first to demand the grade called 'fancy,' but the demand was endorsed by men from other provinces. I believe it is in the interest of the fruit-growers to have this grade—2552 .

On section 3—It is quite possible that to apply the provisions of this Act all through would entail a very serious hardship upon many people—2554. It would be practically impossible to grade wild fruit and to require the packages to be marked with even the name of the variety or the designation of the grade—2555. Explains what would be the effect of Mr. Piché's amendment—2560. In the case of blueberries, there is no doubt that, as Mr. Girard suggested, a good deal of difficulty in the case. It is a matter which ought to be carefully considered before the amendment is carried—2561. Cultivated strawberries are liable to inspection under the Act; if the surface berries are better than the interior one, then the seller will be liable—2562. The amendment does not apply to cranberries, and the Act does not. From the speeches made I think that the amendment made is too big a thing to touch in an off-hand manner—2565. I would be glad to study the question to see if I can work out a satisfactory Act. Perhaps my hon. friend will work out a solution which will not arouse the antagonism which the present proposal seems to have—2566.

Girard, Joseph (Chicoutimi)—2555. (Translation.)

On section 3—It is practically impossible to apply as strict a set of rules to wild fruit, as in the case of apples, grapes and fruit of that character—2555. I fail to see why we should complicate that industry by enacting provisions such as those suggested—2556. To require by law that the

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Girard, Joseph, (Chicoutimi)—*Con.*

name of the owner shall be stamped upon the boxes would give rise to innumerable difficulties—2558. I suggest that the Minister of Agriculture should not interfere in the matter—2559. I wish it to be understood that I have not appealed to the sympathy of the House—2562. I take it to be purely a question of common sense. Blueberries grow in the woods, not in fields as do strawberries and raspberries. If it is thought necessary that the packages should be marked I have no objection, provided the dealer should be made responsible for the marking—2563. Would move, seconded by Mr. Dubeau that the words, 'wild fruits excepted' be added after the word 'fruit.'—2564.

Law, B. B. (Yarmouth)—2562.

On section 3—If I mistake not some $50,000 worth of wild berries were sent from near Yarmouth last year. I should be sorry to see any restriction put on this business, because it is carried on largely by women and children—2562.

Loggie, W. S. (Northumberland, N.B.)—2564.

On section 3—I would ask whether these words, "packed fruit in a closed package", apply to fruit packed in a hermetically sealed tin package. If it does then I think it would be unwise to have it so—2564. There should be a special act applying to wild fruit—2565.

Piché, Camille (St. Mary's, Montreal)—2553.

On section 3—It was understood at the beginning that the Act should apply to wild fruits. Quotes the Minister of Agriculture on this point. Subsequently a change was made leaving out wild fruits. I want to embody in the Bill what was the first intention—2553. Moves that Bill be amended—2554. The law merely requires that the person who gathers the fruit shall put his name on the box—2556. The object of the fruit dealers is to be able to trace not only the seller of the fruit, but the packer as well—2558. This is not so much a question of sympathy with those who gather wild fruits as one of needed protection for the consumer as one who pays for the goods, and who is entitled to get his money's worth—2559. Am willing to agree that the proposed amendment should not come into force until the season of 1907—2560. I would be quite willing to withdraw the amendment if I had an assurance from the minister that he will introduce legislation applying to wild fruits—2565. When I am paying out of my own pocket for the time the pickers are spending in the woods, I think I should have a word to say as to what they bring back from the woods for the money which I give them—2566.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2550.

On section 1—Thinks 'fancy' as better than 'No. 1' a needless distinction—2550.

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Taylor, George (Leeds)—2565.

If this Act passes will it apply to cranberries shipped in barrels—2565.

GERMAN TARIFF.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. R. L. Borden asked Minister of Customs (Mr. Paterson) if he had any further information regarding new German Tariff—1258.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—1259.

Department of Trade and Commerce have not yet received a copy of tariff as finally passed; have written Lord Strathcona for a copy, and as soon as it arrives will communicate it to the House—1259.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1259.

This tariff, which came into force the 1st of March, affects this country very closely—1259.

GERMAN TARIFF.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Armstrong asks the Minister of Customs (Mr. Paterson) whether he has any further information concerning the changes in the German tariff—3713.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3713.

Many people are anxious to know what these changes are—3713.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—3713.

I have not made inquiry for a day or two, but my impression is that the translation has not been received yet—3713.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—3713.

That is the latest information I have—3713.

GERMAN TARIFF.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Armstrong, asks for information concerning the German tariff—4994.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—4994.

Has the Finance Minister the German tariff so arranged that it can be placed on the table in such form as to give us the information which we desire?—4994.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—4994.

I am unable to give my hon. friend (Mr. Armstrong) a definite answer—4994.

GOLD AND SILVER MARKS ACT—SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (211) from the Senate, respecting the sale and marking of manufactures of gold and silver—Mr. Fielding—6248. Motion agreed to and Bill read the second time—6249.

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Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —6248.

This Bill comes from the Senate. I am informed it has been well considered there, and that hearings have been given to the parties interested—6248.

GOLD AND SILVER MARKS ACT—THIRD READING.

House went into committee on Bill (211) respecting the sale and marking of manufacturers of gold and silver—Mr. Fielding—7565. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—7569.

Bristol, E. (Centre Toronto)—7568.

This Bill is in the public interest, is a measure for the protection of the public and should receive our approval—7568.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7565.

The measure is designed to prevent the fraudulent marking of gold and silver and plated ware. While the Bill originates with the manufacturing interest, it has received the hearty approval of the jewellery trade generally—7566. The measure is not to come into immediate operation—7567. Outlines the origination of the Bill—7568. This Bill has been before parliament for a very long time and before this House nearly three weeks—7569.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7567.

Technical as it is, I feel like allowing the Bill to go through as it has come from the Banking and Commerce Committee; if anything is necessary in the way of revision, it can be done next session.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—7569.

This Bill is in the interest of the general public as it will protect all purchasers of articles aimed at—7569.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7567.

This Bill is intended to safeguard the interests of the consumers to safeguard public interests fully as much as the dealers and manufacturers. The Bill is a good and practical one and will receive the support of the community at large—7568.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7567.

While this Bill may be satisfactory to the manufacturer and the seller it might not be satisfactory to the great public, the purchasers; should give Bill the closest scrutiny before committing ourselves.

GOLD ROYALTIES IN YUKON.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks whether or not the Minister of the Interior has been able to make any investigation into the royalties received on the production of gold in the Yukon—7638.

GOODERHAM, POST OFFICE AT

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Sam. Hughes draws attention to a communication sent by one of the P. O. inspectors to the postmistress at Gooderham—1583.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—1583.

States that the inspector seems to have taken upon himself to adjudge the postmistress guilty of charges never preferred against her. Read's inspector's letter. Says the postmistress invites the fullest investigation—1583.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7638.

I understand from the minister that there was a record of these remissions or exemptions. I mention the matter now in order that it will not escape his attention when he has time to look into it—7639.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —7639.

I shall have the record of it in 'Hansard' and see that it is attended to—7639.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

Motion that from and after this date to the end of the session government orders shall have precedence immediately after questions put by members—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion to amend—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion as amended agreed to—2811.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2811.

Moves that motion be amended by adding the words, 'on Wednesdays.' To-morrow evening it is the intention to give the motion of hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) precedence—2811.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—2811.

Is it the intention of the Prime Minister to give an opportunity for the discussion of the indemnity question?—2811.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF DAMS.

Motion for leave to present copies of orders in council and correspondence having reference to the assumption by the Department of Railways and Canals of the several dams owned by the Ontario government on the head and subsidiary waters of the Trent canal—Mr. Emmerson—1575.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —1575.

Was asked a question with respect to certain correspondence, whether the government would be willing to lay it on the table, and answered yes, but no motion was moved—1575.

GOVERNMENT TELEPHONE SYSTEMS IN MANITOBA.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (167) respecting government telephone systems in the Province of Manitoba—Mr. W. J. Roche —3315.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—3315.

This is a Bill to confer upon the legislatures of Manitoba the right to expropriate, if necessary, existing telephone lines in that province. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first titme—3315.

GOVERNOR GENERAL. MESSAGE FROM—ESTIMATES.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —125.

Delivers messages from His Excellency transmitting estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion—125.

GRAIN INSPECTION ACT AMENDMENT.

Motion for second reading of Bill (207), to amend the Grain Inspection Act—Mr. Fisher—5886. Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and House went into committee thereon—5896.

On section 2—Amendment (Mr. Fisher) that words "nor plump enough" in definition of No. 3 Alberta Red wheat be struck out. Section as amended agreed to—5903.

On section 3—Section agreed to—5903.

Bill reported, read the third time, and passed, 5903.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—5896.

I call the attention of the minister (Mr. Fisher) to his refusal to appoint a weighmaster at the port of Montreal—5896.

On section 2—Are farmers of Manitoba and Saskatchewan satisfied to have their wheat called 'Alberta red winter wheat'?—5896.

Blain, R. (Peel)—5889.

Are we to understand that all the representatives who appeared before the Agricultural Committee, both from the west and from Ontario, were unanimous in favour of these changes?—5889.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5896.

Will the minister (Mr. Fisher) give us a brief statement of what the Bill is intended to accomplish.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—5900.

On section 2—The words 'nor plump enough' should be eliminated and 57 pounds shall be raised to 58 pounds; there is too much difference between grade No. 2 and grade No. 3—5900.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —5886.

This Bill embodies the collected opinion of a representative delegation of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, the Saskatchewan Grain Grower's Association and the Alberta Grain Growers' Association—5886. Section 2 amends the Grain Inspection Act by the insertion of a new variety—the Alberta Red winter wheat—5887. Section 3 strikes out from the present Act the paragraph defining extra Manitoba hard wheat; quotes paragraph in present Act—5888. Section 4 provides that subsections 7 and 8 of section 91 of the Grain Inspection Act shall be repealed; reads clauses to be substituted therefor—5889.

On section 2—There was a slight difference of opinion as to name, but the name 'Alberta' was the most suitable and convenient—5896. It looks as if there was no necessity for the words 'nor plump enough', but I would not like to take responsibility of striking them out —5900. As we have struck out the word 'plump' in the definition of Manitoba No 1 Hard, I shall be glad to accept proposal to strike it out of definition of No. 1 Alberta Red—5902.

On section 4—The wording here of subsection 7 is exactly the same as in the present Act—5903.

Greenway, T. (Lisgar)—5889.

I thought there would have been a much stronger demand for amendments to the Act than is indicated by this Bill; would have very strong objections to Act remaining in the form in which this will put it—5889. The fact that the proportion of No. hard is not so great as formerly is the reason why I object to the standard being set so high; the minister (Mr. Fisher) has done wisely in wiping it out, but he ought to go further—5890. Quotes resolution passed in Territories legislature in 1899. The grade of wheat is one grade higher than it is on the other side of the line—5891-2. Our standards ought to be so arranged that there would be a proper representation of the crop produced—5892. No. 1 Northern should have graded No. 1 hard if there were a proper standard. If farmers had representatives upon the spot who could advise them how to grade their grain he would save them much loss—5893. The farmers' interest ought to be regarded as one of first importance. It would be in the interest of the country if a large proportion of the wheat were milled upon the spot—at Winnipeg and at other points—5894.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—5887.

What is the meaning of the words 'the initials of the car' in the fourth line of the section?—5887.

On section 2—The definition of No. 2 grade makes no reference whatever to plumpness, while the definition of No. 3 does—5900.

On section 3—After this there will be no grade of Extra Manitoba Hard—5903.

On section 4—Will the system of appeal still be from the inspector to the chief inspector, and from him to the survey board?—5903

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Herron, J. (Alberta)—5902.

I would move that the word 'plump' be removed from the definition of No. 1 Alberta Red winter wheat—5902.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—5893.

Have not the farmers a representative to look after their interests?—5893. The greater volume of No. 1 Hard obtained last year was due to the fact that the farmers shipped over loading platforms. The trouble was not because farmers did not produce the grade of grain, but because of the mixing of grain in the country elevators—5895.

Lewis, E. N. (West Huron)—5894.

Has the Canadian farmer not higher requirements to meet in filling the grade than the American farmer has in filling the same grade?—5894.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—5897.

On section 2—I am glad that the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) has seen his way clear to accede to request from Alberta with regard to naming of wheat—5897. Quotes extract from report of Farmers' Association of the Cardstone district; quotes Wm. S. Jackson, president of the Chicago Board of Trade—5898. Quotes authority of Mr. Flavelle, of the Flavelle Milling Company of Lindsay, Ontario—5899.

McIntyre, W. (Strathcona)—5900.

The description of No. 1 and No. 2 are exactly the same with the exception of weight—5900. This distinctive name 'Alberta Red' is known in the Liverpool market, to Canadian millers, and has already been tested in the United States market; it is the only distinctive name for Northwest Fall wheat—5901.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—5902.

The words 'nor plump enough' should be struck out as you have struck them out in the case of Manitoba Hard wheat—5902.

GRAND RIVER AND WESTERN POWER COMPANY.

Motion that Bill (216) to incorporate the Grand River and Western Power Company be placed on the order paper for first reading at the next sitting of the House—Mr Crawford—6537.

House in committee on Bill (216) to incorporate the Grand River and Western Power Company—Mr. Guthrie—6997. The hour for private Bills expires, and the House resumes in Committee of Supply—7011.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6998.

I would like to see the order in council and have it laid before the House, before consenting to any Bill being held up—6998. If this order in council affords him a reason for defeating this measure, why did not the minister bring it with him to the House?—6999. If he wanted it referred

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to the Committee on Railways and Canals why did he not move at the proper time?—7000. There are rumours going about the corridors of the House that some members of the government are interested in a company that might be a rival of this company—7001. I was not alluding to Mr. Emmerson. Has the Minister of Railways any written report or document from his official?—7002. Is that the provision of the Bill now?—7005. I would like to ask whether or not everything that can be done in connection with Lake Erie is subject to the approval of the Governor in Council?—7006.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—7000.

I understand that clause 3, which refers to telegraph and telephone lines can be abandoned, and that the promoters are willing—7000. How does he suppose that this work would interfere with the feeder of the Welland Canal?—7002. Quotes resolution of International Waterways Commission—7003. A letter inclosing that resolution was also forwarded—7004.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—6999.

The Bill was opposed from a departmental standpoint; also the Bill did not go to the proper committee—6999. The interference with the efficiency of the Welland Canal was such that I could not, from a departmental standpoint, agree to the passage of the Bill—7002. The answer to the exception taken by me to this Bill seems to be in the nature of a plan of confession and avoidance—7009. It is acknowledged that the very construction of these works is an injury to the conditions existing there—7010. I would be glad to see these gentlemen get what they ask, if it did not interfere with the public interest—7011.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—7010.

Do not they have to submit a plan to the government before getting the right?—7010. You are talking the Bill out—7011.

German, W. M. (Welland) 7004.

The Bill, as originally drawn, would have taken the water from the Welland Canal forever, which would interfere very seriously with vested rights in the county of Welland—7004. The Bill as it now is, provided that the navigation of the Welland Canal should not be interfered with, and there is no objection to that—7005. Clauses a, b, c, d, e, f and g were eliminated and a new clause was substituted—7006. This company proposes to use Lake Erie water in the development of that power; the Cataract Power Company uses the water from the Welland Canal—7007.

Guthrie, Hugh (South Wellington)—6998.

This Bill originated in the Senate. It bears my name, though, perhaps, I am not as familiar with it as some of the members

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of the committee who passed it. I have no desire to press it in face of the opposition of the minister—6998.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6997.

On the preamble—This is a Bill in relation to the water power from the Grand River, and so comes within the category of the Bills that the government feel they must oppose—6997. I must ask the House not to pass the preamble of this Bill for the reasons that I have stated—6998. I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again —6999. My recollection of the order in council is that it contains a recommendation from the American and Canadian section of the joint commission—7003. Oh, that is not the one—7004. What is the nature of the agreement ? I do not think I went so far as to say that the government had formed a policy or the subject—7009.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—7007.

Lake Erie is about seven feet lower than the Grand River—7007. I am not now opposed to the Bill, although originally I was; a clause was inserted to provide for the farmers to get from one side of this canal to the other—7008. I am not in sympathy with the clause which gives the company power to expropriate lands through which the canal passes, at a valuation—7009.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7001.

I understand that this Bill authorized a diversion of water from a body of water that feeds the Welland canal; I thought that a sufficient reason for opposing the Bill—7001. Every bit of information the government can give and to which the House is entitled will be given—7002.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6998.

Will the minister (Mr. Hyman) lay a copy of the order in council on the table? Can it be made public?—6998. I ask that that order in council be laid on the table—7000. It is the water of Lake Erie that is being diverted and used—7006. That is what I say—7007.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)——7009.

Was that policy arrived at by the government after consultation with Mr. Whitney?—7009.

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House in Committee on Bill (216) to incorporate the Grand River and Western Power Company—Mr. Guthrie—7260. Preamble negatived—7270.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7261.

Could you not add a clause prescribing that it should be subject to such international regulations?—7261. What is affirmed by the order in council?—7262.

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Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—7263.

The Deputy Minister of Railways appeared before the Private Bills Committee and suggested that unless certain modifications were made the minister would ask that it go to the Railway Committee; the modifications were complied with—7263. There is not one valid objection to the passing of this Bill upon the terms suggested by the hon. member for Wellington (Mr. Guthrie)—7268.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —7263.

There are provisions in this Bill which should certainly come under the purview of the Railway Committee of this House; if the Bill is to be accepted at all this session it should certainly go to the Railway Committee—7263. If we pass the Bill in its present shape we should be setting up private interests against public interests—7264. It would be dangerous to our canal system to have this experiment tried—7262.

Guthrie, Hugh (South Wellington)—7260.

Would suggest that the House pass the Bill as amended by the Private Bills Committee ; if the Bill is allowed to pass, the government has it in its own hands to say whether the company may proceed with its work—7260. The Bill does not interfere with any of the waters mentioned in the agreement read by the minister—7263.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Public Works) —7260.

The clause which has been put in with reference to the order in council might, under ordinary conditions, be accepted ; reads order in council which was passed on Nov. 29, 1905—7260-1. The di culty in accepting this proposal is that it is contrary to the terms of the resolution—7261. The tenor of the resolution passed by the commission was that privileges should not be granted except under regulations to be adopted by both governments—7262.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—7269

I have not heard anything that would show there was necessity for the granting of a charter to this concern to build a canal across the Niagara district—7269-70.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—7264.

There is no urgency for this Bill going through but there is great urgency that good faith should be observed between this government and the government of the United States and between this government and the government of the province of Ontario—7264-5.

Schell, J. T. (Glengarry)—7265.

Quotes from page 33 of the preliminary report of the international commission which was issued Nov. 29, 1905—7265. Quoted report of joint commission dated May 30, 1906. The promoters of this com-

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pany feel that this joint report allowed them ample liberty for their water-power to receive a charter this session—7266. What they are asking for does not come under the clauses laid down by the Minister of Public Works. I do not see any objection to the passing of this Bill—7267.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7262.

How would it do to pass the Bill and provide that it shall only come into effect on proclamation by the Governor in Council ?—7263. Has the Bill never been before the Railway Committee?—7263.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC BRANCH LINES

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (75) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company—Mr. John Crawford. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time —999.

Crawford, John (Portage la Prairie)—999.

Those lines would be used as part of the Grand Trunk Pacific system—999.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC BRANCH LINES—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (75) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch—Mr. Crawford—5460.

On section 12—Section allowed to stand—5488.

On section 31—Section allowed to stand—5493.

On section 32—Section allowed to stand—5498.

On section 34—Section allowed to stand—5499.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—5488.

On section 11—Has notice been also given with reference to the change of the branch line running to Montreal—5488.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5485.

On the preamble—The country is interested in the Grand Trunk Pacific, and we want to know why it is that a corporation other than the Grand Trunk Pacific Company proposes to build these branch lines—5485. I want to be satisfied that the measure now before the House will not take away from the original company any business, any assets, any revenues in the future which it might reasonably be entitled to—5486.

On section 13—The last part is rather wide ; it may acquire shares in any company having for one of its objects the exercise of any of the powers conferred by this section—5489.

On section 17—Is this the usual clause inserted in railway charters ?—5490.

On section 20—Have you any similar restrictions as in the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Bill ?—5491.

On section 31—Would this not permit the company to sell land which they had expropriated for the purposes of the railway ?—5493.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

On section 32—Would like the hon. minister (Mr. Emmerson) to pay particular attention to the language of this section because it seems to be inapt to express the idea which was obviously intended—5494. Suggests amendment—5496. The three branch lines which we authorized by the Act of 1903 formed part of the western division—5497.

Carvell, F. B. **(Carleton, N.B.)—5488.**

On section 11—I give notice now that when this section comes up next, I shall move the following amendments; quotes amendments—5488.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —5468.

On the preamble—There is no new principle involved in this Bill, nothing that is a departure from the ordinary course of parliament. This Bill, having been reported favourably by the Railway Committee, should not be the subject of a great amount of discussion—5468. If it were desirable for Canada to-day to carry out principle laid down by my hon. friend (Mr. Pringle) it would not be possible to carry it out in that western country—5474. This parliament should give the fullest powers to any company that is in a position to build a line of railway that is in the interests of the people who reside in that section of the country—5475-6. Many times, since it was incorporated, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has come to parliament under some other corporate name and received power to construct branch lines—5478. If this principle was recognized in the east as a proper one with respect to these railways acknowledging that they parallel each other to meet the conditions, surely we must recognize that principle in the west—5481. The country will not grow and thrive unless it has railway accommodation and we recognize that in the granting of these charters—5482. The granting of these powers to this company, safeguarded as they have been, is in the interest of the east as well as the west—5483. I can well understand that the Grand Trunk Pacific could build the branches and issue bonds; but in the financial world these documents would not have the force that the Grand Trunk Pacific branch line company's bonds endorsed and guaranteed by the Grand Trunk Pacific would have—5486. All the common stock is to be held by the Grand Trunk Pacific and that is concerning and protecting the interests of the country—5487.

On section 10—I do not see how the directors could be empowered, under section 10, to pass this stock to other parties—5488.

On section 11—The First Minister said that one particular subdivision, the one from Montreal by way of Joliette, should stand —5488.

On section 13—The company must make connection with the steamship line, and it must be established that the steamship

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line is operated in connection with the traffic of the Grand Trunk Pacific—5489.

On section 17—This is for the purpose of the undertaking—5490. For the purposes of the railway it is desirable that this company should have this power—5491.

On section 20—That is the ordinary clause usual in these Bills; there is power to bind tolls and revenue of property other than railway property—5491.

On section 30, subsection 2—Reads section 117 of the Railway Act; they would simply build a railway bridge probably of a temporary character—5492.

On section 31—They are limited in their expropriation to railway requirements—5493.

On section 32—The purpose of this clause is to place this company in the same position that the Grand Trunk Pacific would have been in had they constructed the line—5496.

On section 34—That can stand for the present—5499.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5487.

On section 10—There is a very wide power given in this section; who is to be the judge of the fair and bona fide value?—5487.

On section 13—What is meant by 'for the purposes of its own undertaking'?—5489.

On section 30—Why should that come in?—5492.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—5460.

On the preamble—A great deal of time would be saved if we were given an opportunity to consider the Bill as it is now required—5460-1. I have not heard advanced from one end of this discussion to the other in the Railway Committee, any reason whatever for incorporating this company. Why should not the branch lines of the Grand Trunk Pacific be built by the Grand Trunk Pacific?—5462. If the branch lines prove a profitable part of the undertaking you are reducing the chances that Canada would get its rights out of the contract made at that time in 1903 and 1904—5463. The only reason why these branch lines are to be built by a separate company is in order that they may not be subject to the obligations binding on the Grand Trunk Pacific under its contract—5464. No reason has been shown why this charter should not be given openly and above board to the Grand Trunk Pacific itself—5465. The reasons for this method of procedure is, that they deliberately intend to evade some of the obligations under the contract of 1903-4—5466. If this company makes money, the Grand Trunk receive it; if the branch company loses the people of Canada suffer the injury. The very fact that we are permitting such enormous distances to be tied up by this charter is all the more reason why we should be careful in incorporating this company in the name of a third company 5467-8. The reason given that the Canadian Pacific Railway has been allowed to build branch lines to its main lines is no reason for the incorporation of this company. There is no place in the original contract where we contemplated a third company carrying out part of the venture—5478. The branches of a railway are the money-making part of the system; we are taking from the benefits that would inure to the people under this contract—5479. If the government has no other reason that that which has been stated, we ought not to pass the preamble of this Bill—5480. The people of this country have no transaction whatever with the Grand Trunk Pacific branch lines company—5483-4.

On section 17—We ought to be a little careful when we incorporate two companies authorized to build telephone and telegraph lines in connection with the same line of railway—5490.

On section 32—In the Bill as brought into the Railway Committee there was no such provision as this section 32—5494. Reads section as amended—5495.

On section 34—Reads proposed amendment; the object of the amendment is to make the section binding and obligatory on the Grand Trunk Pacific as it is intended to be—5499.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5461.

On the preamble—We might just as well discuss the other clauses even if we cannot finally pass the Bill to-day—5461.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—5461.

On the preamble—It would meet the convenience of those who are not here to-day if the Prime Minister would postpone the consideration of this Bill—5461.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—5468.

On the preamble—When original Bill was before the Railway Committee in 1903, the principle was adopted that any lines built in prairie section of the Northwest Territories should be, so far as practicable, at a distance of not less then thirty miles from existing lines; quotes Prime Minister from 'Hansard' of 1903, page 10414. This legislation is to build branch lines from branch lines—5469. Quotes preamble—5470. There is a distance of 415 miles in which the Grand Trunk Railway and its branches will parallel the Canadian Pacific Railway at a distance of not more than nine or ten miles; quotes contract, vol. iv, page 7687 'Hansard,' 1903; quotes Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) at page 8546, vol. iv, 'Hansard,' 1903—5471. Quotes Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Act; quotes the then Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick); quotes Sir William Mulock; quotes Minister of Customs (Mr. Paterson)—5472. Quotes motion made in Railway Committee which was voted down. The government are permitting this company to run its lines just wherever it pleases, paralleling existing lines and lines al-

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Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—*Con.*

ready located—5474. What is hon. friend's (Mr. Emmerson) objection to the line being at a distance of twenty miles, except at the terminals and starting points so far as practicable ?—Quotes ex-Minister of Interior (Mr. Sifton)—5476.

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House again in committee on Bill (75) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company—Mr. Crawford—5683.

On section 10—Motion to amend—Mr. Emmerson—5683. Section as amended agreed to—5686.

On section 11, subsection 2—Motion to amend—Mr. Bickerdike—5694. Section as amended agreed to—5696.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montrea —5 94.

On subsection 2—It is on No. 2 in the amended Bill—5694.

Bickerdike, Robert (Montreal)—5694.

On subsection 2—I move that clause 3 in section 11 be reinstated, and an addition made thereto. The city council of Montreal and the Board of Trade passed a resolution on the same lines—5694. I do not think there can be any objection by the committee to that—5695.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5685.

They might issue only $1,000,000 common stock which would be held by the Grand Trunk Pacific, but some other interest might hold $20,000,000 preferred stock and that would control—5685. You should not hold this company responsible for an amendment which they did not ask for, and which was forced upon them—5693.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—5695.

It is for the company to find the best route between Montreal and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway—5695. We authorize the two routes, and then the company, after having made the survey, will find which is the better—5696.

Campbell, Archd. (Centre York)—5693.

The House can put a new clause into this Bill. The committee cannot do that without notice being given—5693.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—5695.

Does this cover it, 'from Montreal to a junction with the Transcontinental Railway'?—5695.

Dubeau, J. A. (Joliette)—5695.

I have no objection to the amendment proposed, as the provision for a branch line passing through Joliette, that I made, remains in the Bill—5695.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —5683.

On section 10—Moves to amend section. Suppose you sold the preferred stock, realized the cash and then paid all these items that are referred to—5683. A guarantee is a liability; it is there as collateral and is returned—5684. The preferred always precedes the common stock—5685. We should require an issue of not less than $30,000,000—5686.

On section 11—The Temiscouata road runs from Edmundston to Rivière du Loup. The gradients make it practically impassible as a freight-carrying line, and the desire of the company, I fancy, would be to secure a proper line—5686. That is the Quebec and New Brunswick Railway—5687. The point would have been a fair one for consideration before the Railway Committee—5688. This parliament must have had the subsidiary companies in view when they passed the legislation some years ago—5690. The Canadian Pacific are asking for legislation for branch lines under the names of some subsidiary company, and so are the Canadian Northern—5691. I think the Railway Committee has the power; the question is whether they should exercise it—5692. I think it was forced upon them by the committee—5693.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5684.

On section 10—By section 5, they can make three-quarters of their stock preferred. Is there any way of insuring that a reasonable value shall be placed on that stock when they pay it out for guarantees, and rights and privileges?—5684. It prevents the necessity of going on the market for money, but always pay through the nose—5685.

On section 11—What is the meaning of this —to parallel the Temiscouata road? Is it the best thing, economically, to parallel this road, or to improve the gradients of the old road?—5686. There might be a serious objection to this road, and if proper notice had been given, the people interested might have put in their disclaimer—5687. I do not see how we can possibly pass legislation of this kind—5688. I do not think I have got an answer from the minister with reference to this particular method of granting franchises —5691. They are asking for branch lines, and you can amend either one of those, but an amendment would not be germane to any one of those branch lines—5692. Neither the committee nor the House ought to go outside the rules—5693. It is irregular, but the House has the power—5694.

On subsection 2—The amendment must be to subsection 2. Who passed the resolution?—5694. Are we going to have two branches each 300 miles long?—5695. So you authorize the two—5696.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—5684.

Surely, the meaning of 'guarantee' is that something is put up as security—5684. My hon. friend (Mr. Foster) is right in his interpretation of the clause, but is

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Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—*Con.*

not his objection met later on—5685. I think we could take the position the Minister of Railways has taken, that we cannot force the company to build another branch line—5693.

Gauvreau, C. A. (Temiscouata)—5688.

The Temiscouata Railway has a monopoly; we want this branch built so as to have fair competition, and to develop Rivière du Loup as a seaport—5688.

Gervais, Honoré (St. James, Montreal)—5696.

The company will choose the better one of the two—5696.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5683.

On section 10—Can you have paid up preferred stock? Are we now going to endorse the principle and giving up preferred stock in payment of the various things that are taken over?—5683. Where have they the right to issue preferred stock?—5684. Is there any possibility that this preferred stock could ever supplant the common stock?—5685. To compel the Grand Trunk Company to take up all this common stock?—5686.

On section 11—This is to give two strings to the Intercolonial bow—5686. Can the minister give us the name of another charter besides the Temiscouata Railway covering that country?—5687. Had the Prime Minister the subsidiary companies in view when he introduced the Transcontinental Railway Bill two or three years ago, and are they not part of the original policy?—5690.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5684.

On section 10—Would this not permit the giving away of paid up stock?—5684.

On section 11—In connection with this Bill there seems to be some mystery which has never been disclosed and some aim of the promoters yet unknown to the people—5688. The freight that will go over this line would otherwise go over the Intercolonial, so that you are starving out the road we own ourselves for the benefit of another road about to be built—5689. We have here branch lines covering over 5,000 miles of railway, and with regard to the notices they are about equivalent to no notices at all. Why could the Grand Trunk Pacific Company not build the branches themselves?—5690. I must be doing my hon. friend (Mr. Emmerson) an injustice because I was not here, and have not read what took place—5691. Is that the kind of notice that is required legally from a party who desires to get a Bill passed to incorporate a railway company—5695.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC BRANCH LINES—IN COMMITTEE.

House again in Committee on Bill (75) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company—Mr. Crawford—5950.

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Motion by Mr. Carvell that a new clause 18 be added—5964. The hour for private Bills having expired, the House resumed in Committee of Supply—5967.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—5953.

On section 11, subsection 9—I do not recollect anything about that clause being dropped and had no authority to make any such statement—5953.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—5960.

On section 16—Desires to move an amendment regarding a branch line in the maritime provinces which was in the original draft of the Bill—5960. The intention of the resolution was to get a chance to repeal the resolution passed the day before regarding the Montreal branch—5961. The Grand Trunk Pacific do not want to build one single branch line in New Brunswick, forty or forty-five miles in length, and have to operate and finance it as an independent railway—5962. A more direct and feasible route must be desired than to bring this freight to Moncton and then bring it back to St. John. In New Brunswick we will not raise any objection to your parellelling any existing lines—5963. If this branch is not included in the Bill we will have the same conditions as they exist to-day; moves, seconded by Mr. Martin, that a new clause 18 be added—5964.

Cash, E. L. (Mackenzie)—5952.

On section 11 subsection 9—The Canadian Northern people have withdrawn all opposition to this line—5952.

Crawford, J. (Portage la Prairie)—5950.

On section 11 subsection 9—The parties the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) refers to, have withdrawn all opposition to this—5951. The Canadian Northern are arranging to build from Merwin to the Saskatchewan river in the direction of Churchill—5962.

On subsection 10—The first section is ninety miles and the other one hundred and thirty miles—5955.

On section 4—This branch is 370 miles long.

On section 15—This is 280 miles long.

On section 16—This is 900 miles long; it has not been surveyed—5960.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—5952.

On section 11 subsection 9—I cannot say whether the Yukon branch and this Hudson Bay branch were dropped by committee, or whether there was a suggestion to that effect—5952.

On subsection 10—My idea is that every span of country 12 miles in width, can support a railway running through its center—5957. The Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Line Company could not oppose the granting of this charter to another company if these parties commenced one portion of line in two years and took no action in respect to other portion—5959.

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Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —*Con.*

On section 16—I took exception to the line from the city of Moncton to Halifax or some other Atlantic seaport because I felt that that would be simply demolishing the Intercolonial—5965. The Grand Trunk Pacific are bound to build a line to the city of St. John; they are under obligation, a moral obligation—5966. It was in the interest of the city of St John and the province of New Brunswick that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company should be allowed to build that line to the city of St. John—5967.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5954.

On section 11 subsection 9—Is it a fact that with reference to No. 9, there is a railway chartered which starts about that point and which runs north towards Hudson Bay, and that ninety or one hundred miles of that are built? At what distance from the line that is being built by the Canadian Northern will this one run? 5954.

On subsection 10—What is the length of this branch?—5955.

On section 4—What is the length of that branch?—5960.

On section 15—What is the length of that? —5960.

On section 16—How long is that—5960.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—5955.

On subsection 10—If there is an objectionable subclause in the whole Bill, this is it; points out difficulties—5955-6. It was not until after the clause had been adopted that the committee's attention was again drawn to this anomaly in the Bill—5957. No exception could be taken to running parallel lines when road is part of a through line; but this road from Regina to North Portal is a local line—5958.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5950.

On section 11 subsection 9—What railway construction is now going on under a charter which was given some years ago for a road from Saskatchewan to Fort Churchill?—5950. Are the Canadian Northern building that road at present, and if they have built a portion, how much is there built?—5952.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—5958.

On subsection 10—In clause 35 of this Bill, if a company commences to construct within two years to complete in five, then they retain their rights under this charter—5958. The condition imposed in regard to the other branch lines should be imposed in regard to these two—5959.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5950.

Asks, with consent of the House, that several non-contentious Bills be taken up and dealt with—5950.

Ross, D. (Yale-Cariboo)—5956.

On subsection 10—The hon. member for Halton (Mr. Henderson) is not correct when he states that this branch line was not discussed—5956.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5951.

On section 11 subsection 9—It was publicly announced in the committee that this branch was to be dropped—5951. I was not in the committee when this clause was considered; was told it was dropped —5952.

On section 16—Was any notice given of this motion?—5964.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC BRANCH LINES COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (75) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company—Mr. Crawford—6023.

On section 11 and amendment by Mr. Carvell —Amendment agreed to: Yeas, 44; nays, 20 6034.

On section 12—Bond issue—Section allowed to stand.

On section 4—Capital stock—Mr. Emmerson moves that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. Motion agreed to and progress reported—6034.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6029.

How will you enforce the agreement if they do not see fit to carry it out? Does the minister mean that the country is in just as good a position when it has not an agreement as when it has?—6029.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—6023.

On section 11 and amendment proposed by Mr. Carvell—I think we would have a better chance if the right were given to the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company to connect with the main line. Quotes Minister of Railway's speech on Friday—6023. Quotes 'Hansard'. All I have to say is that this is a new doctrine—that a railway company can be morally bound to do anything—6024. The only possible way by which we can get this freight to a Canadian seaport in competition with other routes is to go down the River St. John—6025. Quotes Mr. Emmerson. It seems to me it is better to build this road under another charter by which they cannot be compelled to buy out this unprofitable road at the end of fifty years—6026. An attempt was made by the minister to make the Liberal members believe that this was the policy of the government, and that therefore they ought to vote against this amendment—6027. The hon. minister should give some reason why he objects to the construction of these branch lines under this Bill, better than any he has yet given. Where can that debate be found?—6028. In what way does that promise or agreement to build a branch to St. John differ from the promise or agreement to construct a branch to the Yukon?—6029. Does the minister hope to see freight carried to Moncton and from there to St. John? How can this interfere with the Halifax end of the proposition?—6031.

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Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—6030.

How would the passing of this amendment interfere with that?—6030. Does that contemplate taking over the Central Railway, so-called?—6031. I understand that the promoter of this Bill has no objection whatever to these clauses being re-inserted—6032. The argument advanced by the hon. minister, that a branch line to St. John will be built if business requires it, has great weight in it—6033.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—6028.

The arrangement that was made involves the construction of that branch as well as certain other branches. It was further stated that in going to St. John they could use the Intercolonial there—6028. My idea of all these great corporations is that they are governed very much by their interests, and I think that is true in this instance—6029. The government would be under no obligation to take over a line built by the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company, but would be obliged to take over a line built by the Grand Trunk Pacific—6030. What I contemplate is that the line will go to Chipman, and there should be a line of railway running from Chipman to the city of St. John—6031. If the Central Railway were suitable as to grade and curvatures, I can very well understand why the company would acquire that road. Indeed, I believe that it will—6032.

On section 12—This is a private Bill, and on that point I have no information—6034.

On section 4—Capital stock—I do not see what objection there is to $50,000,000. I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—6034.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6034.

On section 12—bond issue—Upon wnat basis is the difference in bond issue fixed?—6034.

On section 4—capital stock—This provides that the capital stock shall be $50,000,000. Does the minister see no objection to having $50,000,000 of capital stock to 1,000 or 500 miles of railway?—6034.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—6030.

Will it be at the convenience of the Grand Trunk Pacific if they wish to construct from any convenient point to any other convenient point when they get the line built?—6030.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—6030.

The Grand Trunk Pacific has the power to build all these lines that are in this proposed Bill; are you going to kill them all?—6030. How is this company an alien company any more than the Grand Trunk Pacific?—6031.

House again in committee on Bill (75) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—6075.

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On section 4—Mr. Emmerson moves to amend. Motion agreed to—6075.

On section 32—Mr. Lancaster moves to amend. Amendment negatived, and section agreed to—6085.

On section 34—Mr. Lancaster moves to amend. Amendment agreed to—6085.

On section 4—Mr. Emmerson moves to amend. Amendment agreed to—6085.

Bill, as amended, reported—6085.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—6075.

On section 4—Moves to amend—6075.

On section 32—These branch lines connecting with the main line should not be under any different arrangement than are the branch lines authorized by the Act incorporating the Grand Trunk Pacific—6076. That clause was drawn by the Minister of Justice, with the original Act before him, and having regard to the agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Company—6078. Branch lines were not included in the terms imposed upon the western division 6079. These branch lines should be on the same footing as the branch lines provided for in the original legislation—6080. He would not impose on other Bills any such conditions, why does he want to impose them with respect to this particular Bill?—6081. We are guaranteeing their bonds with respect to the main line, but are not assuming any financial liability with respect to the branch lines—6082. My hon. friend (Mr. Lancaster) made the statement that there are no branch lines west of Winnipeg in the original legislation—6084. All the obligations imposed upon the branch lines of 1903, provided for in that legislation, are imposed upon these branch lines—6085.

On section 34—I accept that amendment—6085.

On section 4—Moves to amend section 4.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6075.

On section 32—I moved an amendment to this section which stood for the consideration of the Minister of Railways—6075. If the Grand Trunk Pacific built these branch lines we would at least have the security of these branch lines—6076. The government have recognized that there is something in my contention, because when this was fought out in the Railway Committee, we had not any section 32 of the Bill. Quotes section 32—6077. You say that the creation of this company cannot do the country any injury: if that be so then we will put in an amendment to that affect—6078. Branch lines did not exist; there was no charter for them—6079. You are making a different contract to-day, because you are making it with two different concerns, whereas, you made it then with one—6080. If it were not right to impose these conditions with regard to the branch lines, it would not be right to impose them with regard to the main lines—6081. Are not the branch lines a

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part of the said lines of railways?—6082. The fact that this was not provided for at the time of the original Grand Trunk Pacific charter is no answer to my contention—6083. Surely it is just as necessary that these branch lines should be included under these obligations as that the main line west of Winnipeg should be so included—6084. Moves amendment—6085.

On section 34—Moves to amend—6085.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC BRANCH LINES COMPANY—THIRD READING.

Motion that Bill (75) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company be read a third time—Mr. Crawford—6609.

Crawford, John (Portage la Prairie)—6618.

I do not know that I can accept the proposition of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Henderson)—6618.

Henderson, David (Halton)—6614.

Even if the hon. gentleman (Mr. Turriff) is the owner of the Northwest, I am going to presume to lay before him a plan which he ought to agree to; advocates building the Grand Trunk Pacific main line in a southwesterly direction from Regina to the boundary—6615. Moves amendment to that effect—6615.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6609

I wish to make one last protest against this Bill passing. Moves that it be read a third time six months hence—6609. We want the Grand Trunk to build the branch lines—6614. I merely wished to place myself on record and get my views squarely before the country—6618. The hon. member for Assiniboia should go and apologize to the promoter of the Bill for oppo sing it to-night—6619.

Speaker, Mr.—6616.

I would call attention to the fact that this seems to indicate a new line of railway. If that is so it has not yet come before the proper committee—6616.

The hour for private Bills having expired, the House will proceed to the next order—6619.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6610.

I regard this Bill as an improper measure and I find embodied in it a bad principle—6610. What the company want is a blanket charter to run lines all over the country, if parliament is simple enough to give them that power—6611. It is not urged that there is any immediate demand for the construction of these railways—6612. When the company reaches a conclusion where they will build their railways, let them come to parliament and parliament will give them power to build—6613. The only objection I have to this company is that it was going to build the same branches as the Grand Trunk Railway was authorized to build—6617.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC BRANCH LINES COMPANY—THIRD READING—*Con.*

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—6613.

Hon. gentlemen are adopting the same tactics that they have adopted the last three years—anything to baulk the Grand Trunk Pacific—6613. The contract is already let from Lake Superior to Edmonton for the main line. In the meantime we want these branches built—6614.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC—CHINESE LABOUR QUESTION.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Ralph Smith directs attention of the First Minister to rumour of efforts of Grand Trunk Pacific Company to have Chinese poll tax reduced—1000.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1000.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company have made no such application—1000.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—1000.

Reads telegram stating that rumour is afloat that Grand Trunk Pacific Company is endeavouring to get the government to reduce the poll-tax on Chinese, and asks if there is anything in the rumour—1000.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY— FIRST READING.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (58) respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company—Mr. McCarthy by Mr. Guthrie—743. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—744.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—743.

Explain—743.

Guthrie, Hugh (South Wellington)—743.

Introduced the Bill in behalf of the hon. member for North Simcoe—743.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

On the order for second reading of Bill (58), an Act respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy explains that in his absence from House the other day Mr. Guthrie introduced a Bill which he found on his (Mr. McCarthy's) desk but which was wrong Bill—1147.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1147.

Thinks it would be dangerous precedent to substitute one Bill for another—1147.

McCarthy, Leighton G. (North Simcoe)—1147.

Asks power, in accordance with section 111 of Railway Act of 1903, to issue $25,000,000 of debenture stock as required by that section; it is only the petition that goes before that committee—1147.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.—*Con.*

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1147.

Bill cannot be introduced unless it has gone before committee on standing orders and has been reported upon by that committee—1147.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY BILL (84)—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (84) respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company—Mr. L G. McCarthy—2244.

On section 1—Section stands—2252.

On section 2—Section stands—2253.

On section 4—Section struck out—2253.

On section 6—Section allowed to stand—2263.

On section 7—Section allowed to stand—2264.

Progress reported—2264.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—2252.

On section 2—There is a provision regarding the declaring and defining the rights, privileges, ranking and remedies of the holders of such debenture stock. Might not that affect the position of the government?—2252. Think it would be prudent to insert a few words to protect the interests of the country—2253.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2244.

On section 1—Would like to know what effect this section has upon the Act incorporating this company as amended by any subsequent Act and upon the legislation of 1903 and 1904—2244. Also upon the contract and supplementary contract—2245. How will the securities stand, assuming that the powers contained in the section are exercised?—2246. Would the Minister of Justice explain what the effect of this Bill is?—2247. Some provision should be made in the Bill with regard to the provisions relating to foreclosure. Quotes paragraph 7 of the Act of 1904 in case of default—2249. What will be the position in case of default?—2250. Where you have the words 'may and shall' together, one would suppose there was an obligation—2251. Would like the section to stand, and I will endeavour to look at it within the next twenty-four hours—2252.

On section 2—Perhaps the Minister of Justice will have no objection to permitting it to stand—2253.

On section 5—What amount will be required for the purpose of providing rolling stock?

On section 6—Has not the Grand Trunk Pacific power to build branch lines?—2254. We should not pass this section until we know exactly what the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company intends to do—2255. Should not parliament have some voice in consideration of questions of that kind—2256. Would suggest to the chairman that where a clause has been amended, he should, at least, intimate that it has been amended. If the result of the project was failure, the government would be involved in the loss to some extent; if the scheme was successful the government would not participate in the success—2257. Why does not the company itself build the branch lines?—2258. Why is the total length of railway authorized by the legislation referred to in this paragraph?—2259. If a subsidiary company is organized, without stipulations, the country will not get the benefit of the freight-routing stipulations previously passed—2260. Can we permit the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company to incorporate branch lines to gather up traffic and to route that traffic with an utter disregard of these stipulations, which were considered of paramount importance?—2261. Section 6 cannot have any operation until the other Bill is passed—2262. We desire to know before proceedings go further with section 6, just what the government thinks should be passed under the Bill which is now before the Railway Committee—2263.

On section 7—What is the effect of that?

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Cochrane, Edward (E. Northumberland)—2258.

On section 6—Why don't the company build the branch line themselves—2258.

Deputy Speaker—2256.

On section 6—'Subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.'—2256.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—2256.

On section 6—Would the hon. gentleman (Mr. Borden) discuss the section in the light of an amendment made to it in committee?—2256. It was very fully considered by the committee—2257. Bills frequently go through the Railway Committee authorizing one or other of the great railway systems of Canada to build branch or connecting lines in the name of some other company—2259. If there is anything objectionable presented by the Bill referred to, and which is known as the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Bill, that can be dealt with by the committee—2261. I was dealing with the matter in the light of a very urgent appeal that was made to the committee to expedite the Bill as much as possible—2262.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—2247.

On section 1—The object of this Bill is to enable the Grand Trunk Pacific to procure the equipment necessary for the operation of their whole line of railway—2247. So far as we are concerned, under the original contract it is our determination that that equipment shall come to us free from any lien whatever—2248. I do not think that our proceedings with respect to foreclosure will be affected to the slightest extent by this new issue of bonds—2249. The position of the government under the first mortgage cannot be in any way affected—2250. It is merely the intention of the Act to provide that the company shall provide the equipment and give a mortgage on the equip-

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY BILL (84)—IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —*Con.*

ment—2251. The intention and object of the legislation is that there shall be no lien whatever on that when it comes into possession of government—2252.

On section 2—I am at a loss to understand how anything that can be done under this Bill can in any way effect what has been done before—2253.

On section 6—I have been looking over the Act, and I find that the capital stock of this concern may be $45,000,000—2255.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—2246.

On section 1—The debenture stock is not only made subject to all the debenture stock or priorities given under the Railway Act, passed heretofore, but it is also subject to the government lien—2246. According to the Minister of Justice, the gentlemen who advance the money are in no better position than they would be if the former construction put upon the Bill were given effect to—2248. The hon gentleman in introducing the Bill said we were to have a further security—2250. Would like to ask the Minister of Justice whether the railway company could hypothecate this part of the stock to a company?—2252.

On section 6—You are giving power to guarantee the bonds of a company that has no existence—2254.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2263.

The obligations which are here guaranteed are contingent upon the passing of another Bill which has not yet come before this House. Before we pass this clause we should know exactly what is involved in the Grand Trunk Branch Lines Bill—2263.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—2254.

On section 6—The C.P.R., which was largely subsidized by the government, is now selling stock worth 160 to 170 to its shareholders at par; provision should be made to prevent a recurrence of this in the case of the Grand Trunk Pacific—2254. Am glad to learn that the mistake made in the past will not occur again—2255.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—2245.

On section 1—The Minister of Railways appeared before the committee and stated that the proposed legislation had no detrimental effect on previous legislation. The money obtained is to be spent in rolling stock and equipment—2245. This debenture security stock is issued subsequent to all the prior security given—2246. The only securities this company has issued are the bonds and mortgages to secure them, and which is confirmed by the legislation of 1905—2247.

On section 2—Quotes section 3, which provides that nothing in this Act shall take from or in any way effect the priorities of any of the securities mentioned in the said schedule to this Act, as they now exist—2253.

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McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—*Con.*

On section 5—Under their agreement the Grand Trunk Pacific are to provide $20,000,000 rolling stock—$15,000,000 on the western and $5,000,000 on the eastern section—2254.

On section 6—The company has the power to build some branch lines—2254. The guarantee cannot interfere with the company's carrying out its obligations to the government—2257. The branch lines will serve as feeders to the main line, and enable it the better to meet its obligations—2258. The proper place to discuss the building of branch lines is before the committee—2259. The people who are promoting this legislation have urgently requested that parliament should consider and pass this Bill as expeditiously as possible—2262. As to clause 6, I do not agree with Mr Borden, that it is fair to ask that this Bill should stand and be delayed by reason of this clause—2263.

On section 7—If clause 6 is allowed to stand, I have no objection that this should also stand—2264.

House in Committee on Bill (84) respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company Mr. L. G. McCarthy—2702.

On section 1—Section agreed to—2702.

On section 6—Section withdrawn—2703.

On section 7—Section withdrawn—2703.

Bill reported. Bill read the third time and passed—2703.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2702.

I understand that clauses 6 and 7 of this Bill are to be dropped and that, therefore, it can go on—2702.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—2703.

On section 6—Moves that section 6 be struck out, on the understanding that this clause can be inserted in a branch lines Bill, if it is passed and unless there is some real objection to Bill would ask that it be read the third time—2703.

On section 7—I move in the same respect as regards section 7—2703.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2702.

This Bill was to stand until the Grand Trunk Pacific Branches Bill had been reported—2702.

On section 1—I am not satisfied that this section may not interfere with the lien of the Crown to secure the guarantee given for the construction of the railway —2702.

I have not any particular desire to have the Bill stand—2703.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY—MINING RIGHTS ON LINE.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden desires to mention an order in council which he observed in the issue of the 'Canada Gazette' of May 19—3713.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3713.

Quotes order in council—3713. I would like to ask whether or not there has been any correspondence upon the subject, and if the government would be good enough to lay it upon the table without any formal motion—3714. The minister has not said whether there is any correspondence; whether, if there is, it will be brought down—3715.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) 3715.

The reasons for the order are set forth in the order. It goes beyond coal; it is not understood that there is other mineral of value that will be affected by it. Whatever correspondence there is will be brought down—3715.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3715.

Am I correct in the understanding that it includes all minerals?—3715.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in Committee on Bill (61) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—2712. Progress reported—2720.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2713.

By the Act incorporating the Grand Trunk Pacific it is authorized to carry on not only the business of operating a railway but also a great many other enterprises—2713. Doubts whether it is wise for the government to permit the establishment of subsidiary enterprises—2714. Points out features that will be inimical to the public interests—2715. I do not think Mr. McCarthy has put the matter frankly before the committee—2717. This legislation should not be passed without some very much better reason being given than that advanced by the gentleman who is promoting the Bill—2718. Under the agreement between the Grand Trunk Pacific and the government, the whole undertaking was to be subject to a mortgage for the benefit of the country, but if this Bill passes a portion of that security will be taken away—2719.

Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—2716.

If it is in the Bill incorporating the Grand Trunk Pacific where is the difference?—2716.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—2716.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Company belongs to the C.P.R.—2716.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2713.

I see no reason why this company should not have the privileges it is now seeking to have—2713. As the principle involved in this Bill is the same as that involved in the branch lines Bill, I think we had better let it stand, so that the government may look into the case. The point

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

is whether this telegraph company should be established by the Grand Trunk Pacific or by a subsidiary company—2719.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—2713.

Has not the time arrived for the government to make a declaration that it is their intention to so amend the Railway Act as to bring all telegraph companies under its operation—2713. The branch lines is another illustration of special legislation—2714. The Western Union own the Great North Western Telegraph Company—2717. Now that the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern are going into the telegraph business, we ought to deal with this matter—2719.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—2715.

The only question involved in this, is that men are applying to parliament for the incorporation of themselves as a telegraph company, and should they or should they not be granted incorporation ?—2715. I do not believe that telegraphs or express companies were referred to in the original contract. The Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company is a separate entity—2716. If we are to have company telegraphs we cannot have too many of them ; competition will do good, and that is the policy of this parliament —2717.

House in committee on Bill (61) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—4539, 4746.

On section 8—Section allowed to stand—4558.

On section 10—Section allowed to stand—4559.

On section 11—Section agreed to—4559.

On section 12.—Section allowed to stand.—4561.

On section 13—Section allowed to stand—4532.

On section 19—Amendment agreed to—4567.

Progress reported—4567.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —4540.

On preamble—Can see no reason in the nature of things why this Bill now in committee should not be considered without reference to the Branch Lines Bill which is before the Railway Committee ; this Bill does not depend in its character or as to any of its details upon any amendments to the Railway Act now before the House—4540. The principle involved in the two Bills is the same—4542. It is proposed to include in each Bill a provision that any works done by the company pursuant to the powers conferred by this legislation shall be subject to any encumbrances now existing and ratified by statute of last session to the same extent as though these works had been carried out by the original Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company—4543.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —*Con.*

On section 2—Five are sufficient to start with and the provision is merely for provisional directors; five is the number of names required under the general law.

On section 7—If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) will refer to section 10 he will find that it authorizes this company to maintain and operate lines of telegraph, &c., from and to any place in Canada and elsewhere; Bill simply proposes to incorporate a third company, which will be an additional competitor—4545.

In section 16 there is a pretty thorough safeguard against the charging of high rates. The question for consideration was whether we were likely to lessen or increase the danger of monopoly by having a third company—4546. The power given in the Act incorporating the Grand Trunk Pacific to build telegraph lines is very limited; they have the right to construct telegraph lines along their railways and branches, but not to any point more than 100 miles from their own line —4552. It is not directly to the interest of the country that the sums spent in public works should be as large as capitalists are willing to invest? Whatever their stock may be in the market, the thing of importance in considering the rate that they should charge the people is a proper return upon the actual money invested—4553. The question does not in the least degree relate to the nominal amount of capital stock of the company, but to the actual amount of money invested in the company; the price of its stock regulates the value of the individual holdings in the property of the company, but has no reference to any other value; it is not an infrequent provision in Acts of parliament incorporating companies to name a certain sum and give to the company itself, at will of its shareholders, power to issue stock beyond the figures mentioned—4554. It is proposed to add to clause 19 a proviso that any such agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council; and it is also proposed to insert a clause that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company shall acquire and take so much of the common stock of the company as may be issued. Proposes to amend clause 17 by an amendment extending the operations of the concluding words as to compensation—4555.

On section 8—The proposition on the part of this company that desires incorporation is that they shall be allowed to have a permanent organization as distinguished from a provisional organization as soon as they shall have $25,000 paid into the treasury. It is not proposed that this stock shall be put upon the market; it is proposed to compel the company to have the whole of this stock held by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company—4558.

On section 9—The Canadian Pacific Railway and many other companies adopt this method of doing business; a board of nine is to some extent unwieldy, and it is difficult always to get the board together—4559.

On section 11—This clause was settled upon by representatives of the municiplities—4559.

On section 12—The provision in section 12, making any arrangement for amalgamation subject to any provision of the Railway Act in that behalf, would seem to be sufficient—4561.

On section 13—There is not much danger of amalgamation between the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Pacific Railway—4561.

On section 16—I am not aware that there has ever been any practical difficulty about the exchanging of business between the telegraph companies—4562.

On section 17—Proposes amendment; under the law of Ontario there is property in the trees on the highway in the owner of the adjoining land; should be glad if promoter of Bill would include a provision to prevent mutilation of trees—4565.

On section 18—Cannot see any objection to the company having the most unlimited borrowing powers, if they can find any one to lend to them—4566.

On section 19—Proposes adding a proviso that any agreement made under this clause should be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council—4567.

On section 23—Reads proposed additional clauses to Bill—4567.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—4540.

On preamble—Would it not be better to wait until the amendments to the Railway Act have been passed?—4540.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4539.

On preamble—Thought Bill was to stand over, until the government had introduced some other Bill—4539. Quotes Prime Minister when Bill was previously in committee. The principle is that the telegraph line as well as the branch lines were part of the original enterprise of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and were subject to the security which the government should take for the fulfilment by the company of the obligations into which it entered—4542. Suggests that hon. Minister of Justice place the amendment upon 'Hansard' so that committee can consider them—4543.

On section 7—If excessive powers of capitalization are permitted, and stock issued, even for little or no consideration, this stock if it gets into the hands of bona fide purchasers, will be urged as a reason for higher rates than the actual cash outlay of the company could justify. There is provisions for telegraph lines in the charter of the Grand Trunk Pacific, but I understand that the telegraph lines will be built by the company here proposed to be incorporated thus practically increasing the stock of the

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company by $5,000,000—4552. The late Minister of Railways admitted that where the stock of a company, although issued for a mere nominal consideration, had passed into the hands of bona fide holders who had paid for it, that very circumstance gave them a certain power to make an appeal to the Railway Commission that they should be permitted to earn dividends on that stock. The persons interested in this company, can make an agreement virtually with themselves by which they can hand over all this $5,000,000 in stock for a consideration which may be worth only one-tenth of that amount in cash value—4554.

On section 8—The amount of 100,000 is very small compared with the authorized capitalization.

On section 9—This is a matter of internal management which does not affect the public.

On section 12—This clause and clause 13 would enable this company to acquire all the telephone lines in Canada—4560.

On section 13—We are not legislating for the conditions of to-day; we are legislating for conditions of the future—4562.

On section 16—Was under the impression that the amendments proposed by the Minister of Railways included a provision for compelling the different telegraph and telephone companies to carry each other's messages—4562.

On section 17—It should be made clear that these companies shall not mutilate shade trees, to the growth of which perhaps a man may have devoted twenty years of his life—4564.

On section 18—Borrowing powers are restricted in the case of a company of this kind because it is desirable that there should be some relation between the requirements of the undertaking and the amount borrowed—4566. It has always been considered desirable where a company asked power for a certain undertaking, that its borrowing powers and its capital stock as well should have some relation to the cost of the undertaking—4567.

On section 23—Asks Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) whether he thinks section is wide enough to include everything that is proposed by section 22 of the original Act?—4567.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—4548.

On section 7—Bill before us now is as it was amended by the Railway Committee; the capital was reduced from $10,000,000 to $5,000,000 by the committee; in other respects this Bill is precisely similar to other telegraph Bills that have been passed. The capital is not too much for a telegraph company that is to build branches all along the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway—4548. If hon. friend (Mr. Lennox) will compare the amended Bill with the original, he will come to the conclusion that it received pretty full consideration; Bill was two days before the committee; company does not ask for a bonus or anything else except the right to build—4549.

On section 8—This amount is only to enable them to organize—4557.

On section 12—There is some restriction in the Railway Act; it would be subject to the Board of Railway Commissioners—4560.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—4563.

On section 17—Under no circumstances should the company have the right to cut trees without the permission of those who own them—4563. There is no question that mutilation of trees can be avoided if proper provision is made, and provision should be made in the interest of the public—4565.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—4539.

On preamble—This Bill was called at different times, and the request was made that it stand over, for some reason or other—4539.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—4540.

On preamble—There is this difference between the two Bills, that the earning power of the Grand Trunk Pacific is more or less affected by the telegraph lines which run upon its right of way; this company would not ask to be incorporated if we had not already constituted the railway company known as the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company—4540.

On section 7—The Railway Committee did not give enough consideration to the question of capital stock; we should have more evidence than we possess to show why we should give them $5,000,000. We should not authorize such large capitalization as would make the nationalization of these companies much more expensive than it ought to be—4550. Unless it can be shown that the works contemplated require $5,000,000, we are not authorized in giving them that sum. The House is not bound by the majority of the committee when the committe doesn't give the question full consideration. Are people coming here asking for more than they want?—If the company proposed to build branch lines and telegraph lines at all in proportion, $5,000,000 will not be sufficient capitalization for the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph as a separate company—4551-2. Is the hon. gentleman (Mr. Aylesworth) aware that companies put up that contention against the demand that their rates should be lowered? We endeavoured years ago to have a provision put in Bills that we would only consider the money actually put in, when there was a proposal for reduction of stock—4553.

On section 8—Is this amount not altogether out of proportion to their capital—4558.

On section 12—When we say that the company can do all this if it satisfies the Railway Commission, we are notifying

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the Railway Commission as plainly as we can that we expect them to assist in the formation of a monopoly. Why should the members of this parliament delegate this authority of parliament to these Railway Commissioners who are not responsible to the people—4560.

On section 17—The Acts of incorporation of the old companies absolutely prohibited them from mutilating any ornamental, shade or fruit trees ; the damages that arbitrators will award will not compensate a man for damage to his trees.

On section 18—The debenture holders are entitled to some consideration; we encourage people to put their money into these ventures by passing these laws, and it is a vicious thing to make these powers too wide.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—4539.

On preamble—Bill was allowed to stand over because we thought the Bill should be amended, and the Minister of Justice is now prepared with some amendments which will cover some of the points raised by hon. gentleman opposite—4539. This Bill is going on to-day ; the Bill relating to the Grand Trunk Pacific branches will be taken by the Railway Committee to-morrow—4540. The telephone legislation which is contemplated is intended to apply to all existing companies, not to this one alone—4542. Did not say that company was not to build any telephone lines; this legislation was intended to be general legislation to affect all companies ; no necessity for waiting for this other Bill—4544.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4541.

On preamble—The First Minister intimated the other night, when this matter was up, that it had better not be proceeded with, not only on account of certain amendments which would probably be required but on account of the general question. We should not proceed with this Bill until we know where we stand in reference to these branch lines; and we should not even then proceed with Bill until there is a report from the special committee which is dealing with telephone companies—4541.

On section 7—It is very inconsistent and unwise to go on with this Act when we do not know what the provisions of the general Act will be. It is just as necessary that we should ascertain now whether $5,000,000 is the proper amount of capital as we would in the case of a railway company or any other company—4548. It is not fair to the committee that we should go on with this Bill when every speech made shows that its supporters do not know to what extent company intends to build or what capitalization is required—4549.

On section 8—For $100,000 to be subscribed and $25,000 to be paid into a company capitalized at $5,000,000 is simply absurd as far as proportion is concerned—4557.

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Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—*Con.*

On section 11—This section will be considered by a special committee ; section should include other municipalities besides cities, towns and villages—4559.

On section 17—There is the difficulty that the former objects to trees along the highway whereas the municipal authorities want them—4563.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4539.

On preamble—Understood Bill was to stand over until the Bill relating to the Grand Trunk Pacific branches was dealt with, because it was largely connected with the telephone business—4539. If these amendments were carried through before the Bill amending the Railway Act was passed then this Bill would not be subject to whatever provisions are contained in the Bill to amend the Railway Act ; quotes clause—4544.

On section 2—Nine names is the usual number with a company of this kind ; here you have only five provisional directors and a majority constitutes a quorum.

On section 7—There is nothing in the Bill to indicate what necessity there is for such an immense capital stock as $5,000,000. The whole aim of the company appears to be to purchase or lease other lines and so work out a monopoly. Where a message has to go over the wires of two companies to reach its destination, we have to pay double rates instead of single rates as formerly—4545. We are giving this company power to do what the country suffers from to-day and what the country would get rid of if it could—4546. We ask for particulars, because we do not conceive it to be wise or in the public interest to give a company the right to build anywhere that it might be their desire or their interest to do so ; we should also compel this company to exchange messages with other companies. The general law makes provision in a general way, but special considerations are required for the provisions of a special Bill—4547. We only gave the Northwest Telephone and Telegraph Company a capital of $500,000 and power when that was exhausted to increase it not more than $500,000 ; quotes Bill—4556. We should have a provision to prevent amalgamation and monopoly—4557.

On section 8—We provide in the general Act that companies may make the capital stock what they like but that there must be a proportionate amount subscribed and paid up before they can commence operations or organize the company—4558.

On section 9—Would these directors perform all the duties of the general directors ?—4558. Quotes section 9—4559.

On section 10—If it were wise to provide by the other Act that they could not amalgamate, it is equally wise to provide similarly here—4559.

On section 12—Why should we give this power to one company and deny it to another ?—4560. If the time ever comes when we propose to nationalize these ser-

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vices, we shall have to buy up these properties along with a great deal of watered stock—4561.

On section 13—We appear to be giving this company every power to go all over the country, and we are not surrounding it with sufficient safeguards ; we are giving the company power to stop all competition by buying up the stock of other lines or leasing or purchasing other lines—4561

On section 16—Why should not two telephone or two telegraph lines be compelled to carry each other's messages just as you compel one railway to carry the freight of another?—4562.

On section 17—What compensation would be regarded as equivalent for the destruction of trees along one's property—4563.

On section 18—Why do we stipulate that a railway company shall not be allowed to borrow more than $20,000 or $25,000 a mile?—4566.

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House in committee on Bill (61) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—4746.

On section 8—Section agreed to—4756.

On section 12—Section agreed to—4756.

On section 17—Section as amended agreed to—4757.

On section 18—Section as amended (Mr. Borden) agreed to—4757.

On section 19—Section as amended agreed to—4757.

Motion made that additions be inserted in clauses 19a and 19b—Mr. Aylesworth. Motion agreed to and Bill reported—4758.

Motion that the Bill be now read the third time and passed—4758. Motion withdrawn—4759.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) 4748.

On section 7—I cannot understand, speaking entirely for myself, what evil there could be to the country by the borrowing power which is given in section 18; has not had any discussion whatever with regard to this section with the promoters of the legislation—4748. Section 32 of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company's Act authorizes the acquisition of debentures such as are provided for in section 18 of this Bill, only upon the by-law of the acquiring company receiving the approval of the Governor in Council—4749.

On section 17—Moves amendment to section by inserting in the third line from the end of the first clause the words 'or the trees and underwood so cut'—4757.

On section 18—Section is amended by adding the proviso that the borrowing should only be with the approval of the Governor in Council—4757.

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Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —*Con.*

On section 19—Proposes amendment—4758. Moves that Bill be now read a third time and passed. Withdraws motion—4758.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4747.

On section 7—Should there not be some limit as to the capitalization of this company by at least imposing on the company the necessity of obtaining some sanction by the Governor in Council before they shall capitalize the company beyond a certain amount? Should there not also be some restriction as to the price at which these securities shall be disposed of—4747. Where you have two companies and one of these companies is given power to issue securities to an unlimited amount and at such prices as it may see fit, and the other company is authorized to acquire them, you have all the conditions for creating the danger of watered stock—4749.

On section 18—Proposes amendment. Would like Bill to stand till Monday because I am not thoroughly satisfied with sections 12 and 13 as they stand at present—4759.

Demers, L. P. (St. John D'Iberville)—4753.

On section 7—In the Joint Stock Companies Act, which applies to companies generally, there is no limit to the borrowing powers; why should we depart from the general rule set forth in that Act—4753-4.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4755.

On section 8—This is not a substantial amount, relatively, for a company capitalized at $5,000,000—4755. The matter is of great importance as regards the securing of some guarantee that the company is bona fide in the field to carry on some undertaking proportionate to the amount of capitalization—4756.

On section 13—Would not this provision enable the company to amalgamate?—4757.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4749.

On section 7—It has long been a principle of our legislation not to allow railway companies, telegraph companies or telephone companies to over-capitalize—4749. In the case of a telegraph company we endeavour to ascertain what the extent of the undertaking is, and then exercise our judgment as to the extent of the borrowing powers we give; the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) has a very different conception of the duty of parliament with regard to these corporations from that of most members of the House—4750. Quotes charter of the Northwest Telephone and Telegraph Company; the larger the concern the greater the necessity for carefully surrounding it with restrictions; no good reason has been given for departing from the rule in this case—4755.

On section 12—There is nothing in this provision to ensure competition, nothing but what would enable the company to

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buy up every line in the country if they liked; we have always desired to prevent monopoly but in this case we are legislating for monopoly—4756. The Bill cannot be read a third time now after making a dozen amendments to it—4758.

Tisdale, D. (Norfolk)—4751.

On section 7—There is a difference between an undertaking such as this, the extent of whose operations cannot be defined, and an undertaking such as a railway, which is chartered to build a railway so many miles in length; we treat the power to loan as resting in the proprietors and trust to them—4751. This clause is the only one which would enable this work to be carried out. I would like to see another telegraph system all over the Dominion owned by a strong corporation such as this will be and which will give the public the competition they need—4752. $5,000,000 of capital for a corporation which may be as extensive as the Bell Telephone Company is a pretty modest beginning. The best protection a country can have in these matters is the competition of strong concerns with one another, under proper regulation by parliament and the government—4753. I was not in favour of removing restrictions so far as capital stock is concerned; under clause 18, we are only limiting the borrowing powers—4754.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY—THIRD READING.

Motion for third reading of Bill (61) to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—4995. Amendment moved by Mr. Sproule—4996. Amendment negatived: yeas, 29; nays, 60 Motion agreed to, and Bill read the third time and passed—5002.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—4996.

If reference is made to the Bill as it now stands it will be seen that neither of the clauses which it is proposed should be omitted provides specifically for amalgamation or for anything of that character—4996. We have a control over the rates which this company will charge which is quite different from the control or want of control exercised over any other company of a similar character now doing business in Canada—4997. The powers of any company are limited entirely to those conferred by the statute creating it; so that it cannot amalgamate with or hold stock in another company in the absence of such powers—4998.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4999.

My hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) does not object to us having another telephone or telegraph company, but to the important provision that it may gather to itself every competing company in Canada—

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4990. If sections 12 and 13, as they stand, will be inoperative, I do not see any great object in passing them in their present form—5000.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—5000.

While the leader of the opposition wants to leave to parliament in the future the deciding whether amalgamation shall take place or not, the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Grey (Mr. Sproule) is absolutely prohibitive—5000. We should not encourage the extravagance of building two lines in remote parts, but the company should be permitted to take over the stock or rights of shorter lines of telegraph in that western country—5001.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4995.

When the Bill was last under discussion I endeavoured to have inserted an amendment which would provide against the amalgamation of this company with any other similar company—4995. Moves amendment—4996.

GRAY, FRANKLIN MONTGOMERY, PATENTS OF.

House in Committee on Bill (122) respecting certain patents of Franklin Montgomery Gray—Mr. Campbell—4945. Bill reported, read third time, and passed—4950.

Belcourt, N. A. (Ottawa)—4946.

The patent relates to a process for making wood alcohol and Mr. Featherstonhaugh explained that in its experimental stage and that because of certain improvements which are now being tested, the time for manufacture was allowed to pass without the law being complied with—4946. There was an application made to the department for this extension of time—4948.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—4946.

Mr. Featherstonhaugh who was the promoter of the Bill before the Private Bills Committee explained it. Bill is only for the purpose of extending the time for them to manufacture in Canada for one year—4946. There is no possible objection to this Bill from any parties outside; this is largely experimental, these experiments are going on and when they are completed they will manufacture—4948.

Chisholm, W. (Antigonish)—4949.

The committee sent for Mr. O'Halloran, and he explained the situation and the Bill went through without objection—4949.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4945.

On preamble—Has this Bill been discussed in the House before? Will hon. gentleman (Mr. Campbell), who has the Bill in charge say just what the points are ?—4945-6.

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Henderson, D (Halton)—4947.

I have a decided objection to these Bills going through when neither the promoter of the Bill nor the minister, whose duty it is to attend to the committee to which the Bill is referred, is in the House to give an explanation—4947. We are proposing by this Bill to do something which the Minister of Agriculture said should not be done—4949.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4948.

Why did they not take means at their disposal to keep the patent alive?—4948. Why did he not apply under clause five of the Patent Act to have his patent extended?—4949.

GUNBOATS SUNKEN IN RIVER THAMES.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Kemp understands that government are now in position to make announcement at to disposition of certain gunboats that were sunk in the River Thames in 1812-3—2550.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—2550.

Would like to know whether it is the intention of the government to not allow the vessels to go out of Canadian waters into the United States—2550.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—2550.

No decision has been arrived at with regard to their ultimate disposal, but under no circumstances will the vessels be permitted to be moved, either piecemeal or in whole, out of the country—2550.

HALIFAX ARSENAL.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. S. Hughes asks if statement published in 'Le Canada,' that the maritime arsenal at Halifax has been taken over by the Canadian government is correct?—1009.

Borden, Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia)—1009.

Would expect hon. friend (Mr. S. Hughes), before he quotes a newspaper report and bases a request on it, would give some notice—1009.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—1009.

Wants to get the facts—1009. If it was done only so late as yesterday surely the Cabinet ought to have some recollection of it—1010.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1010.

Yes; there is no such thing—1010.

HALIFAX TRACHOMA HOSPITAL.

Motion of Mr. Uriah Wilson, for a copy of all orders in council, reports and papers, and generally all particulars concerning the said hospital from the time it was first established—1870.

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Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—1870.

The return will be quite a lengthy one, and will likely take some time to prepare. Have no objection to motion—1870.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox and Addington)—1870.

That is the usual reply—1870.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS OF MONTREAL.

House went into committee to consider the proposed resolution relating to Harbour Commissioners of Montreal—Mr. Brodeur—6707. Resolution reported, read first and second times and agreed to—6708.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (222) respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal—Mr. Brodeur—6708. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—6708.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—6707.

Gives reasons for introducing resolution—6707.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6707.

Understands that a Bill will be introduced to give effect to this resolution, but that it will not be put through without opportunity allowed for discussion—6707.

Bill (222) to provide for further advances to the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal—Mr. Brodeur—read the second time and House went into committee thereon—6845.

On section 1—Section agreed to—6854. Bill reported, read the third time, and passed—6854.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6851.

On section 1—What are the charges in the harbour of Montreal to-day?—6851. What is the cost of the Harbour Board of Montreal, engineers and everything ?—6854.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—6846.

On section 1—There have been great improvements in connection with the work, and the intention is to carry out energetically the law passed a few days ago—6846. The commission is composed of the same members as before. This Bill is to provide for the reduction of the debentures maturing on July 5th; the idea is that the Harbour Commissioners shall issue bonds to the amount of $250,000, and the government will take up these debentures at 3 per cent—6847-8. The ports in Canada are not in a worse condition than the ports in other countries; it is a mistake to believe that there are no charges made in the United States ports—6850-1. The amount of debentures is $6,460,000; we are proposing to take up a loan of $250,000—6853. The ordinary expenditure for the Harbour Commission for the year 1904 was $139,879.50—6854.

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Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —6852.

On section 1—We are doing something for Montreal which is a substantial aid to that port and yet it is costing the government very little ; it would not be the part of wisdom for the government to state a general policy at this time—6852-3.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—6847.

On section 1—Are these debentures of the Harbour Commissioners guaranteed by the government ?—6847 Are the government able to borrow money at 3 per cent ?—6848.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—6852.

On section 1—Would like to ask the hon. minister (M. Brodeur) if it is the intention of the government to aid the harbour commissions in all parts of the country as they are aiding the Montreal Harbour Commission?—6852. If the government take up these maturing obligations of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, there will be about $10,000,000 of debentures in the hands of the government —6853.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6846.

On section 1—Have the government come to any conclusion about reorganizing the commission and appointing new commissioners—6846. The reason of the state of disorder and confusion existing at the wharf at Montreal is due to the fact that there is no common action on the part of the harbour commissioners—6849. Has the government given any consideration to the suggestions made in the report of the Transportation Commission in the matter of free ports?—6850. Does the government intend to consider the suggestions of the Transportation Commission so far at least as the easterly part of Canada is concerned—6851.

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Motion for leave to introduce Bill (124) respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal—Hon. Mr. Brodeur—1668. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—1670.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—1668.

The object of the Bill is to reorganize the harbour commissioners. There are at present eleven members—six are appointed by the government and five by various local bodies of the city—1668. It is provided that the eleven commissioners shall be replaced by three commissioners, who will be appointed during pleasure by the Governor in Council. They will receive salaries out of the revenues of the harbour—1669. This Bill is in the direction of making Montreal a national port—1670.

Daniel, John W. (St. John City)—1670.

Would the minister kindly explain what he means by 'nationalizing a port'—1670.

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Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1669.

Does the Bill deal with the existing funded indebtedness of the harbour? What salaries are these commissioners to receive?—1669.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John County)—1669.

Asks if the government has also considered the desirability of moving to make our other Atlantic ports national ports ?—1669.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS, POWERS OF, MONTREAL.

Bill (55) respecting the powers of the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal—Mr. Brodeur—read second time and House went into committee thereon—2189. Bill reported, read third time and passed—2189.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—2189.

On section 1—Only change made by Bill is to remove restriction as to location of monument to be erected to memory of Hon. John Young—2189.

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Bill (124) respecting Harbour Commissioners of Montreal—Mr. Brodeur—read second time, and House went into committee thereon—2189. Progress reported—2232.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—2226.

Glad that Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Brodeur) is reorganizing commission; one of the first things the Commission should do is to have a thorough investigation of whole river—2226. Surprised to hear minister make remark that hon. member for Jacques Cartier wished to create jealousy between Montreal and other ports of Dominion. Minister of Marine and Fisheries has given parliament to understand that he intends deepening the St. Lawrence river to 30 feet by October 1st of present year—2227. No reason why river St. Lawrence should not be provided with equal facilities for navigation to those on the Thames and Mersey; asks that government investigate permanent bridge matter at Montreal—2228-9.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—2211.

Who owns wharfs at Boston? Are shipping dues charged at Boston and New York or are they free ports? Have Boston Harbour Commissioners any control over wharfs which belong to private owners?—2211. Is it a dredge to work in deep water?—2213. What is the debt of Montreal harbour to-day? What was cost of Commission last year?—2214.

Thinks harbour of Montreal should be entirely controlled by government but present proposal will be a great improvement on what has been—2215. Has been found impossible to obtain information concerning money spent by Harbour Comm'ss-

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sioners—2216. Conservatives stood by labour candidate in Maisonneuve—2217-8. Montreal is centre of navigation, and if port of Montreal were made free it would be advantageous to whole Dominion—2218. Principal plank in platform of hon. member for Maisonneuve (Mr. Verville) was protection for the workingman—the very same policy that the Conservative party is advocating all over the country—2221-2. Liberal party in Quebec do not talk politics; they talk of only one thing and that is the personality of the right hon. Prime Minister—2223.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—2205.

Some change necessary in Harbour Commission; quotes resolution passed by Montreal Board of Trade and Chambre de Commerce—2206-7. Quotes Henry Bulmer from Montreal 'Gazette' respecting abolition of board—2207-8. The Harbour Commission of Montreal was called upon to discharge executive, legislative and administrative duties; commission had not time to thoroughly consider questions—2208. Intention of department is to eliminate difficulty by reducing number of commissioners and also by asking those appointed to devote most of their time to consideration of important questions with which they have to deal—2209. Port of Boston, U.S., is administered in same manner as government proposes administering port of Montreal—2210. Boston Harbour Commissioners are appointed by state of Massachusetts and they have absolute control—2211. France is only country where harbours are absolutely under control of state—2212. Debt of Montreal Harbour is about $8,500,000; cost of commission last year was $10,000—2214. Cost of administration staff was $22,000, of engineer's staff about $13,000 and superintending staff about $7,000—2215. A national port is a port controlled by the state; Intercolonial Railway is a national railway because it is controlled by state—2225. Would not be understood as saying that at all points on St. Lawrence there will be thirty feet at low water on October 1 because at Beagin Bank at low tide to-day there is only twenty-one feet—2227-8. There will be no extra costs on port by change in commission excepting salaries of three commissioners—2231. It is not intention of government to appoint any members or senators on board—2232.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—2218.

The labouring class of Montreal did not wish in Maisonneuve campaign to have speakers, platform or policy of the Conservative party—2218. Practically impossible for a commission composed of eleven members representing special interests to successfully carry on work of administration of port of Montreal—2219. Trusts that commission provided for in Bill will be free from defect from

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which old commission suffered; will have advantage in having three men instead of eleven, will be composed of men who are paid sufficiently to enable them to give to work all time and attention required—2220-1.

Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Monk) mean to say that salaries of three commissioners will be $70,000—2231.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2190.

On section 1—Management of harbour of Montreal under present board has given rise to difficulty and delay; on future boards the choice of many of those interested in port is done away with and the nomination is entirely in hands of government—2190. Why should not government seek to contrive some uniform administration for four ports of Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax—2191. Compares American system of administrating ports with Canadian system. If government would adopt a uniform system at lake and ocean ports and would undertake debts and put competent officials in charge the government would have support of country at large—2192. Calls minister's attention to slowness with which work is proceeding regarding deepening of canal between Montreal and Quebec—2193. Would like to ask minister what is salary which it is intended to give these nominees, and from what class are they to be chosen—2194.

When was dredge purchased, from whom and at what price?—2213. Does minister think that port which pays its own expenses can be considered a national port?—2226.

Parliament should consider a comprehensive scheme for national ports in winter and summer—2229. Does hon. friend (Mr. Brodeur) say that present commissioners have been drawing $10,000 a year during previous years?—Does hon. friend say that salaries of proposed commissioners will not exceed $5,000 a year each?—2231. Will government appoint senators or members of parliament to commission? General opinion throughout Montreal is that some day the government will have to assume the large debt that weighs on harbour; suggests that Bill be kept in committee—2232.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John Co., N.B.)—2223.

Glad to learn that a dredge has been produced capable of dredging to depth of 45 feet; have been waiting for two or three years in St. John for dredge of that capacity—2223. Would like Minister of Marine to give a definition of what he means by 'national port'—2224. Would minister call Montreal a national port because it will be under control of a commission appointed by government?—2225.

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Mr. Brodeur—2626. Bill reported, read third time and passed—2665.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine Division, Montreal) —2626.

On subsection (a) of section 1—Does not think any question which affects 2,000,000 tons of shipping annually is one which House need deal with hurriedly. Only serious change this Bill proposes to make is to abolish former harbour commission and substitute therefor three commissioners to be named exclusively by government—2627. Does the responsibility of admitted failure lie wholly with the expiring commissioners? Prior to 1896, for a period of over forty years, the harbour commission worked successfully and accomplished a great deal—2628. Quotes Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) from speech made in House May 14, 1901; government loans is money lent on a perfectly sound asset—2629. Shows changes made in legislation since 1898 relating to harbour commission; quotes clause 4 of Bill 61, Victoria, chap. 47. Government should take its share in blame for failure attached to Harbour Commissioners; quotes report of Montreal council of Board of Trade for year 1897—2630. Quotes resolution by Board of trade on June 9, 1898—2631. Quotes objectionable clause in Bill relating to grain elevator in 1901; quotes then Minister of Public Works; quotes objectionable clause in Bill relating to permanent sheds of 1903. When Mr. Tarte stepped out of office on Oct. 21, 1902 until department was transferred and became a portion of that under control of Minister of Marine and Fisheries in July 23, 1904, the Harbour Commission had a period of comparative peace—2633. Quotes Montreal 'Witness'—2634-5. Harbour Commission has been for the last ten years forced to put into execution plans which they did not approve of. Since April 15, 1902 there have been more troublesome elements on the board than prior to that time—2636. Quotes Montreal 'Gazette' of January 23, 1905 respecting the evil of patronage of Commission—2637. Quotes Montreal 'Witness' of April 16, 1906. Quotes recommendation of Montreal Board of Trade. Let harbour of Montreal be operated in the interest of commerce of the entire Dominion—2639. Quotes resolution of Montreal Board of Trade passed January 31, 1905—2640. If government intends in near future to assume debt and make Montreal a national free port commercial bodies can be asked to forego representation on board; quotes 'La Patrie' of January 24, 1905. Quotes Report of Royal Commission on Transportation—2641. Believe new minister and board will bring about improvement—2641-2. I condemned the government for the changes subsequently made in the plan of the wharf sheds because the method adopted will result in extras to the extent of $300,000 or $400,000 before it is through—2645.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—2648.

Will the minister please inform us what became of the plans for which the hon. member for St. Antoine stated, $50,000 was paid? Has Mr. Vaudelet withdrawn his claim?—2648. Is the action that has been taken defended by the Department of Justice, or, is it in the hands of some outside firm?—2649. Calls attention of minister (Mr. Brodeur) to article that appeared in Ottawa 'Journal' of April 21—2651. Asks minister if the importation of dredge from New Orleans is a matter that would come before Governor in Council—2651. It is the first condition of a contract that any dredge participating in work must be registered in Canada on the date of closing of tenders—2654. The minister (Mr. Brodeur) lays down policy of going to United States and buying a dredge to do work in the St. Lawrence as one to be commended and the government approves of it. Is it not in the interest of the people that all dredging should be done at the lowest possible price?—2655. Quotes wording of advertisement—2656.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—2642.

Glad to see that Bill is receiving support of hon. friend (Mr. Ames). Denies that there has been any undue interference by the government—2642. Mr. Tarte should receive credit for injecting some life and energy into Commission; unfair for hon. friend to attack work of Mr. Tarte—2643. Government should not be condemned for pushing work firmly and vigorously—2644. Both the chief engineer of harbour commission and one of the most prominent engineers of New York reported that changes should be made. Construction of sheds in a harbour is not a new thing. Does not think it fair to charge government with being responsible for extras—2645. There are in Montreal interests opposed to any improvements. Very serious differences of opinion exist among members of board; a reduced commission would carry it on much better and much more expeditiously. Hon. friend (Mr. Ames) is too eager to make some charges against the government—2646. To-day, the port of Montreal has two elevators which will be of great benefit to the business community; extensive dredging operations are being carried on in harbour; large works are also being carried on by harbour commission with money loaned by government. Wants to secure men of first-class ability for work on commission—2647. Plans of Mr. Vautelet have not been paid for by government—2648. Department has at this moment seven dredges working between Montreal and Batiscan. Government has taken steps to put pilots, both below and above Quebec, under control of department—2650. The dredge originally came from England; was to work on Mississippi at Galveston, but was too large to pass through certain canal. We needed just such a dredge for important work

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and purchased it—2651. There is a discrimination in insurance rates, not only between Atlantic ports and St. Lawrence ports but between American and Canadian ports. We decided to take energetic steps to lower rates as much as possible —2652. Dredge 'Fielding' is working in maritime provinces. Dredge 'Tarte' is working on Lake St. Peter—2654. Reason for policy is that Department of Public Works wished to encourage the Canadian shipbuilding industry and Canadian dredges—2656. So long as the Commission is paying the interest on its debt it should be left free to regulate its own expenditure—2661. In the beginning the Commissioners were all appointees of the government—2662. Traces history of board from origination—2664. Debt was taken over by government in 1887—2665.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—2654.

What has become of dredge 'Fielding.' Why is it not available?—2654.

Derbyshire, Dan. (Brockville)—2649.

Hopes hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) will place this great national port, which happens to be situated at Montreal, in the very best possible condition at once, and that also he will make the river route from Montreal to the sea-board perfectly safe—2649.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture.) —2653.

Government decided two years ago to bring pilots between Quebec and Montreal under control of Department of Marine and Fisheries. Government made a remarkable bargain by getting dredge for £30,000 —2653. In reference to this dredging, it simply meant that we had to get a dredge from outside Canada or else not do the work—2655.. Congratulates hon. member for St. Antoine division on the fair manner in which he has approached the subject of Bill. System and organization of old commission was more responsible for failure than the personnel—2657. Do not want special advocates of special interests on commission—2658. Re-organization of commission was no reflection upon the personnel of old board. Members of new board will be expected to give their time and attention to work and will be paid out of fees of harbour— 2659.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—2652.

Would it not be part of duties of harbour commissioners to authorize that work be done?—2648. Is there any movement on foot by the government to reorganize the pilotage system of the St. Lawrence? —2650. Have all the pilots who have been in the past piloting vessels in the St. Lawrence, presented themselves to the government for examination—2652. When were pilots below Quebec brought under the control of the government ? Who assumes the responsibility of navi-

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gating that dredge from the Gulf of Mexico to the St. Lawrence?—2653. The expenditures of this new commission, in connection with the new system which is to be inaugurated, should be reviewed by parliament and should appear in the Auditor General's Report—2660. Is there not a portion of the harbour of Montreal situated far to the east, where the wharfs are owned and controlled by the government?—2661.

Laurier, Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2649.

The Wolvin fleet intended to ply between upper lakes and Quebec, but understood they have withdrawn—2649.

Lemieux, Rodolphe (Solicitor-General)—2649.

I have heard that a petition of right has been asked for by Mr. Vautelet, and I believe it has been granted—2649.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2653.

What did you pay for dredge ?—2653. Was much interested in what was said by hon. member for St. Antoine division—2661. Money spent by first board was wisely and economically expended—2662. Political interests were introduced in commission to detriment of interests of Montreal. What will be qualification of parties selected for commission ?—2663. Has no objection to Bill in so far as the government are taking sole control over expenditure—2664. Does minister pretend to say that that was the first time the government advanced money ? Commission failed because it was brought under baneful influence of politics and it will still be kept under influence of politics —2665.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS, QUEBEC.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (174) respecting the Quebec Harbour Commissioners—Mr. Brodeur. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first and second time, and House went into committee thereon. Motion that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—Mr. Brodeur. Motion agreed to, and progress reported—3933.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—3933.

I saw a printed copy of the Bill, and I thought it was on file—3933.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—3933.

Is the Bill printed? It has not been distributed, and I don't think we ought to go on with it—3933.

House in committee on Bill (174) respecting the Quebec Harbour Commissioners—Mr. Brodeur—4807. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—4816.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4813.

Although my final report of this commission was greatly delayed, it did make in-

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terim reports—4813. Before work of this kind is undertaken next session, we should have a comprehensive, a full and a particular statement by the government as to how far the report of that commission commends itself to their judgment, and as to the extent to which they propose to carry it out in the immediate future—4814.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—4807.

On section 1—This is to afford relief in connection with the reconstruction of the wharf and the Louise embankment at Quebec. It becomes necessary in order to complete this work that an additional sum of $150,000 be loaned to the harbour commissioners—4808.

On section 2—Most of these provisions are to be found in section 34 of the Act of 1889. Last year part of the Louise embankment fell by reason of defective construction—4808. The work now being carried out is done in virtue of a contract made last year before the report of the Royal Commission on Transportation was made public. It is not contemplated that the sum of money which is now being voted should cover the construction of the breakwater—4809. It is mostly to carry out the works which were necessitated by the fact that the Canadian Pacific boats are coming to Quebec. The $362,000 already voted and this $150,000 will complete the work—4810. I did not take any part in the election to which he refers, because I was Speaker of the House of Commons. Some people connected with the shipping interest in Montreal are of opinion that the dry dock should not be built in Montreal—4811. I think it will be 30 feet—4812. I am not in a position to state now the amount of money required to carry out the recommendations that are embodied in the report of the commission, but I am led to believe that the amount would be exceedingly large—4815. I am glad to inform the House that the work has been progressing very rapidly for some months—4816.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—4809.

If I understand it rightly, part of this sum of money is to increase the capacity of the dock?—4809. To what capacity is the Louise dock increased? How much is this in excess of the estimate made for the increase in the size of the dock?—4810. What size of vessel will the enlarged dock at Quebec accommodate?—4812.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4812.

I have no objection to the expenditure of this money; I only hope it is being judiciously expended. Quotes the report of the Commission—4812. Go to work rapidly and expend whatever is proper and right in the interest of Canada at the harbour of Quebec. Do the same at Montreal or wherever else it is needed—4813.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—4808.

Is the object of this loan to carry a work recommended by the Transportation Commission? Quotes what the Commission recommends in regard to Quebec—4808. If the work is something not recommended by the Commission, perhaps the minister will explain to us why he is proceeding with the work—4809. Although I want to encourage the development of the port of Quebec, it is, I think, very essential that we should in our works try to follow the suggestions made by the Commission on Transportation—4810. The Commissioners recommended the enlargement of the Quebec dry dock, and that a new one be built in Montreal—4811.

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Wright, A. A. (South Renfrew)—4813.

I am delighted with the expression of opinion given by Mr. Lennox; I trust the Minister of Marine will take it to heart. We are prepared to give the minister all the money he wants if he will expend it judiciously—4813.

HARBOUR OF NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.

Bill (74) respecting Harbour of North Sydney, N.S.—Mr. Brodeur—read second time, considered in committee, read third time and passed—2189.

HARBOUR OF QUEBEC.

House in committee on proposed resolution authorizing that $150,000 be advanced to the Quebec Harbour Commissioners to complete the new deep water frontage of the Louise embankment—3926. Resolution reported and read the first and second time, and agreed to—3933.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3927.

I was in Montreal recently, and I noticed that the cement work on which the iron sheds rest is anything but satisfactory—3927.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—3931.

How many members of the Harbour Board are there?—3931.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—3926.

Last year part of the wall of the Louise embankment was carried away, and it requires reconstruction—3926. A work is required in front of the embankment in order to protect it, and the sum of $150,000 is required. It will be lent to the commissioners at 4 per cent. We are discussing the question of harbour at Quebec—3927. The cost will be about $510,000; of that sum $360,000 already has been authorized, and this $150,000 is to cover the balance—3928. This has nothing to do with the work for which $500,000 was voted last year—3931. My hon. friend from East Grey (Mr. Sproule) is mistaken with regard to free harbours, so far as a contrast between our harbours and those in the United States are concerned—3932. I believe that the charges made in New York, Portland, Boston and

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other harbours are based on a rate of interest of four per cent or more, instead of three per cent, as in Montreal—3933.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—3927.

The debt of the Quebec Harbour Commission is very large—$3,748,000. The Act of 1889 was a consolidation of existing authority which showed that a balance of $362,000 remained to be drawn from the Dominion treasury, as it might be required—3927. No interest was paid on the old amount. The amounts aggregated $76,000, and run from the 17th November to the 30th April of the present year. The work proposed will involve more money than is found in the unexpended balance—3928. The large sum I mentioned was the principal—the interest would increase that very materially—3929. The work will be done, and we shall not be in a worse position because we take their debentures and give them priority over those already issued—3432.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—3930.

In 1899 all the different Acts were consolidated and an account was taken of the various advances which had been authorized to be made up to that time. There is still the difference between $362,000 and $76,000 available—3930. The work is one of immediate urgency, and I feel satisfied that the House will have no reason to regret this advance. That amount is for the Pointe à Carcy wharf—3931.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—3927.

Is this entirely to repair damages? Does the minister intend, if he gets this money, to expend it by contract? How much was advanced before 1889?—3927. That leaves nearly $200,000 of a balance—3928. The time has come when the government, to whichever side it belongs, should take up the question of equipping and fitting out a number of national ports—3929.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3928.

Why do you want to add this if you have an unused balance at the credit of the harbour? Why do you not use what you have before getting more?—3928. To loan money when the principal or interest is never likely to be paid, does not seem to me the highest business principle on which to act—3928. These harbours should be as nearly absolutely free as possible. If they must be means of raising the revenue, they will be less available for shipping—3929. If this improvement is necessary in the interest of commerce there is no reason why we should loan the money; in my judgment we ought to vote the money to do the work—3931. If this is a work in the interest of commerce we ought not to be paid interest, but the money should be voted, just as for Collingwood harbour, Toronto harbour, or any other—3932. If our government harbours are going to compete with

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United States harbours every advantage we can offer the shipper to send his trade by our route should be offered—3933.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—3931.

There was a vote last year of $500,000 to be expended in the harbour of Quebec. Has this advance anything to do with that?—3431.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—3927.

Have the Harbour Commissioners of Quebec been paying interest regularly on the loan made to them in 1889?—3927. I would like to ask the hon. Minister of Finance to state the amounts that have been advanced recently, and upon which he expects to receive interest?—

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Motion that the House do to-morrow go into committee to consider the proposed resolution, that it is expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to advance a sum not exceeding $150,000 to the Quebec Harbour Commissioners, to complete the deep water frontage of the Louise embankment. Motion agreed to—3503.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—3503.

I shall be very glad to explain the purpose of the resolution when it is introduced—3503.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3503.

It might be advisable to have some explanation as to how they will use the money—3503.

HAY TRADE REGULATIONS.

Motion for leave to introduce a Bill entitled an Act respecting the hay trade—Mr. Beauparlant—1576. Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time—1577.

Beauparlant, Aimé (St. Hyacinthe) — 1576 — (Translation.)

The object of the Bill is to add to the good name and, consequently, to raise the price of an agricultural commodity which is very abundant—1576.

Motion that it is expedient to provide a law respecting the hay trade of Canada—Mr. Beauparlant—3998. Motion agreed to—4014.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—4013.

The hay industry is becoming a very important one and one that possibly demands some legislation along the lines indicated in this resolution; question is one which might well go to the agricultural committee where certain difficulties may be overcome—4013-4.

Beauparlant, A. M. (St. Hyacinthe)—3998.

Wishes to communicate to House expressions of opinion that have been received

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since Bill was introduced on April 17. Canadian exported hay is equal to that sent from any other country; but question is can the average quality of Canadian hay be improved upon—3998. It is in the interest of the producers that means should be taken which will ensure as far as possible the proper grading of hay—3999. Quotes resolution passed by farmers and dealers assembled at St. Hyacinthe on March 24th last—4000. Quotes resolution of representations of farming community at St. Hyacinthe on May 12; quotes letters to and from John E. Murray, commission merchant, New York—4001. Quotes letter giving opinion of Mackenzie and Winslow, of Fall River—4002. Quotes endorsations of Huard Brothers, Providence, Rhode Island, and W. S. Sawin and Co. The increase in the dairy business is in a large measure due to the enactment of the 'Dairy Act of 1897.' The 1902 amendment to the 'Fruit Marks Act. bears a striking analogy to the proposed legislation respecting the hay trade —4003. Quotes section one of 'Fruit Marks Act;' if opposition failed to criticise the 'Fruit Marks Act', should not the legislation respecting the hay trade equally escape all criticism; quotes statistics for 1901—4004. Quotes appreciation of proposed legislation from a trade journal 'La Semaine Commerciale,' of Quebec. It is self-evident that when Canadian hay reaches a foreign market the stamped bale will commend itself to the buyer in preference to that which is not, for the simple reason that it bears a guarantee of conscientious pressing for the trade—4005.

Boyer, G. (Vaudreuil)—4009.

Agrees with hon. member from St. Hyacinthe (Mr. Beauparlant) that we must protect the honest producer from the unscrupulous dealer; Bill should receive the same favourable treatment as that which was accorded to those on cheese and butter inspection. Why should the farmer, unlike every other manufacturer, be allowed to place his goods on the market without labelling them?—4009. It would be very difficult to establish the quality of hay in such a way as to fix its exact value. The full responsibility of determining the value of pressed hay must rest upon the vendor—4010.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —4010.

Sees no objection in principle to resolution, and is quite willing to accept it, with the understanding that it be referred to the Committee on Agriculture—4010. The resolution of hon. friend— (Mr. Beauparlant) and the Bill founded on it conform more nearly to the Fruit Marks Act than to any other legislation which we have passed; has not had any general demand for such legislation. It will be impossible for us to deal with the subject this session; but we shall be able to deal with it effectively in the future—4011. If

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there was not enough hay it was the fault of the war office in not ordering more. Hon. friend's Bill provides for the marking of hay of different qualities, but it does not provide any definition of what those qualities are—4012. Under the Fruit Marks Act, we have not appointed many inspectors, because we have only undertaken to deal with the export trade and incidentally with the home trade. Glad to endorse much of what hon. gentleman (Mr. Beauparlant) has said and to have motion adopted and sent to the Committee on Agriculture—4013.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—4011.

The quantity of hay sent to South Africa was a little lacking, and the horses sent for our Canadian volunteers were insufficiently fed—4011. Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Fisher) say that statement I make is not a correct statement of fact?—4012.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—4005.

Fails to see how proposed legislation could in any way influence the price of hay; hon. friend (Mr. Beauparlant) can be credited with attempting to improve the quality of hay. There does not seem to be any general desire on the part of the country that parliament should legislate in the direction now proposed. The agricultural association of the the county of St. Hyacinthe merely approved the principle of the proposed law without, however, committing itself in any way—4006. Opinions of American importer of Canadian hay are far from being entirely in accord with the proposal. If it was intended that name of farmer should be affixed to the baled hay the intention is not sufficiently made clear in the resolution. Who will determine the grade of hay, and will the legislation call for the appointment of inspectors ?—4007. Is legislation required, and are the intended beneficiaries asking for it ? Quotes letter of protest from an experienced dealer—4008. As a rule farmers produce a better quality of hay than that which was shipped to South Africa; our farmers are honest and endeavor to give the purchaser the worth of his money—4009.

Wright, A. A. (South Renfrew)—4014.

It is very desirable that our hay should have a reputation established in foreign markets just as other commodities. Trusts Committee will be able to frame a Bill that will be generally acceptable to interests concerned—4014.

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House in committee on the resolution of Mr. Beauparlant to provide a law respecting the hay trade of Canada—4014. Resolution reported, read a first and second time and agreed to. Motion that the said resolution be referred to same committee to which Bill (116) is to be referred. Mr. Brodeur. Motion agreed to. Bill read the second

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time, and on motion of Mr. Brodeur, referred to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture—4023.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—4014.

Would weight not be diminished by the time the bale reached its destination——4014. It would be a great error for us to commit ourselves to the provisions of the Bill and then send it to the Committee on Agriculture—4016.

Beauparlant, A. M. (St. Hyacinthe)—4022.

Not a single dissentient voice has been heard in the House against the proposed legislation although there have been objections to certain provisions. The efficaciousness of the proposed legislation mostly resides in the other provisions against which no serious objection was urged—4023.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4021.

There would be a great deal of difficulty in working out a resolution in such a form as this. How is any one to determine whether hay is of a 'specially faultless quality' within the meaning of this resolution?—4021. If you are going to refer this resolution to the Committee on Agriculture, a different mode of procedure should be followed; outlines a resolution of principle—4022. Renewing of hay trade relations with England will result in the establishment of a large trade between England and this country. Bill is in the interest of trade and the interest of the farmers—4021.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and *Fisheries*)—4014.

Does not see any serious objection to attaching the name of the presser to each bale of hay and also the weights, quality and date at which hay was pressed; object in view is to punish glaring violations of the rules of morality. Would strike out the words after 'hay' in the seventh line, down to the words 'and that any person'—4014. It would be well to refer the resolution to the committee on agriculture, but if we include the details as to quality of hay that would be going too far—4015. It would, perhaps, be better to strike out all the resolution after the word 'hay' in the seventh line—4016. We should pass the resolution stating that the name of the person, the weight and the quality should be put on the bale and leave to committee to determine what quality should be—4020.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—4015.

We are discussing it in committee of the whole with the idea that if we approve it, it will be referred to the committee on agriculture. The proposal of the promoter of the Bill (Mr. Beauparlant) is simply that a certain detail which is expressed in resolution shall be omitted, as we propose to adopt the principle—4015. Would be rather disposed to agree with the leader of the opposition (Mr.

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R. L. Borden); has been trying to work resolution down to question of principle, but so far has not been successful—4022.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—4016.

In the province of Quebec, where hay is grown extensively, there is some need for legislation of this kind; would suggest to hon. gentleman (Mr. Beauparlant) that he would accomplish his whole purpose by striking out the word 'trade' in the third line, and substituting the word 'export'. Resolution is too far-reaching as it is giving to people something that they are really not asking for—4017.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4016.

What about the other part if you strike out the words proposed by the minister?—4016.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—4015.

In the present state of trade you can hardly make a definition of qualities that will be generally accepted, but with uniformity of quality, the purchaser will be able to know what he is buying—4015. Reads suggestion for consideration in place of resolution proposed—4022.

McCool, C. A. (Nipissing)—4018.

Approves of all provisions of Bill with the exception of subsection (c) regarding the grading of hay. It would be a great protection to the purchaser if the bale contained the name of party presing the hay, the weight of it, and the date when pressed—4018.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—4015.

Understood that we are not adopting resolution but referring it to committee on agriculture—4015. Does hon. friend (Mr. Brodeur) wish to strike out the classification proposed by the promoter of the Bill?—4016. If we are going to have a law to improve the hay trade it should not be restricted to exportation only; it is important that we should have the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture on resolution—4018. Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Brodeur) wants Bill passed in a truncated form, but the introducer of Bill (Mr. Beauparlant) wants to improve the hay trade—4019.

HIGH COMMISSIONER AND MESSRS. PRESTON AND GRIFFITHS—CORRESPONDENCE.

On the Orders of the Day, calls attention to an order moved for by Mr. U. Wilson on March 14th last, which asked for the correspondence between the High Commissioner and Mr. Preston, and between Mr. Preston and Mr. Griffiths—1748.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1748.

A period of five weeks had elapsed since correspondence was called for; unless voluminous it might have been brought down before this—1748. That called for by the former motion might be brought down, and the other portion brought down separately—1749.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1748.

Correspondence not yet ready; will bring it down in two parts—1749.

HILLCREST RAILWAY, COAL AND COKE COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (157) to incorporate the Hillcrest Railway, Coal and Coke Company—Mr. Galliher—4398.

On section 8—Section reinstated in Bill—4398.

On section 15—Amendment by Mr. Galliher. Amendment agreed to. Section as amended agreed to, and Bill reported.

Motion for third reading—Mr. Galliher. Motion agreed to, and Bill read a third time and passed—4399.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—4398.

On section 8—The secretary of the committee, who is very conversant with these matters, informed me that the Railway Act provided for these powers—4398.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—4398.

On section 8—This section was expunged in the Railway Committee—4398.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —4398.

On section 8—This clause was not struck out at my instance. I know that Mr. Hartney thought they would have this power under the general Railway Act—4398.

On section 15—The provision for an agreement with the Great Northern Railway Company is a mistake—4398. This raises the point with which we are all more or less familiar, particularly during this session, as to our infringement on the powers of the local legislatures—4399.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—4398.

On section 8—It is power the company should have in order to operate the road, and unless the minister can show that it is covered by the Railway Act, I move that the clause be reinstated—4398.

On section 15—Instead of saying, ' with the Great Northern Railway Company,' say ' with respect to lines operated with them in Canada.'—4398. I move that in the fourth line, after the word ' company,' the words be inserted, ' with respect to lines operated by them in Canada.'—4399.

Henderson, David (Halton)—4398.

On clause 8—The change was made by the secretary of the committee—4398.

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Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—4398.

On section 8—If this section is intended to make them expressmen, the Railway Act does not do that—4398.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—4398.

On section 8—The secretary told me he could not say positively that it was covered by the Railway Act, and that it would be no harm to have it in the Bill any way—4398.

On section 15—I think it was understood in the committee, when the Minister of Justice explained the situation, that this was satisfactory—4398. The road is interprovincial; it crosses British Columbia into Alberta—4399.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

Motion that the speech of His Excellency to both Houses of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada be taken into consideration on Monday next—7.

HIS MAJESTY TO VISIT CANADA. INVITATION TO

Motion praying that His Most Gracious Majesty the King and Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen will lend their august presence on the occasion of the inauguration of the Quebec bridge—Mr. Belcourt—1679. Motion agreed to—1694. Mr. Belcourt moves, seconded by Mr. Northrup that a message be sent to Senate requesting their Honours to unite in address. Motion agreed to—1694.

Belcourt, Hon. N. A. (Ottawa City)—1679.

In name of hon. members of House extends a cordial welcome to His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught—1679-80. Refers to invitation extended to late Queen Victoria and to visit of present king almost fifty years ago—1680-1. Canadians of both English and French origin desire opportunity of renewing their expressions of patriotism—1681-2. Canadians desire to show him the progress, material as well as intellectual, that has been made in half a century—1682. Pays tribute to King Edward's reign of peace—1683-4. Moves resolution —1684.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1689.

Everything that could be said has been most appropriately said by right hon. Prime Minister and mover and seconder of motion ; sincerely wishes that Canada may have privilege of welcoming Their Most Gracious Majesties to her shores—1689.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—1692.

Did not need invitation of hon. member for Victoria to approve and support motion; does not believe in principle of hereditary powers but respects person of King Edward—1692. King Edward may

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be truthfully called the peace-making sovereign of modern world ; as a French Canadian gives hearty support to resolution—1693.

Chisholm, T. (East Huron)—1693.

Member for Ottawa (Mr. Belcourt) deserves thanks of House for bringing question forward ; will show King Edward a different Canada from what he saw when he visited our shores fifty years ago—1693. Fitting that motion should be proposed by French Canadian—1694.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—1690.

Has every reason to feel that prayer of petition will be answered at very early date—1690. Welcome him to Canada because of his distinguished statesmanship before and since he ascended the throne; quotes the poet Cowper ; knows first minister is already warm in cause of full partnership with Great Britain and colonies—1691-2.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1687.

Joins heartily in motion with mover and seconder ; visit would have desirable effect upon Canada's relations with her neighbours—1687. Reads portion of motion and sugests amendment—1688.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—1690.

All love and respect His Majesty the King not only because he is a kingly king, but because he is a manly man. Her Majesty the Queen has proved herself a friend in need to the poor of Britain. Trusts they will be enthusiastically received by people of Dominion as the most highly respected people in the Empire—1690.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—1684.

Believes motion is one that every member in House can support—1684. Are justified in asking sovereign to visit the brightest gem in his dominion—1685. In Canada we have not one people sprung from a common stock, but a strong and progressive people descended from the greatest races of the earth ; eminenttly suitable that King's advisers should accompany him on visit—1686. No more fitting place could be found to welcome sovereign than the classic city of Quebec; has much pleasure in seconding the resolution—1687.

HIS MAJESTY TO VISIT CANADA, INVITATION TO.

Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that a message be sent to the Senate to inform their honours that this House hath agreed to their address to His Excellency that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the joint address of invitation to His Majesty the King and Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen to visit Canada. Motion agreed to—2321.

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Mr. Speaker informs the House that the Senate agrees to the address of invitation from the House of Commons to the King to visit Canada; reads message from Senate—2244.

HOG PLAGUE IN KENT COUNTY.

Motion for copies of all correspondence pertaining to complaints received by the government protesting against quarantine from hog plague in Kent county, Ont.—Mr. Clements—647. Matter drops—655.

Clements, Herbert H. (West Kent)—647.

Protests against the unfair and unreasonable quarantine regulations which exist in Kent at present time—647. There has been no hog cholera to any extent. The swine plague could have been cured if the expert veterinaries had done their duty—648. There should have been some precaution taken to save the immense herds of hogs slaughtered unnecessarily—649. How the regulations affected the farmers in the sale of hogs—650. Quotes letter from prominent swine breeder—651. Congratulates minister for having abolished the bonding privileges—652. One-tenth of the hogs slaughtered had not the complaint. What excuse was there for quarantining the township of Howard, where the disease never existed?—654.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—652.

Glad to adopt motion, and to give all information asked for—652. What has been done in Kent county had been done on the advice of Dr Rutherford, an admittedly skilled professional man—653. The dangers that would arise from allowing cattle from infected districts to be exhibited. No hogs slaughtered unnecessarily—654.

HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT AMENDMENT.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (3) further to amend the Act respecting the House of Commons—Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—16. Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time—16.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—16.

This Bill (3) is supplementary to previous Bill (2) introduced; though it better to introduce a separate Bill for the purpose of amending each statute—16.

HUDSON BAY WHALE FISHERIES.

House went into Committee to consider the proposed resolution respecting the Hudson Bay Whale Fisheries—Mr. Brodeur—6708. Resolution reported, read the first and second times and agreed to—6709.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (223), to amend the Fisheries Act—Mr. Brodeur—

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6709. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—6709.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—6708.

This legislation is to provide that in the Hudson Bay regions the license instead of being $500 should be $50; this does not entail any additional expenditure on the government—6708.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—6709.

Is the license fee $500 a boat or a ship?—6709.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6708.

How many boats are engaged in this industry?—6708.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6709.

The minister (Mr. Brodeur) said the other night that there were many whales in that region and that every whale was valued at $15,000—6709.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—6708.

What is the object of the license?—6708.

IMMIGRATION ACT AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (170) to amend the Immigration Act—3712.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—3712.

The purpose of the Bill is to give the department in control of immigration greater authority to deal with immigrants who, for one reason or another, may be properly subjected on their landing in Canada to restriction or deportation—3712.

IMMIGRATION ACT—IN COMMITTEE.

Bill (170) respecting immigrants and immigration—Mr. Oliver—was read the second time, and the House went into committee thereon—5195.

On subsection (d)—5197.

On subsection (f)—5202.

On subsection (h)—5203.

On subsection (j)—5203.

On section 3—5204

On section 4—5204. Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as agreed to—5207.

On section 5—Mr. Oliver moves amendment. Section as amended agreed to—5207.

On section 6—Section allowed to stand.

On section 7—Motion to amend by Mr. Oliver—5217. Amendment agreed to. Mr. Borden moves to amend section 6—5217. Amendment agreed to—5218.

On section 11—5218, 5227. Allowed to stand—5241.

On section 12—5241.

On section 13—5243. Amendment moved by Mr. Oliver Amendment agreed to—5245.

On section 16—5245. Mr. Oliver moves amendment. Section as amended agreed to—5246.

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On section 27—Section as amended agreed to—5246.

On section 28—5246. Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5248.

On section 29—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5248.

On section 31—5252.

On section 32—5252. Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5254.

On section 34—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5254.

On section 35—5254. Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Amendment agreed to—5255.

On section 36—Section agreed to—5256.

On section 37—5256.

On section 42—5257. Section allowed to stand—5258.

On section 45—5258.

On section 46—5258 Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5259.

On section 50—Section allowed to stand—5259.

On section 51—5259.

On section 52—Section allowed to stand—5261.

On section 53—5261.

On section 54—5261.

On section 56—Section allowed to stand—5262

On section 57—Motion to amend—Mr. Guthrie. Section as amended agreed to—5262.

On section 58—Section allowed to stand—5262.

On section 59—Section allowed to stand—5262.

On section 63—Section allowed to stand—5263.

On section 64—Section allowed to stand—5263.

On section 66—Section allowed to stand—5263.

On section 67—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5263.

On section 68—Section allowed to stand—5263.

On section 69—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5264.

On section 70—Section allowed to stand—5264.

On section 73—Section allowed to stand—5264.

On section 75—Section as amended agreed to—5265.

Progress reported—5265.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—5202.

Quotes United States law on subject—5202. On section 4—Has the system which has been in existence for the past twenty years been found not to work well?—5205. I am dealing with chapter 65 of

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Ames, H. B. (Montreal, St. Antoine)—*Con.*

the Revised Statutes of 1886-7, which it is proposed to repeal—5206.

On section 7—Would it not be well to insert the word 'temporary' before the word 'officers'? I think the words, 'subject to the provisions of the regulations in that behalf, if any,' should be struck out—5213. I am sure regulations can be drafted to give all the latitude required—5214. Suggests that section be amended by fixing a time limit—5216.

On section 11—The $2 tax under the present laws is a penalty payable by the master of a vessel when proper sanitary arrangements are not made—5220. The clause in the statute is in reference to a penalty payable by the master of a vessel when proper sanitary measures are not taken—5230. It is inopportune to pass a clause such as the one we have in clause 11 of this Bill—5234.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—5215

On section 6—It seems to me that this section might be left over for the calm consideration of the law officers—5212.

On section 7—That requires some consideration—5212. Is this new?—5213.

Bickerdike, Robert (St. Lawrence, Montreal)—5197.

What is meant by a 'workaway'? In that case the workaway becomes a member of the crew?—5197.

On section 11—I think the medical examination should be made on the other side, and that no undesirable immigrant **should** be allowed to go on board—5240.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5196.

I would suggest that the minister read the proposed amendment to subsection (a), and then go over the section paragraph by paragraph—5196. The stowaway is only the man who conceals himself during the whole voyage?—5197. I understand that under the United States system, if any person residing in Europe goes to the United states, whether he travels first, second or any other class, he is charged $5—5199. If an immigrant comes first-class, why should he cease to be an immigrant?—5200. For the purpose of dealing with the exclusion, the Bill now before Congress provides: 'That all aliens arriving by water at the ports of the United States shall be,'—and so on—5202.

On section (f)—I suppose that means the transfer from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Interior?—5202.

On subsection (j)—I think it would be controlled by subsection (h), which speaks of them as 'coming into Canada'—5203.

On section 3—Should not the words, 'and in a vessel,' be changed to 'or in a vessel'?—5204.

On section 4—One would think the sections would be more in harmony if the Governor in Council should also establish the immigration offices—5205. Section 3 is more out of harmony with section 5.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

On section 5—That is entirely new—5207.

On section 6—I am afraid you will have the physicians objecting when they find they are included with the police guards—5209. I would like section 6 to stand; it seems to me it might be made a little clearer as to what the powers of the minister really are—5212.

On section 7—Suggests that section 6 be amended—5217.

On section 11—This Bill which we have under consideration would levy a tax of $2 upon every one coming by vessel to Canada—5220.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—5244.

On section 12—The Bill conveys no idea as to how many feet of air space each passenger should have under this mode of reckoning—5244.

On section 16—What is the object of that section?—5245.

On section 27—Does it not mean on board a vessel on which hospital facilities do not exist—5246.

On section 30—I think the United States law requires every immigrant to possess a certain amount of money—5249.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—5208.

On section 5—Shall section 5 as amended be agreed to? Is the amendment accepted?—5208.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—5210.

Objects to statement of Mr. Henderson as a general principle. It is not to be assumed that every minister should be in the House at all times—5210. Might the emergency not occur 2,000 miles away, when it would be inconvenient to communicate with the minister?—5215.

On section 42—It is the old Act. That is the only answer—5258.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5196.

What are the changes made in subsection (a)?—5196. What do you do with the stowaway? Is it just to put me or any other person who is simply a passenger, and not an immigrant, under all the disabilities attaching to immigrants, because we do not take first class passage?—5198. Are you going to put under a head tax every body who takes a second-class passage in a first class-class ship?—5199. Suggests that clause be changed—5200. Does not see why every second-class passenger should be classed as an immigrant—5201. The United States have had an exclusion or discriminating Act for years; if we knew how they define 'immigrant' it might help us—5202.

On section 3—This appears to be a very broad section—5204.

On section 4—Here again you give the minister a power which is as wide as the world—5204. Of course, the minister is responsible to parliament, but, unfortunately, he is first responsible to his party and party does not count for much—5205. Suggests that the Goverfnor in Council

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may establish and maintain immigration offices—5206.

On section 5—Who appoints the superintendents and commissioners now?—5207. The medical officers are not legion, and it is best to have them appointed by the Governor in Council; all right, I will withdraw—5208.

On article 6—Why should not the words 'if any' be struck out?—5208. I think you will find that the word 'may' means 'shall'—5209. Has this Bill been revised by the Minister of Justice?—5210. What is the legal opinion as to clause 5 and clause 6 clashing?—5211.

On clause 7—Your regulations would provide for temporary assistance in cases of emergency—5213. What possible cause could arise that would require such an enactment as this?—5215. Could not the minister put it in his regulations?—5216. Must every British subject who comes from Australia or any other British colony, or from Great Britain be taxed before they can enter Canada?—5218. Instead of saying, 'for every passenger,' say, 'for every immigrant' who lands in Canada—5219. You can let them in without a tax if they come on a railway train—5220.

Fowler, G. W. (Kings and Albert)—5252.

On section 31—Let them get a certificate from the clerk of a Court or Recorder, or from the mayor of the town—5252.

German, W. M. (Welland)—5231.

On section 11—The law does not work satisfactorily in the United States, and was not adopted until that country became as full of people as they needed—5231. You will injure the contry more than even a Liberal government can succeed in making it successful—5232. I have seen the working of this $2 a head tax; I for one must express my absolute disapproval of this Bill—5235.

Guthrie, Hugh (S. Wellington)—5197.

A member of the crew signs for both the outward and return voyage, while the workaway is only for the outward voyage—5197.

On subsection (j)—And this would include those crossing the Lakes—5203.

On section 6—There may be reason to fear conflict between clauses 5 and 6, on account of the language used—5211. That would raise the question at once whether the minister had any power to appoint until the question was submitted to the Governor in Council—5212.

On section 11—A similar law has been on the statute book for the last twenty years at least—5230. While we may tax the immigrant, and continue an aggressive immigration policy it is rather an idle waste of time to say that the Governor in Council may pass regulations to impose a tax—5233. The one theory, to my mind, is thoroughly inconsistent with the other—5234.

On section 13—I understand that this matter was discussed between the department and the transportation companies, and that all were satisfied with 12 clear superficial feet—5244.

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On section 27—Should you not rather say, 'where hospital facilities on shore do not exist'?—5246.

On section 28—Would the minister be prepared to exclude a man merely because he was deaf?—5247.

On section 32—I would suggest the following: 'Of which due notice shall be given to the transportation companies by publishing notice to such effect for at least one month in the 'Canada Gazette.'—5253.

On section 50—In any way, I take it, that the duties would not be payable until the passengers had been landed—5259.

On section 52—I would suggest that the penalties be cut down to $50 and $10, having regard to other penalties prescribed by the Act—5260. I do not think the punishment fits the crime at all—5261.

On section 53—Does this provision only apply to ships on their arrival in Canadian waters, or does it cover offences committed on the high seas?—5261.

On section 56—What amendments would the minister propose?—5262.

On sections 57 and 58—I submit that the penalties are too high. I would suggest $20 instead of $40 in each case—5262.

On section 59—I would suggest that there should be some discretion vested in the master of a ship as to the safety of his vessel—5262.

On section 67—I think the penalty of $200 for failing to post this notice is excessive 5263.

On section 68—That section is apparently ultra vires, and it should be allowed to stand—5263.

On section 73—Under some clauses of this Act very heavy fines are provided, and it would be a hardship to allow the decision of the magistrate to be final—5264.

On section 75—I submit that this is another case in which the fine is exorbitant—5265.

On section 76—In subsection 2 I would suggest that the word 'wilfully' be inserted after the word 'which' in the first line—5265.

Henderson, David (Halton)—5210.

Takes exception to the fact that there is no legal minister to assist during the passing of such an important Bill as this is. It is not fair to throw the responsibility of this legislation upon the leader of the opposition—5210.

On section 11—I think this is a very dangerous power to put into the hands of the government—5219.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—5214.

Would a Dominion election be an emergency?—5214.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5199.

I was told by an experienced traveller that the second-class accommodation furnished by the 'Empress of Britain' was equal to what had been first-class in other vessels—5199.

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On subsection (j)—It is pretty broad, although it may be in accordance with the old Act, of which I have had no experience—5203.

On section 4—Will section 3 work out all right, having changed section 4?—5206.

On section 5—The subordinate officers are appointed by the minister—5208.

On section 6—You have no direct power to appoint medical officers, as you have eliminated that from the other section—5209. I move to insert the word 'chief'—5212.

On section 7—Would it not be sufficient to say that the medical officer or agent may obtain such temporary assistance as may be necessary, without appointing anybody?—5213. We do not use the word 'appoint,' but 'employ'—5217.

On section 11—I think the minister ought to consider the advisability of recasting this section—5227. The Bill has not been carefully drawn, although it may have been carefully thought of—5228.

On section 12—It is a copy of the section of the old Act, as far as it goes, but in only incorporates half of section 8 of the old Act—5242.

On section 13—This Bill applies to a vessel from any port—5244. Is there any genral provision for enforcing such a provision as this?—5245.

On section 16—An immigrant on whom we have paid $5 may leave before the boat arrives in Canada—5245. Where the relatives are mentioned, you could provide also that the report shall specify what has become of the money—5246.

On section 28—Deafness should hardly exclude an immigrant from the country—5247. I think that, instead of 'landed,' it should be 'admitted into' Canada—5248.

On section 29—Here, also, there should be the same change of wording—5248.

On section 30—This section also needs to be amended to read, 'no immigrant shall be permitted to land in Canada,' and so on—5249. If the immigrant satisfies the requirements at the time he comes, I do not think we should pursue him for two years afterwards. This section does not deal with a person being subject to epilepsy or any other disease—5250.

On section 32—This permits the Governor in Council to determine the policy of Canada as regards immigration—5253.

On section 33—That section could be improved by adding after the word 'consider,' the words, 'and decide upon.'—5254.

On section 34—That amendment only refers to persons prohibited by the Act—5354.

On section 42—You cannot pass that without conflicting with the British North America Act—5258.

On section 45—Would the expression 'no officer' in this section include the doctor?—5258.

On section 51—The word 'wilfully' is sometimes included and sometimes omitted, and the use of it very often frustrates the intention of the Act—5260.

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On section 54—Are the vessel owners satisfied with this section, fining a master for compelling passengers to leave a vessel before 48 hours from arrival—5261.

On section 56—Will this conform with the other section?—5262.

On section 63—That should stand because of the other—5263.

On section 64—That will stand, too?—5263.

On section 66—If, under this section, second-class passengers are classed as immigrants, the results may be peculiar—5263.

On section 68—You would better submit it to the Minister of Justice—5263.

On section 70—It is not carefully worded; this objection may be technical, but I think it is reasonable—5264.

On section 73—In the case of appeal, the money should be deposited or security of some kind should be given—5264.

On section 75—If you said for each offence, instead of for each passenger, that would be the case—5265.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—5219.

On section 11—I cannot see the sense of that clause being in this Bill, any way—5219.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—5213.

On section 7—Is it intended to leave the nominations with the minister?—5213. I cannot imagine any case in which the department could not be communicated with—5214. If there was really a great emergency at a distance of 2,000 miles, would not the agent be justifiable in acting, subject to any blame afterwards?—5215. The minister has always the right to deal with an emergency—5216. I cannot say that the amendment proposed by Mr. Ames gives me much consolation—5217.

On section 11—Before we give the Governor in Council the right to make regulations having for their object the collection of a head tax, we have to consider our whole immigration policy—5229. I do not think it is opportune at the present moment, although I am in favour of taxing immigrants coming into this country—5230. The United States have never encouraged immigration in any way whatever. I believe in the American system. I do not believe our great object is to fill up this country—5232. We should exercise more prudence in the choice—5233. The system of a head tax will enable us to control inspection without expense to the taxpayer—5236. Of the very large number passed in Canada, as being perfectly sound, who desired to cross into the United States, no less than 692 were rejected at the border for being undesirable immigrants—5237. If we could have our own medical officer in England to conduct examination there, I think the country would gain a great deal—5241.

On section 12—The minister should consider, also, whether section 12 and the one which has been referred to as section 47 are not clauses which have reference to

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civil contracts, are governed as to their consequences by the law of the province in which an attempt is made to enforce the contract—5242.

On section 28—My hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) some years ago enunciated a theory that the only proper immigrant to bring into this country is the immigrant about whom you know something before he comes into the country—5248.

On section 30—I do not like the idea of excluding a man from Canada merely because he has no money. Of course, if a person is likely to become a public charge, that is a good ground for exclusion—5249. There are certain immigrants who are sent out here by their families for purpose of getting rid of them; they end up by getting into our hospitals, our asylums or our jails—5250. We are justified in returning undesirable immigrants to the country upon which he was a charge before coming out here—5251.

On section 31—No immigrant ought to be permitted to land in Canada unless he has some certificate to establish that he has not committed a crime involving moral turpitude—5252. I think the minister should have the right to investigate and act—5256.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5196.

The Bill in its present form has been before the House for several weeks, so that the members are pretty well informed in regard to it—5196. Quotes proposed amendment to subsection (a). 'Workaway' is applied to the man who works his passage, as distinguished from the 'stowaway' who steals his passage—5197. The cost of a second-class passage is not so great as at all to preclude parties availing themselves of it who might very properly be brought under the restrictive clauses—5198. This is merely an empowering clause. The duty at present in the United States is $2, but a Bill has been introduced, which has not become law, fixing it at $5—5199. The first part defines what is an immigrant, and the last part adds those who also may be treated as immigrants, although not coming within the definition given in the former part of clause—5200. This Act is designed to enable the department to deal with undesirable immigrants—that is the sole purpose, as I understand it—5201. We will allow subsection (a) to stand until we have considered other sections—5202.

On subsection (f)—It also defines the word as used in the Act—5203.

On subsection (h)—The steamship companies would be quite willing to bear the expense of taking the stowaway back, if the law were so framed that they would have the right to do it—5203.

On subsection (j)—We could leave that section for the present—5203.

On section 3—Any person who is recognized by the minister as an immigration agent, the minister assumes responsibility for that person's act—5204.

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On section 4—This is not an Act to promote immigration; it is an Act to regulate immigration, and has nothing to do, except in a secondary way, with the efforts that are put forth to promote immigration—5205. The government requires to have power to establish offices for the promotion of immigration—5206.

On section 5—Asks leave to amend section—5207. The words 'medical officers' could be inserted before the words 'police guards.' The clause says the Governor in Council, 'may' appoint these officers, and if the Governor in Council does not the minister has authority—5209. My opinion is that the word 'may' is not the word 'shall,' and that therefore there is no clash between section 5 and section 6—5211.

On section 7—This is simply an emergency clause to enable us to meet any contingency that may arise—5212. We must have regulations to meet certain recognized conditions—5213. I think the provision is very much better as it is, placing the responsibility directly upon the minister, but I am quite ready to strike out those words 'if any'—5214. If the Act is amended as hon. gentlemen opposite seem inclined to propose, the minister may say: I was not able to act in the matter, the agent was not able to act under the law, and we are relieved from blame—5215. There is the continual possibility of undesirables, from one side of the boundary to the other. I am as much opposed to government by regulation as Mr. Foster is—5216. The time fixed in the amendment would afford opportunity for communication with the department. Agrees to return to discussion of clauses 5 and 6—5217.

On section 11—Moves to amend subsection 1. In this Bill we are not proposing to tax any sum whatever; we are, however, providing that the Governor in Council may pass regulations requiring duty to be paid—5218. Yes; we are authorizing and we are levying a duty, and we leave it to the judgment of the Governor in Council as to when such regulations should be passed—5219. The purpose of putting this provision in the Bill is if the duty imposed by the United States causes undesirables to come to Canada we shall have the means to keep them out if the necessity for doing so exists.—5220. Moves to amend section—5227. It is not expected that because a Bill has been prepared with care, it should meet with the approval of the members of this House—5227. If Mr. Ames reads sections 5 and 6 of the old Act he will find that they are similar to the provisions proposed by this Bill—5230. The principle of levying a tax on immigrants has been in the law for years, to come into course by order of the Governor in Council—5231. The policy is one looking to selection and regulation, rather than a policy looking to numbers without regard to quality—5239. The intention is that the tax should be levied only when a regulation is passed to that effect—5240.

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On section 12—This section is merely a copy of the section in the old Act—5241. In the preparation of the new Act all the penalties are brought together at the end —5242.

On section 13—As to the proportion between passengers and tonnage, this clause is identical with the clause in the old Act. —5243. I move that fifteen feet be substituted for twelve feet in the section—5244. I move that the word 'twenty be substituted for the words 'one hundred' in the last line but one.

On section 16—Quotes section—5245.

On section 18—Moves to amend—5246.

On section 27—Moves to amend section—5246.

On section 28—Moves to amend section. Generally a person who is dumb is also deaf, but not always—5247. If Mr. Lennox will agree, I would propose to amend the clause so as to read, 'no immigrant shall be permitted to land in Canada'—5248.

On section 29—Moves amendment to section—5248.

On section 30—I fancy that the word 'pauper' rather indicates a chronic condition of dependence; that is the class of people that we think are undesirable. The transportation companies will be responsible for the cost of deportation—5249. We are not asking for a three years' limit for sending back immigrants; we are asking for a two years' limit—5251.

On section 31—It is undesirable to admit these people, and if we can prevent them from coming we will do so—5252.

On section 32—I think that any people whose habits of life conform to that of gypsies would be very proper subjects for exclusion, whatever their nation would be—5253.

On section 33—I will adopt Mr. Lennox's suggestion—5254.

On section 34—Moves to amend—5254.

On section 35—Moves a substitute for section—5254. The words should not have been in the amended clause, and I move that they be struck out—5255.

On section 36—To make the law effective it is necessary to give the enlarged powers asked for—5266.

On section 37—The words have relation, not to the placing of the vessel, but to the manner of handling the passengers and baggage—5257.

On section 41—Moves that clause be amended—5257.

On section 42—It is the old section 34. As it was made years ago and has stood so long, there must be some authority for it—5258.

On section 46—Moved that section be amended—5259.

On section 50—This section will have to stand until section 11 is dealt with—5259.

On section 51—I understand that this is from an old Act—5260.

On section 52—There is no intention of doubling the penalty, and if these words allow that to be done, it would be proper to make an amendment—5260. We will allow that section to stand—5261.

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On section 53—This can apply only to ships in Canadian waters—5261.

On section 54—It is only in cases where we have no accommodation on shore for immigrants that this section provides penalties—5261.

On section 56—I think the section had better stand—5262.

On section 57—I am quite willing to accept the amendment—5262.

On section 58—I would suggest that section be allowed to stand—5262.

On section 66—Better let this section stand until we decide as to the other—5263.

On section 67—We will reduce it to $100, and amend it in that way—5263.

On section 69—Moves that penalty be reduced to $100—5264.

On section 73—We will redraft this clause that there shall be no appeal under $100, and that security should be given in the case of appeal—5264.

On section 75—The penalty should be high enough to make it interesting—5265.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—5235.

On section 11—The $2 tax imposed by the United States is simply an annoyance, and does no good to that country. Illustrates a case—5235. I do not think this provision would work well when applied to people passing between the American border and our own—5240.

On section 12—Why is it necessary to put that clause in at all?—5243.

Roche, W. (Halifax)—5237.

On section 11—The head tax in the United States was not recent; I paid it myself forty years ago—5237. A very small proportion of immigrants who were inspected at Halifax have been afterwards declared to be undesirable immigrants—5238.

On section 13—You should specify either net tonnage or gross tonnage for, otherwise, you have constant dispute if you ever enforce the law—5243.

Sloan, W. (Comox-Atlin)—5230.

On section 11—I would like to know from the minister why he thinks that such a provision as this is necessary at the present time—5230.

On section 30—What means have you of knowing which company brought the undesirable immigrants here?—5249.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—5241.

On section 12—The Act should be amended so as to be able to deal with misrepresentation in the making of contracts—5241.

On section 35—A bona fide immigrant, after coming to this country, might become incapacitated through sickness or accident and he would have to be deported—5255.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5196.

It would have been much more convenient had you printed the new clauses and amendments in italics, so that we could see what changes are made—5196. What do you propose to do with the stowaway? —5197. We should include those declar-

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ing their intentions of residing in the country—5202.

On section 11—Before we put such a provision into the law, we should stop the heavy bonusing of immigrants—5238. It is true you do not propose to impose that tax now, but to the outside world such a provision in the law will look somewhat inconsistent—5239. If the government took the right to exercise a discrimination and imposed this tax upon an undesirable class, I think the House would not object to it—5240.

On section 32—How are you going to designate the class known as gypsies?—5253.

On section 35—Under the provincial law in Ontario, when a person is in a municipality for six months and becomes indigent, the municipality is bound to care for him—5255.

On section 42—Is this not interfering with provincial rights?—5257. If a hotelkeeper should violate that what authority have you to enforce it?—5258.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—5203.

On subsection (h)—The expense of sending the stowaways back would rest with the government?—5203.

On section 5—How do you make the distinction, as some agents are appointed by order in council and some by the minister? How many doctors have you altogether?—5208.

On section 11—I am not only in favour of putting it at $2, but I would like to see it made $5. The Americans have just passed a law for that purpose—5219. I have always taken the view that we should take more interest in the class of immigrants we get than in the number—5220.

Wright, W. (Muskoka)—5251.

On section 30—I think that England would be perfectly justified in refusing to receive an immigrant back from Canada after he had been here three years—5251.

On section 34—Cites a hypothetic case—5254.

On section 35—That is very unjust to the municipalities—5255.

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House again in committee on Bill (170) respecting immigrants and immigration—Mr. Oliver—5406.

On section 2, subsection (a)—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5407.

On section 11—Section struck out—5409.

On section 12—Section struck out—5409.

On section 15—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5410.

On section 18 (reconsidered)—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5410.

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On section 36 (reconsidered)—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5410.

On section 37 (reconsidered)—Motion that section be struck out and substitute clause offered. Amendment agreed to—5410.

On section 42—5410.

On section 52, subsection 2—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Amendment agreed to—5411.

On section 13—Section allowed to stand—5413.

On section 54—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—5413.

On section 55—Motion to amend—5413. Section as amended agreed to—5414.

On section 56—Section struck out.

On section 58—Section struck out.

On section 59—Section struck out.

On section 63 and section 64—Sections stand for decision of court—5414.

On section 66—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Motion agreed to—5415.

On section 68—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Motion agreed to—5415.

On section 70—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver—5415.

On section 73—Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver.

Bill reported, amendments read the first and second time and agreed to—5416.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—5416.

On section 73—That heading evidently ought to be after section 60 instead of before it—5416.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—5408.

On section 11—The United States have ceased to put forth the efforts we are doing to encourage immigration—5408. Such a tax is ornamental rather than useful, and might as well be done away with—5409.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5409.

On section 11—The United States, under their law, except the citizens of Canada, as well as those of Newfoundland, Mexico and Cuba—5409.

On section 52, subsection 2—Do you mean where you obtain judgment?—5411.

On section 13—Where did you get this section?—5412. Perhaps the minister should let it stand until third reading, and meantime consult some technical officer—5413.

On section 55—Should the word 'passengers' be retained?—5418.

On section 56—Why do you strike it out?—5414.

On section 66—You have the expression 'immigrant passengers'—does that mean immigrants?—5415.

On section 73—There should be a systematic grouping of the sections of every important Bill that comes before parliament—5416.

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Daniel, J. W (St. John City)—5409.

On section 11—I should be strongly opposed to the government imposing a tax of any kind upon people who are coming here only temporarily—5409. How many ports of entry are there in Canada where there are no means of housing and taking care of people?—5413.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —5412.

On section 13—Do they use these different terms under the British board of trade regulations?—5412.

Finlayson, D. (Richmond, N.S.)—5412.

On section 13—I think the regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act should apply here, so that foreign shipping would not have an advantage over our own shipping—5412.

Guthrie, Hugh (S. Wellington)—5411.

On section 52—If a prosecution has failed against the master of a vessel, would it be fair to go and prosecute the owner? —5411.

On section 13—One passenger per gross ton —5412.

On section 73—I would suggest security to the sum of $100—5416.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5407.

Since the committee last met, I have noted the points that were taken in regard to these sections, and have tried to bring the Bill in line with the views then generally expressed. Moves to amend subsections of section 2—5407.

On section 11—In view of opposition shown to clause, I move that it be dropped—5407. As the section, in any event, will not come into operation at once, there will be no serious injury in permitting it to be dropped for the present—5408. I have moved to strike out the section in order to facilitate the passage of the Bill—5409.

On section 12—Moves that section be struck out—5409.

On section 15—Moves to amend—5410.

On section 18—Moves to amend—5410.

On section 36—Moves to amend—5410.

On section 37—Moves to amend—5410.

On section 42—I understand there are certain cases now before the court awaiting decision, upon which decision the validity of this section will depend—5411.

On section 52—We want the right to proceed against the master if we fail in regard to the owner. Moves amendments—5411.

On section 13—It is copied from the old Immigration Act; it has been on the statute-book for twenty years—5412.

On section 54—Moves to amend section. The facilities that are spoken of here are the facilities for housing and caring for immigrants.

On section 55—Moves to amend section—5413. The word 'passenger' includes 'immigrant,' but 'immigrant' does not include 'passenger'—5414.

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On section 56—Moves that the section be struck out. It is practically covered by another section—5414.

On section 58—Moves that section be struck out for the same reason—5414.

On section 59—Moves that section be struck out—5414.

On section 63—As in the case of sections 40 and 42, if the provisions of this section are considered sound public policy they may remain there until we have the decisions of the courts that will settle the question—5414.

On section 64—Section 63 and section 64 are in the same condition—5414.

On section 66.—Moves to amend—5414. I think it should be 'immigrants,' and I move to strike out the word 'passengers' —5415.

On section 68—Moves to amend section—5415.

On section 70—I think the question in regard to this section was as to the holding of lien upon the vessel. Moves to amend—5415.

On section 73—Moves a substitute clause—5415. I would move to insert the words, 'to the extent of $100,' after the word 'security.'

Roche, W. (Halifax)—5412.

On section 13—The gross tonnage of large passenger ships is altogether disproportionate to the net tonnage, but in common ships there is not so much difference —5412. The original Act was intended for sailing vessels, and therefore they had the hold of the ship.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox and Addington)—5407.

On section 11—While I do not approve of the number of agents we are employing, and the large bonuses we are paying them, yet, I think this section should remain—5407. This clause may be desirable in the near future, and in the meantime will not be acted upon, so that I do not see why it should not remain there—5408.

IMMIGRATION ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. Hyman moved third reading of Bill (170) respecting immigrants and immigration—Mr. Oliver. Motion withdrawn, and Bill allowed to stand—5533.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—5533.

That Bill was to have been reprinted, as a great many changes have been made in committee—5533.

IMMIGRATION ACT AMENDMENT—THIRD READING.

Motion for third reading of Bill (170) respecting immigrants and immigration—Mr. Oliver—5563.

Motion (in amendment) that the order for third reading be discharged and the Bill be

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referred back to the committee for further amendment. Motion agreed to—5566.

House in committee on Bill (170) respecting immigrants and immigration—Mr. Oliver—5567.

On section 31—Section as amended agreed to—5568. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5570.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5568.

On section 31—What happens to immigrants when they land at Quebec; who directs them and feeds them, and how are they taken care of?—5568.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—5563.

My hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) in amending section 2, has removed an objection; reads section—5563. Unless that inspection takes place a great many people by becoming second or first-class passengers would endeavour to evade the provisions of the Act respecting exclusion. It would be better to specify in section 5 that very important office of medical superintendent—5564. Section 25 of new Act refers to the detention of immigrants temporarily in a hospital after having been landed from the ship; but there is no provision as to who shall release immigrants; quotes section—5565. Reads proposed amendment; moves motion—5566.

On section 31—Moves amendment to subsection 1—5567.

On section 50—The power to appoint officers outside of Canada is conferred on the minister by sections 4 and 5 of the Act—5569.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of Interior)—5566.

I would like to have the motion of my hon. friend (Mr. Monk) made sufficiently general to cover any detailed amendment which I might desire to make—5566.

On section 31—Questions which only medical men can answer should be reserved for them. Where does the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) wish to insert the words?—5567. It is the duty of the agent to protect immigrants—5568. There are several verbal alterations especially the penalty clauses of the Bill that I will ask to be adopted—5569.

On section 50—The word passenger should be 'person' on the four occasions in which it occurs in the section. The power to engage physicians on the other side is contained in the Act—5569.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5569.

On section 50—If the United States examine their immigrants in Europe, why cannot Canada?—5569.

IMMIGRATION ACT AMENDMENT.

Consideration of amendments made by the Senate to Bill (170) respecting Immigration and Immigrants—Mr. Oliver—7116. Amendment read the second time and agreed to—7117.

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Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—7117.

I saw it reported that the Senate had removed from the Bill the amendment creating a chief medical officer, and giving the appeal, in case of exclusion through illness, to the chief medical officer—7117.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of Interior)—7116.

The amendments are of a very slight nature. The purpose is to bring under the operation of the Act people who arrive by trains as well as those who arrive by boat—7116. I assume that the Senate took it for granted when the final appeal was to the minister that it might as well be direct as indirect—7117.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7117.

If it is a question from a medical standpoint, it would seem to me to be more appropriate that the appeal should be made to the medical officer than to the minister—7117.

IMMIGRATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM—FALSE REPRESENTATION.

Motion, that the parliament of Canada believes it is in the interests of British subjects, both in the United Kingdom and Canada, that immigration legislation should be considered favourably by the British parliament—Mr. R. Smith—2952.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Labour)—2962.

The object of resolution has been well explained by hon. gentlemen who have spoken in support of it and is one deserving the endorsation of all members of the House—2962. Whenever you have frauds perpetrated, either in the ordinary civil affairs of mankind or encroaching upon the range of the criminal law, you have something which is in its essence an offence against the body politic and which it is in the public interest to prevent. We can never expect to build up out of the immigrants from foreign nations a people who will be loyal to our institutions if they are deceived upon the very vital business considerations which have induced them to come at all—2963. When results manifested as they have been manifested in this country on the occasions which have been alluded to in this case may take place efforts should be made to prevent a repetition of such wrongs so far as legislative enactment will acomplish that purpose—2964. It remains for this House, if it sees fit, to support the course the government is taking and by adopting this resolution to transmit to the parliament of Great Britain with such weight of authority as a resolution of this House must necessarily carry, a recommendation to that parliament to make like legislation—2965.

Barker, Sam. (East Hamilton)—2955.

Will hon. gentleman (Mr. R. Smith) read last letter which he referred to?—2955.

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Barr, John (Dufferin)—2966.

Present government is not altogether blameless for the undesirable class of immigrants that are brought to this country—2966. Under the very same roof with the office of this government, there was this man Leopold and one or two others in an office of their own ; there was an open door between the office of Mr. Preston, the representative of this government, and the office of Mr. Leopold —2967. The best immigration agents are those who come out to this country, settle down, make themselves homes and are satisfied with the conditions which suround them—2968.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2965.

What reply, if any, was received to that communication of the Labour Department ?—2965

It is to be regretted that any supposed connection has existed between Mr. Leopold and Immigration Department in London. It is extremely undesirable that the officials of the department in London should have referred intending immigrants to a person who has apparently not been very careful as to representations made—2969. Would have thought it proper, after this parliament had passed the legislation to have at once suggested to the imperial government that legislation of the same character should be enacted in Great Britain, because it is there the evil complained of has arisen —2970.

Gervais, H. (St. James, Montreal)—2970.

Scope of motion is not wide enough. Parliament of Canada should not only request the Imperial parliament to pass a law regulating emigration so far as our interests are concerned, but we should ask the Imperial parliament further to pass a law embodying the modern theories with respect to citizenship—2970. We should have a law in Canada to restrict immigration; we should have no assisted immigration—2971.

Logan, Hance (Cumberland)—2960.

One man brought to this country under false representations can undo the good of many immigration agents in the motherland; hopes the Act passed last session will do some good; but where such legislation is particularly needed is in the mother parliament, to prevent the operations of these labour agencies in England—2960.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—2968.

A great deal of dissatisfaction which exists could be easily stopped by leaving the people at home in Europe—2968. We do not have to pay or coax Americans to come to Canada because they have an overplus of population in their own country—2969.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —2965.

Informs the House that in view of the results of the investigation made by the

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Immigration Department some time ago, the rights of the person in question, Mr. Leopold, in occupying the same building as the Interior Department were purchased—2965. The immigration regulations have been amended so that instead of paying a bonus of $1.75 per head to immigrants of any class who declared their intention of becoming agriculturists, since the 1st of April a bonus of $5 per head has been paid only to those who have been actually engaged in agriculture in the old country—2966.

Smith, R. (Nanaimo)—2953.

Motion does not in any way propose to interfere with the immigration policy of the government, but is confined exclusively to the question of fraudulent representations made, both in this country and in England, for the purpose of inducing people to emigrate to Canada; not the first time that this subject has come to the attention of House—2953. The Canadian Labour Bureau, which has been instrumental in sending men to this country, had an office in the same building as the government immigration office of Canada and used Canadian arms on their stationery. Describes condition of affairs in Montreal in June, 1904, among Italian workmen through continental misrepresentation—2954-5. Reads letter from Louis Leopold dated June 24, 1904, containing advertising inducements to builders' mechanics and other artisans to come to Canada—2956. Quotes Judge Winchester's report *re* Royal Commission's investigation of employment of aliens on Grand Trunk Pacific. Quotes evidence of hon. member for St. James (Mr. Gervais) before commission—2957. Quotes provision from Bill (162) of 1904 *re* insertion of clause in Alien Labour Bill—2958. It is a very serious thing to bring to this country workingmen who find when they arrive here that they have been deceived; has reason to believe that this resolution, if adopted by the House, will have a very important effect upon the present administration in England—2959.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2966.

If the party had heretofore been engaged on the land, that was a sufficient reason for regarding him as a farmer, or if he declared that no matter what his past record might have been, he intended to go on the land in the future, he was also regarded as satisfactory—2966. If there is another class of booking agents in the British Isles that are paid upon the principle that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) speaks of, he should have referred to the fact that these were booking agents in the British Isles—2969.

Verville, A. (Maisonneuve)—2961.

It is always in time of trouble, when labour people throughout the country are

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striving for better conditions, that these false representations are made in the old country. If it is unjust to bring printers to this country on false representations, it is equally unjust to bring out any other class on similar misrepresentations—2961. This resolution introduced by hon. friend from Nanaimo (Mr. R. Smith) is for the purpose of destroying any possible evasion of present law—2962.

IMMIGRATION FROM UNITED KINGDOM—ALLEGED FALSE REPRESENTATIONS.

Motion that No. 8 of the public Bills and orders be called—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—7694. Order read by clerk—7694. Move that this motion be adopted. Motion agreed to—7695.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7695.

I regret that the Prime Minister has not given this oportunity at an earlier stage, because I know that Mr. Macdonell, who has just left for Toronto, was very anxious to speak upon it—7695.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7695.

This proposed motion is in consonance with the action previously taken by the government. I move that this motion be now adopted—7695.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker, informs the House that Mr. Speaker has received a communication from Mr. Ingram (East Elgin) inclosing the resignation of that gentleman as a member of this House—5184. Reads communication—5185.

INDEMNITY OF MEMBERS AND PENSIONS OF PRIVY COUNCILLORS.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (18) to repeal chapter 30, of the Statutes of 1905 and chapter 43 of Statutes of 1905, respecting annuities for certain Privy Councillors, and respecting the Senate and House of Commons. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—316.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—316.

Bill proposes to repeal Bill of last year. It may not carry, but will give every one a chance to go on record—316.

On the Order, second reading of Bill (18) respecting annuities for certain privy councillors, and respecting the Senate and House of Commons—Mr. Maclean- (South York) 887. Order allowed to stand—888.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—888.

Hon. gentleman (Mr. Maclean) is quite sincere in proposing that members should all appear in Parliament without indemnity—888.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—887.

Would like to ask acting leader of House if government is prepared to fix a day for discussion of Bill. There is an additional clause in Bill to restore conditions that existed before Bill of last session was passed—887. Let Minister of Justice express his opinion when Bill comes before him—888

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—887.

Not in a position to fix day for discussion of hon. gentleman's Bill—887. Would rather have discussion on question defered until Prime Minister is in his place—888.

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Second reading of Bill (18) respecting annuities for certain privy councillors, and respecting the Senate and House of Commons—Mr. W. F. Maclean. Motion that Bill be considered forthwith—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—2511. Motion agreed to—2512.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—2539.

No member would consider it advisable to wipe out indemnity altogether—2539. Is prepared to vote that indemnity be reduced to former sum of $1,500; pensions are not justifiable—2540. Quotes 'Globe' of January 17, *re* Senator McMullin's speech on the Indemnity Bill—2541. It is lowering the dignity of the House to treat indemnity as a salary—2542.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—2538.

The question of increased indemnity was introduced by Prime Minister in session of 1901; quotes resolution; quotes his own remarks on that occasion—2538. Time has not altered his opinion and is opposed to the increased indemnity. Is opposed to pensions to ex-cabinet ministers as incorporated in form of Bill passed by parliament last session—2539.

Finlay, John (East Peterborough)—2542.

Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Barr) think that $2,500 is too much?—2542.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—2514.

Believes there is a special provision for that—2514.

German, W. M. (Welland)—2542.

Had not pleasure of being in country when matter was up for discussion last summer; if he had been here would not have stultified himself like the member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean)—2542. Should return extra money he has already taken from government. $2,500 not

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too large an indemnity for members of House. The opinion of Sir Edward Clarke, if it were applicable to this country, would prove that our legislation has been wrong ever since confederation—2543. Feels that Act with reference to payment of annuities to ex-ministers is wrong and must be repealed or very considerably modified—2544.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2512.

I shall be glad to have the matter to which the hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) refers taken up on Monday next—2512.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—2511.

Objects that the Prime Minister is not proceeding according to the order paper; the resolution with reference to ministers of the Crown practising in the courts should take precedence—2511. If the latter is taken up on Monday next it will be satisfactory—2511.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—2512.

Bill proposes to repeal two measures passed by this parliament last session—the first dealing with pensions or annuities to certain privy councillors and the other dealing with sessional indemnities to senators and members of the House of Commons. The annuities or pension Act has been universally condemned throughout the country—2512. Wherever political meetings have been held in all the annual meetings of political associations, resolutions have been passed condemning the Indemnity Act. Ninety-five per cent of the newspapers of the country are against this legislation—2513. One effect of Indemnity Bill would be that Prime Minister, if he were to become leader of opposition, would receive $15,000 a year or $1,000 more than amount received by the actual Prime Minister—2514. Quotes Sir Edward Clarke in Imperial parliamentary debate *re* indemnity question—2515. We are custodians, in trust, of the people's money, and it is not right for any man in charge of trust funds to take for his own use a portion of these funds without consulting the other party to the trust; quotes Sir Edward Clarke—2516. Quotes Sir H. Kimber in British House of Commons. Under the rules that govern us as trustees we should make a law that would only come into force after the next general election, when the people have had an opportunity to pass upon it. Quotes Mr. Farnsworth in United States Congress on Jan. 27, 1873—2517. Quotes Mr. Frelinghysen and Mr. Morrill in United States Senate and Mr. Hawley in House of Representatives—2518-19. The fathers of the American Constitution put it in the legislation of that country that no increase in salary should take place during the term of office—2519. Quotes Sir Edward Kimber in the British House of Commons *re* value of members; public service is and

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should be a public sacrifice—2520. Where members of parliament have no payment as in England, labour is represented, while in the United States, where pay of representatives is high, there is not one representative of labour—2521. If members want to increase the pay, the way to do it as Sir Edward Clarke proposed, and that is that the increased salary shall come into force in the next parliament and shall not apply to men who vote it; $350,000 is a large sum for unnecessary expenditure—2522. Wants to give House of Commons an opportunity to review the ill-advised legislation of last session which violates the high principles that ought to influence public men—2523.

Pardee, F. F. (West Lambton)—2533.

Bill of hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) could not be more ill-considered, ill-advised or hastily introduced—2533. Does not agree with pension clauses; perfectly willing to go back to constituents and tell them candidly that $2,500 is not too much to pay a member. Why did hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) take his $2,500?—2534. Members of House of Commons are not paid in proportion nearly as much as the members of the legislative bodies in the Dominion are. It does not lie in the mouth of any hon. gentlemen to set himself upon a pedestal and to say that this House collectively or its members individually, are not rendering services to the country for the indemnity they get—2535. Labour members of the British House of Commons are paid out of the funds of the union to which they belong—2536. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) go so far as to argue that because members are not paid in England they should not be paid in Canada? The principle of the payment of members of the British House has been approved of by a vote in that House—2537. Believe people of Canada are satisfied so far as the indemnity of $2,500 is concerned—2538.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2514.

Thinks hon. member (Mr. W. F. Maclean) is wrong, and that there is a provision in Bill against that—2514.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—2532.

Statement by hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) that increased expenditure for both Houses of parliament per annum would be $300,000 is unfair. By new law members have got to be here to draw their pay. New law conduces to more regular attendance by members—2532. The people undestand that there is a great deal of difference between living in Ottawa now and living in Ottawa when I came here twenty-four years ago. Thinks extra cost will not be any more than $50,000—2533.

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Verville, A. (Maisonneuve)—2523.

Speaks in the name of 150,000 organized workmen scattered throughout the Dominion of Canada from the Pacific to the Atlantic—2523. Workingmen are in favour of increased indemnity—2524. Newspapers only represent a certain faction, but do not represent the whole population of a city or a country. If we want good and honest citizens in parliament we must pay them well—2525.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—2526.

Welcomes to House a representative of labour in person of member for Maisonneuve (Mr. Verville). Would have been better if parliament could have considered the two questions of indemnity and pensions separately. First Minister was not, in other days, in favour of any superannuation system which would cost the people anything—2526. The superannuating of exministers is an unjustifiable piece of extravagance; quotes present Postmaster General (Mr. Aylesworth) in 'Globe' of Oct. 3rd, 1905—2527. Quotes resolution passed at meeting of farmers' association 2528-9. Quotes Prime Minister, speaking when indemnity was increased to $1,500, as reported at page 5603 of 'Hansard,' 1901. Sessions are no longer than heretofore—2530. Is in favour of the reduction of indemnity to $1,500 and the abolition of superannuation allowances to exministers—2531.

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Motion of Mr. W. F. Maclean for the second reading of Bill (18) respecting annuities of certain privy councillors and respecting the Senate and House of Commons—2975. Motion negatived: Yeas, 9; nays, 167. Hon. John Costigan asks to be excused from voting on question—3063.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—2976.

Understands from the Minister of Railways and Canals (Mr. Emmerson) that it is the intention to refer this Bill to the same special committee to whom the telephone clauses of this Bill (8) were referred—2976.

Armstrong, J. E. (Lambton)—2976.

Bill takes away the entire indemnity from members of the House, cabinet and Senate; has no apologies to offer to constituents or to people of Canada for having accepted the increased indemnity—2976. If the people of Canada knew the amount of energy and labour that the members of House exert in the discharge of their duties they would not feel that the indemnity is an unreasonable amount—2977. The government of Canada are expending some $90,000,000 each year; in 1896 we only expended some $36,000,000, and it certainly takes more time and

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Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—*Con.*

more investigation to expend properly this large amount than it did in 1896. Explains work in detail of members of House—2978. A great many of the newspapers of this country have been most unfair and unjust in their comment on the indemnity increase—2979. The increased indemnity to the Prime Minister and the leader of the opposition are entirely justifiable. Does not wish to see pension to cabinet ministers entirely obliterated; is in favour of Senate reform—2980. Statement that people had condemned this measure at all political meetings is not founded on fact; hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) has taken back a great many statements he has made—2981. Quotes remarks of hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) from the Toronto 'World' of August 8, 1905—2982. Quotes hon. member for South York in 'Hansard' 1905, page 9738—2983-4-5. There is not one Liberal-Conservative member who has any idea of attempting to follow the hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) in his wanderings—2985.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3027.

Quotes British North America Act; government is directly and ultimately responsible for legislation and government must accept responsibility. No comparison at all between Canadian parliament and English parliament; the imperial parliament is overworked—3027. Repels certain statements which have been made by hon. member from Labelle in refereneece to Sir Charles Tupper—3028. Quotes provision in Bill relating to leader of the opposition; quotes Sir Edward Clarke's speech in English House of Commons—3029. Quotes Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman; reads short summary in a United States constitutional hand-book; has found criticism in press of country which seemed to betray considerable ignorance of changes in indemnity—3030. Explains changes effected by present law—3031-2. Gives record of length of sessions from 1897 to 1905—3032. Compares length of sessions with those of former years and with various legislatures—3033-4. Compares compensation for representatives in the United States with that of Canada; quotes resolution made in 1893 in British parliament advocating payment of members—3035. Quotes resolution of 1906 in British parliament—3036. Traces increase in sessional indemnity from 1867 to 1905—3037. I never initiated or suggested to any man in this country that any such measure as this should be carried out—3038. Measure was not very carefully considered—3039. Thinks Pension Bill should be amended in some important respects—3040. Any measure of that kind should be introduced at the beginning and not at end of session; regrets that it was introduced by government at that date—3041.

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Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—3007.

Chief objection that has been raised in country is not so much to the indemnity itself, as to the manner in which it was dealt with by parliament last year—3007. This measure was the expression of both parties and both parties must accept the responsibility for it. Much of the criticism which has been made in country would have been avoided if we had been frank enough to admit that this is not an indemnity but a salary. The increased length of sessions is not a sufficient reason for raising our salary, in view of the amount of work we perform—3008. The moment every member tries to perform his duty effectually, I think the people are fair-minded and democratic enough to agree that we should be paid a salary proportionate to the dignity of our functions—3009. Men of great and quickly acquired wealth are not proper men to be representatives of the people of Canada. Would suggest that provision be made in Bill that members of the Senate and House of Commons who do not attend at least two-thirds of the days of the session should be given a very small indemnity and no more—3010. There should be no electoral fund for party purposes. The ministers are getting much higher salaries in proportion to the services they render to the country then are the members of the House—3011. In the United States they have seven ministers who administer the affairs of 80,000,000 of people, and if we had only seven ministers for our 6,000,000 I would not begrudge the ministers' salary—3012. Gratitude should not prevail against principle of justice. It is most immoral that the people of Canada should pay the same pension to the honest and to the dishonest, to the rich man and to the poor man alike—3013. Would make the rule with regard to the ex-ministers so that the moment they are beaten by their electors or cease to be senators, they should be entitled to their pension if their private means is not sufficient to support them—3014. Gives present financial conditions of some ex-ministers—3015. The fact that a man has been a minister of the Crown for five years is not necessarily prima facie evidence that he has sacrificed himself for the country—3016. The Pensions Bill should be amended in such a way, first, that the term of years of service should be eight or ten years; second, that ex-member of the government draw his pension while occupying a public function entitling him to money coming from the treasury of Canada; third, that he should be in such a state of fortune that he cannot live comfortably without a pension; fourth, that no malversation of office be proved against him by any committee of parliament—3016-7.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—2975.

Would like an opportunity of bringing up Bill (15)—2975.

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Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—2985.

Members of House are entitled to $2,500 of an indemnity—2985. Signed the round robin and does not propose to excuse himself; believes salary of leader of opposition is entirely justifiable; thinks pensions to privy councillors should be altered—2986. Only adverse criticism heard is in regard to the pensions, and that extended not to the principle of granting a pension to ex-cabinet ministers, but had reference to the granting of pensions to those who were not in need of a pension. When any hon. member of this House accepts the $2,500 that was voted by parliament as his sessional indemnity, he accepts the principle that was established when that $2,500 was given—2987.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3059.

Quotes Toronto 'World' of May 3rd, 1906; statement is absolutely false and untrue; asks member from South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) to withdraw statement—3059. Quotes declaration put to members of House of Commons on drawing indemnity—3060-1. Quotes Toronto 'Globe' in reference to member for South York. If the statement of 'Globe' is correct: is hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) a perjurer? If he is a perjurer he is not the class of man who should charge other members of House with being robbers—3061.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—3002.

Endorse the advance to $12,000 in the allowance to the Prirme Minister and the new departure made with respect to providing an indemnity to the leader of the opposition—3002. Explains advantages and reforms embodied in new Indemnity Bill; quotes records of last three sessions—3003-4. Conditions that have hitherto prevailed have prevented many people entering public life whose presence in parliament would be an advantage to country—3004. Contrasts amounts paid to congressmen in U. S. and members in Canada. Members of parliament in Australia receive £400 sterling—3005. We cannot have a kid glove parliament such as they have in Great Britain and we do not want it. Believes Bill is fair and that when people understand it they will approve of it—3006.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand and Monck)—3055.

As one of the few members who support the resolution of hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) feels it a duty to explain position; proposes to redeem promises made to his constituents—3055. Is in favour of clauses in Indemnity Bill that takes away the mileage from members; the deduction of $15 a day from the indemnity of every member who absents himself is a good feature; is in favour of increased indemnity to the Prime Minister; is in favour of increased amount given leader of the opposition—3056. Measure was introduced with too

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much haste ; is strongly opposed to increasing the indemnity to members of the Senate of Canada ; is opposed to the annuity to ex-ministers ; considers there is very little in the argument that a man who opposes the measure should not receive the extra amount—3057. Quotes extract from paper published in Haldimand county, supposed to be owned by a former member of House; explains his relations in regard to Indemnity Bill—3058. Hon. member from South York (Mr. W F. Maclean) has brought in many good measures in this House and to some extent he should be admired for the measures which he has introduced ; people of South York believe in him—3059.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—3042.

Hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) has introduced a Bill with the idea of repealing two Acts which parliament passed last session. He introduces a Bill which he seeks by his speech to make the House believe is to restore the indemnity as it stood at $1,500 previous to last session, whereas the Bill he introduces absolutely abolishes the indemnity —3042. Was in favour of legislation introduced last year to increase the sessional indemnity; was just as responsible as if I had made a speech in favour of it—3043. Has not heard of more than five or six resolutions condemning increase in indemnity; quotes Toronto 'World' of April 21, 1906—3044. South York is entitled, if it wants to, to have a representative in this House who writes that sort of stuff about members of parliament; but it is also entitled to have a representative who is in his place in the House once in a while to attend to his duties—3045. It is time that the member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) made an apology to members of House of Commons—3046. Hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) is entitled to place himself on any pedestal he thinks himself worth, but he is not entitled to apply his estimate of himself to every one of the other 213 members of the House—3047. Quotes 'Farmer's Sun' of Feb. 14, 1906; quotes Montreal 'Argus'—3048-9. Has just as much right to say of the general run of the members of this House that they are a number of decent, honest men as the hon. member for South York has to insinuate that they are a lot of grabbers; quotes Grimsby 'Independent'—3049. Hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) drew $2,500 last year and $51.20 mileage; had he a right to it?—3050. Hon. member for South York (Mr. Maclean), by proposing a remedy for what he calls a wrong done, is making an unfair use of the rules of House in order to practically insinuate that everybody in this House except himself is guilty of a criminal act. Would not be found contending on behalf of the people while professing to be their friend, legislation which if passed would have the

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effect of keeping every man who is not rich out of the House of Commons—3051. Let member for South York ask himself at what time in life is a man most useful to his country?—3052. Is the hon. member for South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean) marking ballots for every constituency?—3053. Points out qualities and sacrifices a member of parliament must have and make to really serve his country—3054. In the House of Commons, as in any other calling, a man is worthy of payment for his services. The people of this great and just Dominion are quite content to pay a reasonable indemnity of $2,500 a year—3055.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2975.

Hon. friend (Mr. Bergeron) will have an opportunity of moving Bill (15) on Monday—2975. Bill (144) is one which the Minister of Labour (Mr. Aylesworth) has taken under his charge; would not like to dispose of matter in his absence. If there is such an agreement between hon. friend (Mr. Alcorn) and Minister of Railways has no objection to it going through —2976.

If the government is responsible, constitutionally, for all legislation which they introduce, the opposition is also a responsible critic—3020. With regard to salary paid to leader of opposition, has nothing to retract from position taken last year —3021. Quotes speech made in 1901—3022. Gives length of sessions since 1901; business of parliament is rapidly increasing. We must inevitably have sessions of five, six and seven months in length, and members must be prepared to spend that length of time in Ottawa—3023. Contrasts and compares conditions of Canada with England and the United States. Quotes rule 16 of House of Commons—3024. The principle of pensions is quite consistent with British institutions; the English Act ought to be the model Act in this instance—3025. Act may be subject to revision; has asked hon. friend the Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) to look into subject and see whether Act can be improved in any way—3026.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—2992.

Will hon. member (Mr. Sproule) tell House if opposition were committed to it before Bill was introduced?—2992.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—2981.

Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Armstrong) say that I went over and asked Prime Minister to withdraw Bill? Asks hon. gentleman (Mr. Armstrong) to withdraw statement—2981. Never said that leader of opposition signed the round robin—3038.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2975.

Would like to mention Bill (144) relating to industrial and co-operative societies—2975.

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Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—3017.

Endorses Indemnity Bill, but does not endorse manner in which it was introduced; approves of increase to judges, First Minister and indemnity to leader of opposition—3017. It is the poor men in the House who have been the most valuable in regard to all legislation passed; gives instance of the late E. F. Clarke, of Toronto; quotes an item from Toronto 'Globe' of March 19, 1856—3018-9. Approves of principle of pensions under certain conditions. Quotes article from an English newspaper referring to conditions of pensions of English and Irish Lord Chancellors—3019.

Schell, J. T. (Glengarry)—2999.

Hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) has skated all around the question to square himself or his feelings; but if he looks on page 9791 of last year's 'Hansard,' he will find he was present at second reading of the Bill. The public do not properly conceive the sacrifices that members of House make when they come here; reads two clauses of proposed Bill—3000-1. If increased indemnity did not belong to hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) he should have paid it back to House—3001. Proposes to vote against Bill.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2987.

Bill seeks to repeal two statutes—chapters 30 and 43 of Dominion passed in the year 1905. Explains meaning of English authorities on independence of parliament Act. Parliament is responsible for a great deal of the unfavourable criticism which has been indulged in by the press during the last year with regard to the measure—2988. Free discussion and free reporting are the best means for the education of the public; Bill should not have been rushed through the House—2989. Government is responsible for every important measure introduced; quotes Todd's 'Parliamentary Companion'—2990-1. Quotes item in English 'Hansard' 1867. Condemns signing of round robin because it is not constitutional according to our principle of government—2992. Parliament has mandate to pass measure; do not require any mandate from people for introduction of measure. A referendum is not consonant with the British system of constitutional government—2993. Sessions are growing longer, expenditures are getting higher and the increased indemnity is a necessity—2994-5. The state should provide for leaders of opposition instead of the individual members of the party—2995. Principle of pensions for faithful work has been endorsed generally. It is not justifiable to give a pension to a man in good health until he is at least sixty years of age. Would suggest that term of a cabinet minister's service should be ten years before he is entitled to a pension; if the pension is given at all it should only be given to those who absolutely need it—2997. There is no justification for giving

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a pension to an ex-minister who is a senator, who has no elections to run and who gets this indemnity of $2,500 a year for life; a pension of $3,500 is altogether too high. Members of parliament are not so well used as are the men who are fortunate enough to have been in the cabinet. Statement that increased expenditure will amount to $300,000 a year is not based on fact—2998. Is it true that by reducing the length of speeches money would be saved to country? Government especially responsible for erroneous conclusions created throughout country—2999.

I said I was absent from the House until Bill reached its third reading—3000. Wishes to apologize to hon. member (Mr. Schell) for contradicting him. Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Bourassa) not regard the government as responsible for all important legislation introduced in House—3007.

INDIAN ACT—AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (66) to amend the Indian Act—Mr. Monk. Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time—829.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—829.

Object of Bill to amend the section of the Indian Act which regulates fines and punishment—829.

Motion for second reading of Bill (66) to amend the Indian Act—Mr. Monk—2069. Motion negatived—division—2075.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2074.

Prefers that Bill should be withdrawn or held over some time longer—2075.

Jackson, W. (West Elgin)—2073.

Have same conditions in Ontario that hon. gentleman (Mr. Monk) refers to as existing in province of Quebec; thinks parliament should hesitate before it extends further privilege to Indians—2073.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2075.

If hon. friend (Mr. Monk) is disposed to withdraw Bill, hon. colleague (Mr. Oliver) will be only too glad to withdraw amendment—2075.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2069.

Object of Bill is to amend section 94 of Indian Act; quotes section which Bill proposes to amend—2069. Quotes proposed amendment; explains amendment—2070. Quotes section two of Indian Act; judges in Montreal held that half-breeds were to be considered as full-blooded Indians—2071. Quotes decision rendered in Northwest Territories in 1900 by Mr. Justice Rouleau, in case of Regina vs. Mellon—2072. Amendment suggested is one that will commend itself to House—2073. If government have come to con-

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clusion that it is impossible to accede to proposal, it would be more satisfactory to declare measure lost on division—2075.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of Interior)—2073.

Cannot agree with suggested amendment of hon. gentleman for Jacques-Cartier (Mr. Monk); nothing requires to be more safely guarded than sale of liquor to Indians—2073. Moves that said Bill be not now read second time but be read the second time this day six months—2074.

INDIAN ACT AMENDMENT—IN COMMITTEE.

Bill (194) to amend the Indian Act—Mr. Oliver—read the second time, and the House went into committee thereon—5422. Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver—5434. Motion agreed to. Bill as amended agreed to—5435.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—5425.

How did the Indians become possessed of such a large quantity of land in excess of what they are entitled to ?—5425.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5432.

I would ask the minister to let us know later on just what the facts are with regard to White Fish Island—5432. What has been the experience as to the use made of the moneys arising from the sale of land, and handed over to the Indians ?—5433.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—5424.

What is the policy of the government in ascertaining the value of the Indian lands which are sold?—5424. If there was an objection filed by the band there would not be a disposition of their land? —5425. What course is pursued by the department in regard to Indian lands timber, particularly in Ontario?—5426. What is the practice in case a railway corporation desires to expropriate Indian land for railway purposes?—5428. The case which I have in mind is the expropriation of White Fish Island in Lake Superior—5429. The transaction was carried through by Mr. Sifton and these railway companies—5430. The transaction was so rapidly done that, though the protest of the Indians was filed as soon as possible, it had little or no effect—5431.

Dyment, A. E. (East Algoma)—5426.

It is always sold by tender in Ontario, except where a man takes up a lot on the Manitoulin Island—5426. The Indians of White Fish Island consented to take land elsewhere ; it could not possibly go through without their consent—5431.

Henderson, David (Halton)—5426.

What becomes of the Indians who live on the reserve ? Are they removed to other reserves?—5426. Until land becomes very scarce in the Northwest, I should think it would be better for the Indian fund that this land should not be disposed of, but should be allowed to accumulate in value—5427. Let us try to do something to civilize the Indians and to bring them into harmony with those who occupy the more civilized portions of the country—5428.

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Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—5422.

What is the policy of the minister in reference to these reserves?—5422. I understand the Kamsack reserve was sold also —5423. What reserve is it at Battleford —is it the one on the south side?—5424. Supposing the band does so formally declare, it cannot be sold without the consent of the government—5425. Which of these reserves have recently been sold? —5427. Any one who knows the Northwest knows that the Indian on the reserve is of no use—5428. Who got the water power ?—5429. I understand the companies have no work whatever on White Fish Island—5430. Would it not be well to insert the advertisement in the 'Canada Gazette', and also in some of the eastern province papers?—5434.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—5424.

Has anything been done about the Crooked Lake?—5424. The proceeds of this sale, I presume, go into a particular fund for each particular band whose lots have been sold?—5425. I would like to have some particulars about the sale of that reserve—5426. I certainly hope the minister will continue his efforts to persuade the Indians to relinquish the lands which they are not making use of, especially in settled districts—5432. Would it not be well to insert a clause of this kind? For the construction of school buildings or charitable institutions?—5434.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of Interior)—5422.

This Bill is simply to change the amount of the immediate and direct payment that may be made to Indians upon the surrender of their lands—5422. The Indians in Saskatchewan and Alberta to-day are holding 2,171,114 acres over and above 160 acres to each family of five—5423. We hoped if we had this Bill passed we would probably be able to succeed in our negotiations with the Indians—5424. No disposition can be made of the land, or is made, until the band has formally declared and given its assent—5425. I am under the impression that the rule in Ontario is to sell the timber on the Indian reserves by tender. In British Columbia, if the reserve is sold the Indians get 10 per cent, that the balance is funded and they get the interest from year to year—5426. If the Indians wish to leave the reserve altogether, the whole reserve is surrendered and sold—5427. It is the Indians' land, it is not the government's land, and the Indians can sell as little or as much of it as they see fit—5428. Railway companies have the privilege of expropriating in order to secure right of way, whether on the lands of Indians or

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white men—5429. The railway companies were exercising the rights acquired from this parliament, and the Indian Department could not prevent them doing so—5430. We do not hand the money over in cash, but in the form of improvements in buildings and machinery—something that will improve the condition of the Indians—5433. Since I have been in charge of the department the sales which have taken place have been advertised in newspapers adjacent to the land. Moves that following words be added, 'For the construction and repair of school buildings and charitable institutions attended by Indians, and by way of contribution to schools'—5434.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—5426.

I would like to ask the minister if this Act applies to the reserves in the province of British Columbia?—5426.

INDUSTRIAL AND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (144) respecting industrial and co-operative societies—Mr. Monk—1841. Motion agreed to, and Bill read first time—1854.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1841.

Bill is intended principally to benefit the poorer classes of people; quotes preamble and object of Bill—1841. Co-operation as understood by Bill consists in union of persons of limited resources having for object the securing of necessities of life on favourable conditions and the encouragement of habits of thrift among people. Quotes Lord Derby, Earl Grey and Mr. Gladstone—1842. Quotes Duke of Argyll, John Bright, John Stuart Mill and Jules Meline—1843. Quotes Edward A. Pratt on organization of agriculture; F. P. König in report on 'Agriculture in Germany'—1844. No amount of legislation will successfully stop abuse of usury; quotes from Edward A. Pratt—1845-6. Refers to development in England known as the 'Equitable Pioneers of Rochdale'—1847. Quotes report made by Mr. John F. Winter, consul for United States to Germany, on Oct. 3rd, 1902. Co-operative societies take form not only of banking, financial or loan societies, but are also societies of production; quotes some recent statistics of continental Europe—1848-9. No doubt that establishment of these societies in England, where they were organized under special legislation, in 1902, has produced most beneficial results. In view of nature and origin of societies, each of the associates should have but one vote; capital invested by each individual should be limited either by law or by rules of association; association must be open to all honest people—1849. Bill before House limits field of operations of banking associations—1850. Sir John Macdonald has admitted necessity of institutions referred to; in 1885 Mr. Orton introduced Bill providing for creation of farmers' banks—1851. Producing and manufacturing associations come under parliament's jurisdiction; would be great advantage if they could be organized under a uniform Dominion law—1852. No man in this country has given as much time and attention to co-operative movement as has Mr. Alphonse Desjardins, of Lévis; 'La Caisse Populaire de Lévis' is a model co-operative company; proposed Bill follows, as far as possible, the English Act—1853. Bill places control of societies under Department of Postmaster General and Minister of Labour—1854.

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INSURANCE COMMISSION.

On the motion to adjourn, Mr. Borden (Carleton, Ont.) desires that a copy of insurance commission and other necessary information be laid before the House—8. Matter drops, and motion agreed to—11.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—8.

We should have an exact copy of the Commission laid upon the table of the House at the earliest possible moment; and whether or not it is the intention of government to authorize or pay for the services of counsel in connection with the investigation—8.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —10.

The information asked for (by Mr. Borden) will be laid before parliament on Monday next—10. Mr. Shepley's instructions are to get all the assistance he may require—10.

Lays on the table copy of order in council ordering investigation into life insurance —12.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—10.

Would that include actuaries? Protests against government taking away the undoubted right of parliament to name the commission—10. A parliamentary committee better for the purposes of an investigation—11.

INSURANCE COMMISSION—APPOINTMENT OF MR. LANGMUIR.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asked if the government was aware that one of the members of the Commission appointed was a trustee of one of the United States companies—836.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—836.

Asks if government is aware that one of the commissioners is a trustee of a United States insurance company?—836. Presumed there was an explanation and thought it better to have it made public —837.

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Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —836.

Subsequent to his appointment Mr. Langmuir discovered that he was a trustee. Matter considered by Finance Department, and it was thought that the matter did not disqualify Mr. Laugmuir from acting—837.

INSURANCE COMMISSION.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden inquires what are the present proceedings of the Insurance Commission—1940.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1940.

We were promised copies of evidence from time to time, but have not seen any copies yet—1940.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —1940.

Will ask the Minister of Justice to give an answer to-morrow—1940.

INSURANCE COMPANIES BONDS.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Macdonell inquires from the Minister of Inland Revenue regarding the acceptance by his department of the bonds of insurance companies from persons doing business with the government—1467.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—1467.

Understands that security has been accepted by the government in the shape of bonds of foreign insurance companies—1467. Quotes the Finance Minister on the subject. Asks if it is the intention of Inland Revenue Department to adopt rule laid down by Finance Minister?—1468.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—1469.

Of opinion that all bonds accepted by the Department for its officers were from Canadian or British companies. Will be pleased to answer more fully to-morrow —1469.

INSURANCE COMMISSION.

On the Orders of the Day Mr. R. L. Borden asked the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) whether the government had any information with respect to the date when certain matters affecting insurance will be completed—5445.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —5445.

From communications I have had with counsel conducting the investigation I should think it reasonably certain that the report will be ready by the opening of next session—5445.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5445.

Would particularly like to know if it is probable that the report of the commission will be ready to present to parliament at the commencement of the next session?—5445.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5445.

In the carrying out of the proceedings before this commission is the whole matter left with the interested parties under the instruction which are issued to the commissioners?—5445.

INSURANCE INVESTIGATION.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. W. F. Maclean asks if it is the intention of the Minister of Finance to insist on the retirement of certain officials connected with the directorate of the Manufacturers' Life Company—2233.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —2233.

I do not think it would be wise to reach any conclusion before we are further advanced—2233.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—2233.

Asks if it is the intention of the Finance Minister to insist on the retirement of certain officials of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co., who were on review on Friday last in Toronto—2233.

INSURANCE LEGISLATION.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Lennox asks that an opportunity be given Bill (105, to come before the committee and before the House, as the Insurance Commission has adjourned —3235.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —3236.

I do not anticipate any difficulty in my hon. friend (Mr. Lennox) getting his desire—3236.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—3235.

As the Insurance Commission has adjourned, or is about to adjourn, I would like to have an assurance from the Finance Minister that an opportunity will be afforded to bring Bill (105) before the House—3236.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY PASSES.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden expresses opinion that evidence quoted in the House ought to be laid on the table of the House —351.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—351.

If the evidence with regard to the issue of passes has not been brought down would like to have it brought down—351.

Logan, Hance (Cumberland)—351.

If the report of Mr. McAlpine has not been brought down would join in urging the government to bring it down—351.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION.

Speaker, Mr.—125.

Reads message from His Excellency appointing Messrs. Fielding, Brodeur, Hyman and Emmerson to act with the Speaker on the Internal Economy Commission—125.

INTERNATIONAL RAIWAY COMMISSION.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks when do the government purpose to bring down the report of the International Waterways Commission—567.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—567.

Understand report has been sent to Minister of Public Works and that he has submitted it to his colleagues. Has government any information to give on proposed treaty between Great Britain and United States respecting development of power at Niagara Falls—567. Is it the understanding that the Canadian government has no notice of negotiations?—568.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—567.

Interim report has been presented and is now being printed. Knows of no negotiations with government of United States—567.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—568.

Have no doubt at all that there are no negotiations, because the matter is in the hands of the commission—568.

INTERPRETATION ACT AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (171) to amend the Interpretation Act—Mr. Fitzpatrick—3904. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—3905.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—3904.

Explains the provisions of the Bill by reading a letter received from the Deputy Minister of Justice, who is charged especially with the revision of the Statutes at the present time—3904. Would say, for the information of the House, that the first, second, fifth and sixth clauses are taken from the Imperial Interpretation Act—3905.

Motion for second reading of Bill (171) to amend the Interpretation Act—Mr. Aylesworth. Motion agreed to. Bill read the second time, considered in committee, reported, read the third time and passed—5556.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—5556.

An explanation may be found in the 'Hansard' of May 23, page 3904—5556.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5556.

Has any explanation been given of this Bill?—5556.

INTER-OCEAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (60) to incorporate the Inter-Ocean Fire Insurance Company—Mr. Bole—3952. Bill reported, read the third time and passed.—3953.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3952.

On section 8—In view of the elimination of clause 8, what will be the restriction, if any, in regard to the securities in which the company may invest its funds?—3952. Section 8 has been expunged—3953.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—3953.

The hon. member in charge of the Bill (Mr. Bole) tells me that that is covered by the General Insurance Act—3953.

JAPANESE, DEPORTATION OF.

On the Orders of the House, Mr. Sproule calls the attention of the government to an item in a Vancouver paper, in reference to several recent deportations—3152.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of Interior)—3153.

This has not been brought to my attention so far. I will make inquiry in regard to it, and let the hon. member know tomorrow—3153.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3152.

Reads extract from newspaper, and asks if it has been brought to the attention of government, and if so, what action has been taken?—3152.

JAPAN, TREATY WITH.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier lays on the table of the House the treaty with Japan, and all the papers connected with it—1940.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks if there is any further information with regard to the treaty between Great Britain and Japan respecting Canadian rights to trade in that country—5754.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5754.

I understand that the consul had not received instructions that it would be necessary to give some certificate to enable Canadian exporters to Japan to avail themselves of the provisions of the treaty—5754.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—5754.

The Japanese consul general here has not received instructions as to the exact form of the necessary certificate to be issued—5754.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5754.

My recollection is that I stated to my hon. friend (Mr. Borden) that we had not received any notification that the treaty had been ratified by the respective governments—5754.

JAPAN, TREATY WITH—*Con.*

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —5754.

The formalities necessary under the regulations with regard to the admission of goods of Canadian origin may not have been prepared, and the shipment of goods may have been delayed on that account—5754.

JUDGES, CIRCULAR TO THE.

fl On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Léonard asks Minister of Justice, whether or not the circular letter referred to last week by the hon. gentleman had really been addressed to all of the judges—1573.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —1574. (Translation.)

Owing to the officer entrusted with the mailing of the circular falling sick, the circulars were not sent out to all of the judges. Some of the judges of Quebec did not receive it. Have so far received but few answers—1574. Copy of circular will be brought down—1575.

Leonard, J. E. Emile (Laval)—1573. (Translation.)

Would like to know whether or not this circular was addressed to all the judges in the province of Quebec, particularly to those of the district of Montreal—1573. Am led to believe that they were not—1574. Suppose a copy of the circular will be brought down—1575.

JUDGES OF PROVINCIAL COURTS.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (13) respecting the judges of provincial courts—Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe) —20.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—20.

This Bill is to prevent the practice of judges engaging in arbitrations other than those assigned to them by the government, or cases of that kind—20.

Motion for second reading of Bill (13) respecting the judges of provincial courts—Mr. Haughton Lennox—859. Motion agreed to and Bill read second time—874.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—871.

Has not statute of last session and does not know how it affects those judges who hold positions of trust such as executors and trustees. There must be some question as to how far we should go in respect to positions of trust assumed before such statute was in operation ; suggestion of Minister of Justice that further discussion upon Bill should be postponed until government measure is introduced is a fair one and one which ought to be accepted at once—871

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —868.

Reads Act intended to be amended by Bill. Thinks that amendment which is proposed would have the effect, notwithstanding its form, of enabling judges to do those things which are mentioned in section and which they are precluded from doing under present Act—868. Intends introducing in parliament a Bill for the purpose of giving effective sanction to the legislation of last session. Would ask hon. friend (Mr. Lennox) to allow his Bill to remain in abeyance until Bill referred to has been introduced—869. Would be disposed to think that those who are engaged in the teaching of law in connection with universities would not come within law of last session—870. Offenses are largely limited to provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Parliament has passed a law which was intended to regulate conduct of judges, and the least this parliament has right to expect is that that law shall be obeyed by judges—873.

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Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —*Con.*

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—859.

Bill's intent is to carry out the principle enunciated a year ago by Minister of Justice and by other ministers when parliament passed the Act to increase the salaries of judges. In matters relating to government questions, some legislation will have to be adopted or some practice will have to be established which will limit and lessen the number of cases in which judges may act as arbitrators—859. Regards judiciary of Canada as a body of men of the highest honour. Language of Minister of Justice is clear notice to judges to cease engaging in arbitration matters, but the subsequent utterance of the Prime Minister is not so definite—860. Quotes Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier)—861. Quotes Hon. James Macdonald on payment of fees to judges—862. For a long series of years the judges of Canada have earned a reputation which is so high that we point with the greatest pride to them—863. Not long ago there was an outcry in province of Ontario about justice being delayed owing to lack of a sufficient number of judges—864. There is no obstacle in the way to a reform which cannot be easily overcome—865. Is it fair that Ontario should be drawing out of the Dominion exchequer more than double the money it is entitled to in matter of county judges—866. Quotes Lord Randolph Churchill's address *re* appointment of judges on Parnell commission; reads section of Bill—867. Question of assigning to judges of provincial courts extra duties has already been determined upon by a Canadian court; moves that Bill be now read a second time—868. Accepts proposition of Minister of Justice—869.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—873.

Thought at first that hon. friend (Mr. Lennox) had not excepted from provisions of section 2 certain classes of matters which it was quite in province of judges to deal with, but on closer examination sees that that class of cases is provided for. Thinks that section 7 of Act of last year

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Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—*Con.*

laid down principle very clearly, and it is to be regretted that Minister of Justice finds it necessary to ask parliament to declare more definitely than before—873.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—869.

Would hon. minister (Mr. Fitzpatrick) say how many judges have not answered?—869.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—869.

To what extent in England are judges allowed, or is it customary for them, to fulfil other functions than their judicial functions either in taking part in teaching, in the educational role, or in being interested as directors in commercial and financial companies?—869. Does Minister of Justice say that the law of last year excludes also teaching in universities?—870. Does not think there is justification for Minister of Justice stating that some Quebec judges make considerable sums out of administration of estates—871. If government intends drafting a new law, would submit for the consideration the point as to how far that legislation should be made drastic—872

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and County)—870.

Agrees with what has been said by hon. friend the Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick). Thinks that when a gentleman accepts a judicial appointment he should make up his mind to attend to his judicial duties and discontinue all commercial business. Feels satisfied from promise made by Minister of Justice that there will be an amendment to law which will avoid all difficulty in future—870.

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On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Lennox calls the attention of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) to the question of Bill (13) standing in his name—5083.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—5084.

I shall be able to give the hon. gentleman an answer to-morrow—5084.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5083.

I wish to call attention to Bill now because I am anxious that the matter should be a subject of legislation this session—5084.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Lennox asks when will Bill (13) respecting the Judges of Provincial Courts be taken up?—5185.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—5185.

Whatever day will be convenient will be given for it—5185.

Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that item 32, Bill (13), respecting the judges of provincial courts be now called. Motion agreed to and item called—5364.

House went into committee on Bill (13) respecting the judges of provincial courts—Mr. Lennox—5364.

Motion by Mr. L. G. McCarthy that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. Motion agreed to and progress reported—5387.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—5380.

On section 1—If the object of the Bill is to prevent judges acting for emolument on references, it seems to me that that object can be attained without difficulty; suggests amendment—5380-1.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—5365.

On section 1—On March 29 last, the then Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) stated it as his opinion that the proposed amendment would have the effect, notwithstanding its form, of enabling the judges to do the very things which are mentioned in the Act of last session; quotes Act of last session, chapter 31, 4-5 Edward VII, section 7—5365. Arbitration is only had as the result of an agreement between the two disputants who, for reasons that seem good to them, would rather have their cause determined in that way than in the courts—5366. This Bill is really an enabling statute whereby, at the pleasure of any litigant who prefers arbitration, he has but to issue a writ and, getting the consent of his adversary, go to the judge and have his case referred to arbitrators—5367. If it is contrary to public interest that the arbitrator whom the parties by arrangement selected as arbiter of their dispute should be a judge, then it must be equally against public interest that if an action has been taken and parties desire to have it disposed of by arbitration rather than jury that arbitrator should be a judge.—5370. The previous Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) considered the principle of this Bill as in the public interest but his view was that this Bill did not accomplish the promoter's purposes—5372. What possible reason can be in the mind of the hon. gentleman who framed this Bill if he provided deliberately that a judge might take arbitrations under a provincial Act, but might not take an arbitration under a Dominion Act. We have already a clear and distinct provision that no judge may act as director or manager of any corporation, company or firm; we have also a provision that no judge may act in any other occupation or business than his judicial duties—5374.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5367.

On section 1—Is it provided for by the statute to which the minister (Mr. Aylesworth) has alluded that upon the consent of the parties the matter in dispute may be referred to judges as arbitrators?—

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

5367. What is the policy of the government or of the Department of Justice as to permitting judges to engage in arbitrations which do not arise in court?—5371. We cannot well deal with this statute until we have the opinion of the law officers of the Crown as to what the statute of last year really means. If we had control of all these matters I would say that no judge should receive any compensation other than the salary which parliament votes him—5383.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—5386.

On section 1—Is it not within my hon. friend's personal and professional experience as a lawyer that the acceptance by judges in the province of Ontario of private commissions for remuneration has considerably embarrassed their performance of judicial duties?—5386.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5387.

On section 1—Why should you pay a judge specially for that work?—5387.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—5381.

On section 1—It has been found very satisfactory in British Columbia to have the judges of the County Court act as arbitrators; if the Act as it exists now were compulsory, and if the judge could fix his own remuneration for his services there was some reason for the change—5381.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5382.

On section 1—Quotes speech in previous debate; what I had in mind was that judges should not be allowed to participate in anything of a commercial character. I have always left matters of a purely legal or judicial character to the guidance and consideration of the Minister of Justice—5382.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5367.

On section 1—I provide that in actions and suits, with stated exceptions in Bill, that no judge shall act as arbitrator—5367. What I complain of is that judges, whose time is paid for by the country, go outside the courts and decide any matter that the courts had before them as judges, and engage in private arbitration; quotes former Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick); quotes section 7, chap. 31 of statutes of 1905—5368. I have made an exception in this section 7 so that it will not apply to cases where the public interests require that judges should act. Some very eminent judges have come to the conclusion that they were not debarred by the statute of 1905, because these gentlemen would not continue to act if they thought they were debarred by that statute; quotes speech of former Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) on March 29th—5369. Reads exceptions in Bill. I say that no judge shall be an arbitrator between private parties except the statutes of the province provide otherwise—5371. Where a matter is not a

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proper subject of litigation the parties cannot without a suit go together and say we will appoint a judge—5372. The government said that they would bring in legislation themselves; now the matter comes up and the responsibility devolves upon the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) and the government—5373. If my hon. friend from Yale-Cariboo (Mr. D. Ross) wants to except British Columbia, he will have to take the responsibility; reads section 7 of last year's Act; subsection 2—5379. I am simply advocating the principle that the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) enunciated last year; quotes page 9752 of last year's 'Hansard'—5380. Would the hon. gentleman (Mr. L. G. McCarthy) think it would be an improvement to say that they should not act as arbitrators for fees?—5384.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—5365.

On section 1—There are some judges in Ontario who have been appointed on arbitrations since March 15, if date were changed to date when this Act shall come into operation it would cover the principles advocated by the promoter.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—5375.

On section 1—Was it not rather that judges were occupying the positions of directors in trust companies?—5375. Instead of confirming confidence in the judiciary, are we not, by these discussions, producing a contrary effect upon the public mind? The statutes of the Dominion of Canada provide that if contending parties disagree upon the appointment of an arbitrator, they can go to the court to have the dispute settled—5384. I do not believe that because a judge is going to receive fees that it is going to affect the principle of my hon. friend's (Mr. Lennox) Bill at all—5385. We should not debar judges from taking arbitrations as long as we are not in a position to say that they are neglecting their duties—5386. I do not think we ought to, in the absence of the information asked for, dispose of this Bill; moves that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—5375.

On section 1—Quotes letter from C. I. Mickle, dated May 1—5376. Quotes second letter from C. I. Mickle, of Chesley, dated May 11 *re* proposed legislation—5377-8. When parties prefer to leave their disputes to the arbitration of a county court judge, they should not be interfered with—5378.

Ross, Duncan (Yale-Cariboo)—5378.

On section 1—In connection with the various mines in British Columbia where labour is employed, it is a very good thing that we should have county court judges as arbitrators; if you pass this Bill the Employer's Liability Act and the Workmen's Compensation Act would become ineffective—5378.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5366.

On section 1—The Ontario Act provides that disputes in school sections shall be submitted to arbitration and judges shall be employed—5366.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John County)—5374.

On section 1—Understood when legislation went through last session, that it was in consequence of an alleged abuse on the part of some judges in some of the provinces who were giving their attention to private arbitrations and receiving remuneration therefrom—5374. New Brunswick has no complaint to make with respect to the judges of the Supreme Court or with respect to judges of the county court. The general consensus of opinion was that judges of our courts should not engage as arbitrators for remuneration in matters that were being arbitrated between private individuals—5375. Is not that rather an insinuation against the judges?—5385.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Lennox asks the Prime Minister at what time he proposes to again take up Bill (13) respecting judges of Provincial Courts—5531.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5532.

I am sorry to say to my hon. friend (Mr. Lennox) that I am not prepared to make any announcement upon this matter at this moment—5532.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5531.

The ex-Minister of Justice definitely promised that either this Bill would be disposed of by the House this session or that another Bill would be introduced by the government which would deal with the question—5531.

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Motion for leave to introduce Bill (83) to amend the Act respecting the judges of provincial courts—Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick—1095. Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time—1096.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—1096.

Object of Bill to supplement an omission found in the Act of last session with respect to travelling allowances of county court judges—1096.

Bill (83) respecting the judges of provincial courts—Mr. Fitzpatrick—read the second time and the House went into committee thereon—1764. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—1777.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1769.

On section 1—Glad that the Prime Minister makes such a distinction between the new and the old government of Ontario—1769. They do not get travelling expenses to the golf links—1771. The effect of the law will be to establish the practice of holding chambers where the judge resides—1772. What is the county town of a union of counties?—1774. There is no union of counties in Nova Scotia—1775.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—1766.

On section 1—There is a great deal of difference between the work which has to be done in the districts by the district judges and that allotted the county judges in the settled portions of Ontario—1766. I think it only common fairness that this amendment should be made—1767. In the unorganized districts, in most cases, the fees for revising lists go to the stipendiary magistrate—1771.

On section 2—Will this apply to the travelling allowances last year of the district judges?—1776.

Cochrane, E. (East Northumberland)—1775.

On section 1—For Northumberland and Durham the county town is Cobourg—1775.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—1764.

On section 1—The object of the amendment is to remove the limits fixed by the statute of last session with respect to travelling allowances—1764. The provision requiring that expenses should be certified to is not new. A district judge has a much larger area to cover than a county judge—1765. In a few of the large cities like Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa the fees of the district judges are commuted. The jurisdiction of the circuit judges of Montreal is not as great as that of the county court judges of Toronto—1770. The circuit judges in Montreal get $4,000—1771. Quotes section and says that in addition special provision is made for the district judge—1774. In Ontario there are municipal unions of several counties, and there is for each of these unions a county town. The judges have very little travelling in the Yukon—1775.

On section 2—This is practically to indemnify myself. An order in council had to be passed to supplement the travelling expenses allowed to judges in Manitoba and British Columbia—1775. For the future the Act applies. Thinks, personally, that the case of the Manitoba judges is a deserving one—1776. The new law will be retroactive only with respect to county judges in Manitoba and British Columbia—1777.

Fowler, G. W. (Kings. N.B.)—1765.

On section 1—Why should the judge of a district court in Ontario get an extra allowance?—1765. So far as my experience goes there is scarcely a county judge throughout the country who earns his salary—1766. Thinks $3,000 a year is a pretty good salary for the work which a county judge is called upon to perform—1767. Guarantees that the travelling expenses of these gentlemen would not amount to half of the allowance—1768. Would like to ask what fees the judges receive, and what they amount to in the

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Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—*Con.*

course of a year—1769. Understands that the judges have a considerable addition to their income from revising the lists—1771. I do not think this extra salary should be given—1773. It is the quality of New Brunswick that counts and not the quantity—1774. Why do you leave the travelling expenses to the Governor in Council in the case of the Yukon territory?—1775.

On section 2—That relates only to what you have already done. What about the future?—1776.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—1764.

On section 1—In British Columbia there are cases in which the travelling expenses of county judges exceed the maximum amount fixed here—1764.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1768.

On section 1—Thinks the amendment is only doing justice to the district judges, but believes there are too many county judges in Ontario—1768. The chief duties performed by the junior judge of Elgin is playing golf in the summer and curling in the winter—1769.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minster) —1769.

On section 1—We have nothing to do with fixing the number of judges, for that is done by the local legislature—1769.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—1771.

On section 1—Why is an exception made in regard to Nova Scotia as to the judges of the Supreme Court receiving travelling allowances?—1771. This change will force us to utilize Halifax counsel at all times, and the judges who live in country will be compelled to go to that city—1772. Asks the meaning of 'County town of the county or union of counties'—1774.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—1767.

On section 1—Thinks the Bill merely remedies an error of last session, and is in the right direction—1768. The territory that is covered by these district judges is larger than the whole province of New Brunswick put together—1774.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—1766.

On section 1—This section merely places the district judges in the same position as that in which they would have been in, but for the omission of last year—1767.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1764.

On section 1—Would not the letter of the Chief Justice be sufficient, without requiring that their expenses be certified by the Chief Justice?—1764. Some of the justices find that rather hard, and it is not exacted in the case of ordinary civil servant—1765. The cost of living has increased in Montreal, and it is impossible for a circuit judge to live there on a salary under $4,000 a year—1770. Under $4,000 it is impossible for a judge to maintain the dignity of his station—1771.

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Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—1776.

On section 1—Draws attention to fact that senior judges in cities in other provinces get $3,500 per annum while the senior county judge of Winnipeg receives only $3,000. The judges of the Superior courts may retire on full pay at 70 years of age, while a county judge cannot retire under similar conditions until he is 75—1776.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1765.

On section 1—These judges have to travel through the newer districts and have to cover large areas where the roads are bad and the expenses are great—1765.

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On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Lennox calls the attention of the government to the Bill relating to the practice of the judges of provincial courts—4538.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4538.

Any understanding that hon. friend (Mr. Lennox) arrived at with the ex-Minister of Justice will be carried out. If the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) does not introduce the Bill the hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) shall be allowed an opportunity to go on with his own—4538.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5083.

After Bill had received its second reading and been sent to committee, the ex-Minister of Justice requested that the matter be allowed to stand; quotes Mr. Fitzpatrick. There was a distinct understanding that matter should be dealt with this session. If government does not see its way to introducing its Bill this session, it is only right that my Bill should become law—4538.

JUDGES SALARIES, &c.

Motion by Mr. Lennox for a return showing judges' salaries, name and residence, amount of salary and expenses, area of district &c., &c.—770.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —770.

Some of the information called for not under control of Department of Justice —770.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—770.

If the minister would intimate when he will be ready with what he has. I might speak to the motion—770.

Speaker, Mr.—771.

The motion will stand—771.

KIRKFIELD, LIFT LOCK AT.

Motion for copies of all papers or other data bearing upon the Trent canal in connection with the lift lock at Peterborough and the

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works at Kirkfield—3253. Motion agreed to —3276.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3267.

The minister spoke of another break. Is that referred to in the report?—3267.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —3260.

When the papers in full are laid upon the table the story they will tell will be a very different one from that which has been recited by Mr. S. Hughes—3260. The investigation was held, as my hon. friend knows, at the request of Mr. Rogers himself, and Mr. Holgate, who was appointed on the commission, was a friend of Mr. Rogers—3261. The report of Mr. Holgate answers every question submitted. Quotes report with respect to Peterborough—3262. Quotes report with respect to Kirkfield—3263. These questions were a part of the instructions given to Mr. Holgate when he was commissioned to make the investigation. The lock was located 164 feet further south than was indicated on the plans, and Mr. Rogers could not explain it—3263. It involved an extra cost of upwards of one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. McLaughlin's report was an eminently judicial one—3264. Quotes the report with respect to the mortar that was to have been used at Kirkfield—3265. Mr. Rogers was responsible; the serious matter is the leakage at Kirkfield lock itself. Had the department not taken the action which it did we certainly would have had to assume responsibility for all this—3266. Mr. Rogers asked for the investigation, and it was fair and impartial—3267. Mr. Rogers at first could not explain why the lock was actually located over 160 feet further south than it ought to have been, and then said it was to even up on the cut and the fill—3268.

Reads the report of the investigation commissioner with respect to the removal of the lift lock from designated location —3271. I want to state that Mr. Hughes' statement that Mr. Rogers was on the point of being dismissed without a hearing is at variance with the facts—3276.

Hall, R. R. (West Peterborough)—3260.

Where did the hon. gentleman (Mr. S. Hughes) get the information that the water was two feet above the normal level?—3260.

This has been refered to by Mr. Hughes as a matter of local politics to oust Mr. Rogers. As a matter of fact, it is only a year ago that, at Mr. R. B. Rogers' request, I wrote to the minister, asking him to increase Mr. Rogers' salary from $3,000 to $3,600 per annum, and it was increased—3268. All Mr. Holgate's associations are in Peterborough, and there was general surprise when he was entrusted with this investigation. I am told by engineers that it is utterly impossible for this work ever to remain permanent until a core wall is placed right through from the lift lock for a considerable distance—3269. I sympathize with Mr. Rogers, and it is certainly not in his interest that this matter should have been brought before the House, and his ignorance and incompetency exposed—3270.

The records of the Department of Railways and Canals show that $5,000 or $6,000 was spent every year in repairing breaks—3271. The contract was let just before the election in 1896—3272. The repairs cost $6,000—3275.

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Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—3253.

This motion is induced by the retirement of a number of officers, some of whom are very capable, from the Trent Canal—3253. A change in the plans has added an extra cost of $85,000 to the tax payers. An effort made, systematically, to get rid of Mr. Rogers, the superintendent engineer—3254. Details the means adopted to undermine Mr. Rogers—3255. The chief object of the inquiry instituted was to get rid of Mr. Rogers. The 'Globe' of Feb. 15 had a summary of the report—3256. Two or three weeks, I asked for a copy of the report for public use, and which I received from the deputy minister, who requested that I should not use it as it was confidential—3257. It is a notorious fact that Mr. Bethune, the inspector at the works was intoxicated from day to day—3257. At Peterborough the trouble is owing to the break in the canal bank some distance above the lift lock—3258. The contractors re-opened the dam, and then forgot to close it up. The break could have been repaired for $300 and the Kirkfield break for $100. The superintending engineer did not know that the inspector had been so negligent—3259. We who live along the canal know that again and again, in the interest of Liberal firms, the water is raised above the normal level and lands flooded at improper seasons—3260. I suggest to the minister that he should bring out every fact that he has at his disposal—3261. Would the minister tell us how the specification read for that face. Mr. Rogers denies the responsibility—3266. The last washout had occurred before Mr. Holgate made his report. It occurred last fall—3267. Does the minister mean to tell the House that the work was done without the instructions of Collingwood Schrieber?—3268. Would the hon. gentleman (Mr. Hall) be good enough to tell us how he is going to effect a junction with the clay bank? 3269. If Mr. Holgate is such an excellent engineer why did the floor of the dam at Nasseau Mills break away so soon after the work got into operation?—3271. I deny the charge that $5,000 or $6,000 were spent every year in repairing breaks. Tens of hundreds of thousands of dollars were saved by locating the lock 160 feet from where it was designated on the plan—3271. The contracts were let before the election of 1896, so that hon. gentleman opposite could not cancel them—3272. When I gave notice of this resolution, Mr. Rogers wrote me and begged me not to go on with it. I am however, going on with it in defiance of

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the request of Mr. Rogers. Quotes Mr. Holgate's report concerning Mr. Rogers—3273. Mr. Rogers could neither appoint a man nor dismiss him, and yet he is told that his management of men was not aggressive enough. The trouble was the government appointed an incompetent inpector. Mr. Holgate is the man who is responsible for the report—3274. Mr. Rogers estimated the cost of repair to be $300; Mr. Francis gave a similar estimate; Mr. Gordon estimated it at $4,000. I have not the slightest doubt that it cost $6,000. Why the Laurier tower, I understand, cost $100,000. Engineers have been dismissed and their professional character ruined—3275. The minister knows that Mr. Rogers was on the point of being dismissed without a hearing. If he had not had Senator Cox behind him he would have been out of his place long ago, without any reason being urged against him at all—3276.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —3275.

That is about as near as the average of the hon. gentleman's (Mr. Sam. Hughes) other estimates—3275.

KOOTENAY AND ARROWHEAD RAILWAY COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in Committee on Bill (30) respecting the Kootenay and Arrowhead Railway Company—Mr. Galliher—1145. Motion that committee rise negatived. Bill reported, read third time and passed—1147.

Demers, L. Philippe (St. John and Iberville) —1145.

Has same objection to this Bill as he had for Bill (29). Moves that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—1145.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—1146.

Informs committee that clause has been added—1146.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —1147.

Proposed amendment will provide for filing original map or certified copy—1147.

Henderson, David (Halton)—1145.

This Bill is quite different from Bill (29); there are no branches in original charter beyond branches that may be constructed under authority of Governor in Council—1145. Bill is complete as Railway Committee intended it to be—1146.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1146.

Unless it is intended now to reverse the decision of the committee the Bill should pass—1146.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—1146.

Draws attention of Minister of Railways to fact that rule 53 calls for production of a map before committee; map should be

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kept by department; company will file its plan eventually and minister will not have plan adopted by committee to show the correct route—1146.

LA BANQUE PROVINCIALE DU CANADA—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (49) respecting La Banque Provinciale du Canada—Mr. Bergeron. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—3236.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—3236.

On section 1—I might ask if it is the intention of the Minister of Finance to bring in a general Act, owing to these names which are either in French or English?—3236.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —3236.

This is the only case in which an amendment has been found necessary, but if it is found advisable I would have no objection to having a provision in the general Act dealing with this matter—3236.

LABOUR STATISTICS, COLLECTION OF.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (109) to repeal the Act for the collection and publishing of labour statistics—Mr. Fisher. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—1562.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —1562.

The commission for the codification of the statutes pointed out that this law was no longer necessary. The Act creating the Department of Labour places the work of collecting and publishing statistics under that department—1562.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —1562.

The object of this Bill is simply to prevent two departments being charged with the same duty—1562.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1562.

Is the idea to abolish the collection of statistics by the different representatives throughout the country? The Act to be repealed was passed under the old government—1562.

LABOUR STATISTICS, COLLECTION OF—SECOND READING.

Bill (109) to repeal the Act to provide for the collection and publishing of labour statistics—Mr. Fisher—read the second time. Mr. Fisher moved that House go into committee on the Bill. Motion agreed to—2161. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—2162.

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Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —2161.

It ought to have been repealed last year when the various other Acts relating to statistics and census were repealed by the consolidation that then took place—2161. It is much more suitable that the Department of Labour should do the work, and this Act is a redundancy on our statute book—2162.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2161.

Had we not better have some explanation of the Bill?—2161.

Lancaster, A. E. (Lincoln and Niagara)—2161.

Does not quite understand what we now have in a statute that takes the place of a statute that is being repealed—2161. Is the Labour Act as ample in its scope as this?—2162.

LA COMPAGNIE D'ASSURANCE MUTUELLE.

House in committee on Bill (88) respecting La Compagnie d'Assurance Mutuelle contre le feu des comtés de Rimouski Témiscouata et Kamouraska, and to change its name—Mr. J. A. Ross—4942. Bill reported and read the third time.

Motion that Bill be passed and that title be 'La Compagnie d'Assurance Contre l'Incendie de Rimouski'—Mr. Bruneau—Motion agreed to and Bill passed—4942.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —4942.

On section 5—The whole Bill has been carefully examined—4942.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4942.

On section 5—Has Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) had this Bill examined?—4942.

LAND CLAIMS OF RETIRED SERVANTS OF HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

Motion by Mr. McCraney, for a copy of all petitions and papers of every kind concerning the claims of certain retired servants of the Hudson's Bay Company under a deed of sale by the said company to Lord Selkirk in 1811—3742. Motion agreed to—3748.

Alcorn, Geo. A. (Prince Edward)—3748.

Asks that a deed or reconveyance from the executors of the late Lord Selkirk to the Hudson's Bay Company, if in existence, be brought down, as the document may be material—3748.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —3746.

I do not know if we have a full list in our archives of all the documents that have been enumerated, but if we have them there is no objection whatever to their being brought down—3746. I am sorry to say that so far I have not been able to come to the conclusion which, apparently, has been reached by some other parties, that the government was responsible in any way for the claim involved in the deed of sale from Lord Selkirk to the Hudson's Bay Company in 1811. After the papers are brought down, if my hon. friend (Mr. McCraney) thinks that those whom he represents have a claim, parliament will be willing to give him a hearing, but, I regret to say, that I do not think the government can arrive at any other conclusion than that arrived at by all the governments in Canada that have had the matter under consideration—3748.

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McCraney, George E. (Saskatchewan)—3742.

I make this motion for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the House the claim of the retired servants of the Hudson's Bay Company in lands granted by the company to Lord Selkirk in the early part of last century. Quotes the deed—3743. Many contracts were made by the Hudson's Bay Company with persons in the Orkney Islands and in the Northwest, and it was a provision, embodied in these contracts, that the parties should be entitled to grants at the expiration of their terms of service—3744. Lays before the House a list of documents bearing on the case. Quotes resolution of the legislature of the province of Manitoba, passed on March 13, last—3745. I would urge upon the government the advisability of investigating the claims which are made by these people—3746.

LAND CLAIMS—MURRAY RIVER, P.E.I.

On the Orders of the Day Mr. A. A. McLean called the attention of the government to a matter relating to several people whose lands were expropriated at Murray River, P.E.I., in the year, 1900—5993.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5994.

It is the right of every man in this country to put a value upon his property, and to endeavour to establish it in the courts; the fact that the claims are high is no reason for delaying the matter six years —5994.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —5994.

I have been endeavouring to get the matter settled; it is now in the hands of the Department of Justice—5994.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—5993.

The parties who were dispossessed of land have been trying to get a settlement with the governement, but up to date have not succeeded—5993. This case has been hanging six years and it is time it was settled—5994.

LAND PATENTS IN WESTERN CANADA.

Motion for a return showing the total number of land patents issued in and for the territory included in the present provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta between the 1st of July, 1901 and the 31st of December, 1906—Mr. Ames. Mr. Oliver asks that motion stand—2275. Motion stands—2276.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—2275.

Motion for a return was made on March 14. Was informed on April 17 in return brought down that information could not be gathered together in the form asked for. If that statement had been made promptly other steps could have been taken to secure desired information—2275. The motion is drafted on exactly the lines on which the report of the deputy minister of the Interior states he can furnish the information—2276.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of Interior)—2276.

Asks that the motion be allowed to stand so that the House may be informed of the amount of labour involved in the compilation—2276.

LANGEVIN, SIR HECTOR, DEATH OF.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden refers to the death of Sir Hector Langevin a former minister of the Crown—5084.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5084.

Sir Hector Langevin was one of the few remaining fathers of confederation who have survived to the present time; he was a man of great ability and force of character, and he exercised a great influence upon public affairs in his day and generation. It is not too much to say that both sides of the House join on the present occasion in expressing sympathy with his friends and relatives—5084.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid. (Prime Minister)—5084.

Sir Hector Langevin was a very hard working minister; he had a heavy department which he administered well; and in dealing with the House, and especially with members of the opposition, he showed unvarying courtesy, and was always ready and willing to give information. I can assure my hon. friend (Mr. R. L. Borden) that we on this side of this House who fought Sir Hector Langevin bitterly are only too glad to associate ourselves with what he has said in regard to his life and character—5085.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Motion that a committee from the House be formed to act with a committee of the Senate as a joint committee on the Library—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—169.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Sam. Hughes drew attention to the fact that on Sunday afternoon there were no officials in the Library from whom to obtain a book—2233.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—2233.

Am a member of the Library Committee, but it has not been called together this session. It would be a good thing to have the committee called, and to have some of these questions referred to it—2233.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—2233.

Desires to call attention to fact that on Sunday afternoon there is no official in the Library from whom a book may be obtained—2233.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2233.

This is a matter which is under the control of the Library Committee of the House. I shall call the attention of the Librarian to the matter—2233.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORSHIP OF NOVA SCOTIA—APPOINTMENT OF MR. D. C. FRASER.

On Orders of Day, Mr. Borden inquires as to conditions upon which present Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia accepted his appointment—837.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—837.

Would like to know conditions upon which Lieutenant-Governor accepted appointment. Quotes press excerpt—837.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—837.

Do not know that I have anything to say on the subject—837.

LIFE INSURANCE, COMMISSION ON

On motion to adjourn Mr Borden asked if the government would supply, day to day, evidence taken before Royal Commission—315.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—316.

Suggests that copies be struck off as early as possible and laid on table—316.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—316.

Cannot get report exactly day by day, but as early as possible—316.

LIFE INSURANCE, COMMITTEE ON.

On the Order: Proposed resolution for the appointment of a special committee of the House to inquire into life insurance in all its phases—Mr. Maclean—on account of the absence of the Finance Minister (Mr. Fielding) notifies the government that he will go on with this motion next Monday—3742.

Motion by Mr. Maclean for the appointment of a special committee of the House, to

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inquire into life insurance in all its phases, with power to send for persons, papers and things—3971. Motion negatived—3997.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —3978.

The greatest evil that has arisen in connection with life insurance has been the creation of unnecessary alarm which led a great many policy-holders in the United States to allow their policies to lapse ; if some slight irregularities have been pointed out there is nothing to show that these companies are not sound and solvent and able to bear their responsibilities—3978-9. It would be quite impossible for any member or for any set of members of parliament to give that close attention to this matter which is given by a royal commission appointed to investigate a question of this kind—3979. Commission appointed is one that was well chosen—3980. It is an interesting fact that the commission has the services and assistance of the same eminent actuary, Mr. Miles Dawson, who conducted the investigation for the Armstrong Commission in New York ; the charge of examination of witnesses is in the hands of a very eminent King's Counsel, Mr. Shepley, of Toronto. The number of companies to be investigated in Canada is larger than that investigated by the Armstrong commission ; rate of progress will compare favourably with the progress of Armstrong commission—3981. The work of the superintendent of insurance will stand the fullest inquiry ; some newspaper reports are very unfair—3982. Explains transference of Mr. Evans from Finance to Insurance Departments : quotes endorsement of Mr. Fitzgerald in the 'American Underwriter'—3983. Has strongest confidence that the conclusion of the investigation will assist parliament in bringing about any necessary corrective legislation—3984.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —3988.

Has not heard any desire expressed to investigate into the conduct of the government with respect to life insurance. The question was whether or not the insurance companies had complied with the requirements of the law or had been guilty of misconduct, and whether necessity did not exist for improving our legislation. A parliamentary committee is ill-fitted to deal with question because matter demands a judicial investigation into business methods—3988. Quotes authority of commission conferred by order in council —3989. Mr. Shepley retained the services of Mr. M. Dawson, the actuary who had been employed by the Armstrong committee in their investigation. Mr. Dawson has expressed the opinion that the examination now being made by commissioners is more thorough, more complete in its scope and character, than the investigation held by the Armstrong committee; quotes memorandum of Mr. Shepley respecting time and work of commission—3990-1. Commissioners have

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dealt with matter as expeditiously as is consistent with efficiency—and what we require is an effective rather than an expeditious examination—3992.

Henderson, David (Halton)—3996.

Would like to know from the Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) if it is the intention of this commission to investigate the relationship between policy-holders and shareholders and whether commission or government will be likely to order any restitution of any money misappropriated by the board—3997.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3971.

In both the United States and Canada it was alleged that evils existed in the administration of insurance companies; and as far as we know all allegations made have been proven and the public now know that life insurance is not a benevolent but a money-making institution—3971. The report made by the Armstrong Committee in the United States and evidence taken up to date for the Royal Committee in this country have thrown great discredit on the system of government inspection both in Canada and the United States. Americans have a much speedier way of ascertaining facts and righting abuses than we have—3972. A royal commission is not so expeditious as the committee of the New York legislature proved itself; contrasts difference in mode of procedure between the two committees. Abuses of this kind should be investigated by a parliamentary committee because a department of the government has been called in question in this matter. A parliamentary committee is directly seized of the facts and is in the best possible position to advise parliament which appointed it as to any remediable legislation—3973. Why should not a question of this kind be referred to the Senate. In the Royal Commission there is nobody actually charged, as there was in New York, with the duty of prosecuting the inquiry to the utmost in the public interest, and of getting out all the facts. When a parliamentary committee investigates a question of this kind and makes reports and recommendations, you have men in the legislature who will see that recommendations are carried through —3974. Committee in New York not only presented a report, but they actually stated in what direction reform should be made. Parliament is just as much cercerned with the welfare of the public as ever. You cannot get some of these questions investigated unless you get members from both sides of the House to work on it—3975. The moment a government finds an abuse exists, it ought to be ready to reform it; if public officials attended to duties many wrongs would be righted—3976. Enough has already come out in evidence to have caused the government to insist on the reorganization of certain companies. There is no house-cleaning taking place in connection with

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Canadian insurance companies although far reaching evils are being exposed—3977. Main object in introducing motion is to avoid delay; moves motion—3978. The Armstrong Committee has done its work, and it has given the people a new law, a model law for all the world. Does minister (Mr. Fielding) intend to insist on the reorganization of some companies?—3995.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—3992.

Has no fault to find with the personnel of the commission nor with its scope; not sure that terms of commission are explicit enough as regards that part of the investigation concerning the superintendent of insurance and the department over which he presides—3992. The tendency which governments have in this country is to shift on the shoulders of others the duties which we ought to perform here. Evils have been proved to exist, but a committee of the House would have arrived at a knowledge of all that commission has ascertained in a far shorter time; we would have had equally the advantage of Mr. Shepley's assistance—3993. We should thoroughly investigate the department itself and the relation of the government, through the Department of Finance, with these insurance companies. If motion could be circumscribed in such a way as not to duplicate the work which has already been done by the royal commission, it would serve a useful public purpose—3994.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3985.

Both in the United States and Canada the great bulk of the people who hold policies have reached the conclusion that these are evils that should have been grappled with long ago. Was there no just ground for alarm in the appropriation of profits in an arbitrary way without regard to either equity or the rights of the policy holders?—3985. According to hon. member for East Toronto (Mr. Kemp) the commission is not expediting work as it ought to do and report will not likely be brought down this session; members do not analyse old reports as carefully as new ones and therefore some benefits of commission will be destroyed. A royal commission is not charged with the same responsibility to the people as a committee of parliament—3986. A parliamentary committee invariably endeavours to get at the information and report it to parliament before the end of the session. The rate of progress which the royal commission into the insurance question has made up to the present does not justify the expectation that it will be through its work short of a year. Whenever a suspicion exists that there is a dereliction of duty on the part of any department of the government, a parliamentary committee is the more proper body to examine into causes for suspicion—3987. Was not the question raised whether the government had proper control over life insurance companies and whether the government was doing its duty in that direction?—3988. Is there anything in the order in council that obstructs Mr. Shepley from inquiring into the conduct of the department of insurance, connected with the Finance Department?—3989.

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LOAN COMPANIES.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (40) respecting certain loan companies—Mr. Zimmerman. Motion agreed to,

Tisdale, Hon. David (Norfolk)—444.

Hon. gentleman should explain Bill—444.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—444.

Act is a verbatim copy of an Act passed in 1903, that, through some official oversight was never presented for Royal assent—444.

Motion for second reading of Bill (40) respecting certain loan companies—Mr Zimmerman. Motion agreed to and Bill read the second time—888. Motion that Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce—Hon. Wm. Paterson. Motion agreed to—889.

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House in committee on Bill (40) respecting certain loan companies—3277.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—3277.

This is a Bill passed two or three sessions ago which, by some unexplained circumstance, was not presented to His Excellency for signature, and it never became law—3277. The Bill is regarded as unobjectionable—3277.

On section 4—I would prefer to let this Bill stand, because I have not a memorandum concerning it. There is only one company affected; I have forgotten the name of the company—3278.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3277.

Does the Finance Minister approve this Bill?—3277.

On section 4—We would like to know the number of companies affected by it. What is the company—3277.

Reid, John D. (Grenville)—3278.

On section 4—I do not think the directors should be allowed to loan money—that is, trustee money—on the stock of the shareholders—3278.

LORD'S DAY, THE

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (12) respecting the Lord's Day—Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—19. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—20.

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Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —19.

It has been held that the Ontario Act to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day, treated as a whole, was beyond the competency of the provincial legislature to make, and was deemed advisable to make legislation by federal parliament —19.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE—SECOND READING.

Motion for the second reading of Bill (12) respecting the Lord's Day—Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick—1010. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time—1014. Motion that Bill be referred to a select committee—Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick. Motion agreed to —1015.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —1010.

Believes Bill has not been generally read, or is misunderstood. Quotes chapter 74, Consol. Statutes of Canada, 1859. Bill really intended to provide a day of rest for all—1010. It is intended to increase the regard for Sunday observance—1011.

Section 1—Deals with definitions—1011.

Section 2—Provides that no sales are to be made, or business or work done, on the Lord's Day—1011.

Section 3—Makes an exception with respect to Quebec. Explains custom that prevails in Quebec—1011.

Section 4—Provides for works of necessity and makes other exceptions to the operation of section 2—1012.

Section 5—Prohibits games and performances where an admission fee is charged —1013.

Section 6—Applies to excursions by conveyance where a fee is charged—1013.

Section 7—Applies to pleasure grounds where a fee is charged—1013.

Section 8—Deals with advertisements of prohibited performances—1013.

Section 9—Prohibits shooting on Sunday—1013.

Section 10—Deals with the right to encroach on a man's private property—1013.

Section 11—Provides for a penalty—1014.

Section 15—Provides for the continuance of the Lord's Day Acts in force in the provinces—1014.

Apart altogether from the question of religion, the observance of one rest day in seven is a matter of great physiological advantage to those who are leading a strenous life—1014.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1013.

Do you need the word 'exclusively' as it now reads?—1013. Shall we have a synopsis of these provincial laws?—1014.

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Motion that Bill intituled an Act respecting the Lord's Day be referred to a committee—

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Mr. Fitzpatrick—1203. Motion agreed to—1205.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—1205.

Points out a difficulty in 'banking down' furnaces on Sunday—1205.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —1204.

What is intended is that cattle and perishable goods should reach their destination. A real difficulty is what is to be done with these goods when they reach their destination—1204. One of the objects in view in referring the Bill to a committee was to have the experience of practical men brought out, so that a workable measure might be produced—1205.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1203.

Wants to have the word 'destination' defined. Refers to the hardships endured by live stock in transport—1203.

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House in committee on Bill (12) respecting the Lord's Day—Mr. Aylesworth—5696. Motion to amend—Mr. Aylesworth—5696. Progress reported—5697.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —5696.

Reads clause as proposed amended, and following clause—5696.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5696.

If the hon. minister (Mr. Aylesworth) would read the clause as proposed to be amended and the following clause, it would perhaps facilitate the committee—5696.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—5696.

Suppose a lumberman were on the water with a heavy tow, and it was impossible to get through before the Sabbath day, is that an industrial process or is it covered by the language of this section?—5696.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—5696.

The question is on the amendment of Mr. Aylesworth, to strike out the last three lines of section 3, subsection (d)—5696.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5696.

Before that is done I would like the hon. Minister of Justice to repeat distinctly what he proposes instead of this—5696.

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House in committee on Bill (12) respecting the Lord's Day—5622.

Motion by Mr. Aylesworth that section 1 be amended by adding a sub-clause (g)—5644.

On section 1—Section as amended agreed to —5645.

On section 2—Motion by Mr. Piché that section be amended—5647. Amendment negatived on division—5661.

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On subsection (d), section 3—Amendments (Mr. Johnston) agreed to—5672. Amendment (Mr. Aylesworth) withdrawn—5673. Amendment (Mr. Barker) agreed to—5676. Motion by Mr. Aylesworth to insert an additional exception as clause (d-2)—5675.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—5658.

On section 2—If an establishment under a provincial charter already granted carries on its business for seven days in the week, will this clause 2 take from the proprietors the rights and privileges they hitherto enjoyed?—5658.

On subsection (d), section 3—The only excuse for allowing this work is to protect the property from injury, but there are cases in which the accumulation of gases would not injure the property, but would injure life—5674.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —5622.

Prior to week before last I had no personal connection with Bill which, as introduced, was referred to a special committee—5622. The general scope of this Bill is indicated by its title; this measure is now presented for consideration before this committee of the House of Commons as the result of the deliberations of the special committee appointed some two months ago—5623. The question of the degree to which interference with the transportation interests of the country would be justifiable, has been a subject of special difficulty in the deliberations of the special committee—5624. It is not intended in the Act to interfere with the operation of tramways where they are not now prohibited by provincial legislation from running on Sunday. The principle of the Bill placed before the House is one in respect of which legislation was called for; it is a matter in regard to which this parliament of Canada is the only tribunal which can effectively pronounce—5625-6.

On section 1—Moves amendment. Question was raised in discussion whether the 'Provincial Act' would apply to Lower or Upper Canada or the United provinces —5644.

On section 2—The reason for this exception was to make provision for a state of things which exists in the province of Quebec and which is recogized by the law of that province—5649-50. The amendment of my hon. friend from Montreal (Mr. Piché) would destroy all practical benefits from clause under consideration—5651. By section 2 it is declared that making a sale of property or doing ordinary business on Sunday should thenceforeward in Canada, be a thing prohibited—5654—Quotes proposed language in substitution of present section—5656. Our only justification as a parliament for legislating on this subject at all is the declaration of the judicial committee that it falls within the domain of criminal law—5661.

On subsection (d), section 3—It has been thought advisable to omit all the words after 'process' or the last three lines of the subsection—5671. Moves to omit all the words after the word 'process' in the sixth line—5672. Moves to insert an additional exception as clause (d-2)—5675.

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Barr, J. (Dufferin)—5645.

On section 1—Would laws that have been considered ultra vires come within this section?—5645.

On section 3—There are some sections of this Bill that are of so much importance that it would be better if Bill did not pass at all—5668. There is no doubt that we have at present a Sunday law which will compare favourably with that of any other country in the world—5669.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—5675.

On subsection (d), section 3—Would suggest that the words 'industry or' should be inserted in the third line and that you follow it up by inserting in the fifth line the words 'such industry or'—5675. When this question was first mooted in the House these last three lines were suggested by the smelting companies.

Bickerdike, Robt. (St. Lawrence, Montreal) —5662.

On section 3—Suggests to Minister of Justice that the word 'emergency' be inserted in clause 3—5662.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5649.

On section 2—Why has the exception 'excepting as provided in any provincial Act heretofore passed' been introduced?—5649. Asks Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) to advise us whether or not the creating of exceptions to a disability effected by the same statute would be a provision within the meaning of these words—5652.

On subsection (d), section 3—Would you not require, if you make an amendment, to add the words 'industry or' after the word 'such' in the sixth line?—5671. The difficulty that arises from creating an offense followed by a long list of exceptions, is that you must be remarkably explicit—5673. The objection is made that the last three lines would permit the mining of ore upon the theory that the mining of ore is necessary to enable smelting to be carried on during six days —5679.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—5627.

It is a proper thing that the parliament of a Christian country should lay down the principle that the day which is acknowledged by all Christians as being consecrated to God should be acknowledged as such in our statutes—5627. So far as the legal principles of the Bill are concerned I cannot at all follow the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) in his remarks. This Bill is based upon the dangerous principle of restriction of private liberty of the citizen—5628. In this country Sunday is well observed in every province; but it is not observed in the

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same manner in every community ; there is no need for introducing legislation like this which takes for granted that Canada is not a Christian country—5629. Why is it more criminal to work before going to divine service on Sunday morning than it is to work after divine service on Sunday evening ?—5630. This is supposed to be Christian legislation, but you can force your servants to work the whole day on Sunday and miss divine service, so long as you give them twenty-four hours freedom during the rest of the week—5631. You are depriving the responsible heads of families of the power to guard the morality of their servants under this Bill—5632. Quotes subsection (d) of section 3 as originally introduced. To deprive the working man of legitimate enjoyment on Sunday is an undue interference with the liberty of the working man—5633. I have never heard of one police court case in Montreal from Sohmer Park, while every week we hear of criminal acts happening in public parks—5634. I saw in one hour in Toronto, in the evening, more drunken people than in a whole day in Montreal—5635. By this legislation you give power to every Jew to prevent his Christian servants from observing Sunday while you allow the Jew to observe both Saturday and Sunday—5636. If you lay down the principle of Christian Sunday observance. you must retain it throughout your legislation, and you must likewise protect the liberty of every minority who object to working on some other day of the week —5637.

On section 2—Have always understood it was a well known principle of our constitution that we could not take from or give to the provinces any other powers than those given to the provinces by the constitution of 1867—5653. Quotes section 16 ; as far as railways are concerned you are in advance authorizing the legislatures of the provinces to legislate contrary to this Bill—5654. Sunday is as well observed, if not better observed, in the province of Quebec than in any other province—5660.

On subsection (d), section 3—The result of the amendment moved by the Minister of Justice would be that in every industry where there is a steam plant, one half the day would be lost to workingmen—5681.

Burrows, T. (Dauphin)—5677.

On subsection (d), section 3—In every manufacturing business, it is necessary to have a watchman on Sunday to look after the plant—5677.

Conmee, J. (Rainy River)—5654.

On section 2—If this section is passed, will it prohibit in the future all legislation to the matters therein mentioned ? —5655.

On subsection (d) section 3—The amendment moved by hon. friend from Cape Breton (Mr. Johnston) is necessary if the clause is to have the meaning that the

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hon. Minister of Justice ascribes to it—5672.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—5626.

The intention of the committee was to put subsection (d) in section 3 in such a form that all these industries which it was necessary to carry on seven days in the week, should be allowed to do so—5626. The committee as a whole would have been glad to have had a little more time before reporting the Bill. The House will find that it deals with such important interests that they should not pass the law exactly as written in the Bill—5627.

On section 2—Would like minister (Mr. Aylesworth) to give an explanation with regard to the phraseology contained in section 2 as compared with phraseology contained in section 16.

On section 3—The word 'emergency' was considered unnecessary by the committee and it was left out—5670.

On subsection (d), section 3—This clause was considered quite sufficient to exempt any mining work of any kind on Sunday —5671. Unless the minister (Mr. Aylesworth) gives some other reason, it would be much better to leave those three lines in—5677. Would the hon. member (Mr. R. Smith express himself with regard to the retention of the three lines in clause 1?—5679.

Devlin, E. (Wright)—5632.

Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bourassa) not consider that under section 3 the driving of logs would be construed to be a work of necessity?—5632.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—5681.

On subsection (d), section 3—The theory of this Bill is that there shall be six days of work, and if it is necessary one day of repairs, but that day shall be one of the six and not the seventh—5681

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5622.

Whoever has charge of the Bill should give the committee a general idea of what has been done and its purport—5622. Are there any exceptions to the Bill in favour of any sect?—5624.

Gallther, W. A. (Kootenay)—5651.

On section 2—If this parliament passed this Act with a clause stating that it should not come into effect in any province until the local legislation had ratified it, would that give the legislation power to enact that this measure should be the law in that province—5651.

On subsection (d), section 3—This clause was considered carefully by the committee, and as it stands it covers what it was intended to provide for—5676.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—5663.

On section 3—There are many hon. members in this House who hesitate making the declaration that many of these works which are made legal on the Sabbath

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day are works of necessity or mercy—5663. The Bill looks like an attempt to amend the Fourth Commandment and make it read: 'Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work, but on the seventh day thou shalt do so and so'—5664. Why should we now declare that the conveying of travellers shall be legal on the Sabbath?—5665.

Johnston, A. (Cape Breton—5670.

On subsection (d), section 3—In order to continue the operation of a coal mine it is necessary that a certain amount of work should be done on Sunday, such as the work of pumping and ventilating of mines—5670. Moves amendment—5672.

Kennedy, J. B. (New Westminster)—5674.

On subsection (d), section 3—It is perfectly plain that the very thing hon. friend from Cape Breton (Mr. Johnston) speaks of is provided for in the section—5674.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—5680.

On subsection (d), section 3—To protect the insurance of our manufacturing concerns it is very necessary that some provision should be made to permit the employment of watchmen—5680.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5637.

If Sunday legislation has any meaning at all, it is to give sanction to the divine precept that Sunday shall be made a day of rest and that there shall be no work on that day. The difficulty with this legislation is to provide for the further exceptions which our modern civilization has made necessary—5638. I do not see much force in the argument as to whether the legislation is to be made by an amendment to the Criminal Code or by a separate Act. The way of observing the Sabbath varies so much in the different Christian communities that it would be far better to have this matter left in the hands of the provinces—5639. It was our duty to provide for such a law as could be made efficient, and to carry out as far as possible what we believed to be the correct principle—5640. Quotes section 4; quotes section 7—5641. Section 7 should be modified; every labouring man should have a day of rest during the week—5642-3.

On section 2—The British North America Act has placed the matter of civil rights primarily under the jurisdiction of the provinces, but it has placed the criminal law under the jurisdiction of this parliament; quotes section 255 of the Criminal Code—5656. The object of this Bill is to recognize the primary condition that no labour is to be done on Sunday—5657. The legislature cannot legislate as effectively as the Dominion parliament can on this question—5658.

Lavergne, Armand (Montmagny)—5622.

Is the Bill printed in French?—5622.

On section 2—If the Bill were to protect

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workingmen, there would not be a dissentient voice in parliament. I do not believe that Bill is necessary—5645.

On section 3—Would like the Minister of Justice to explain to the House what the words 'work of necessity or mercy' mean?—5663

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—5678.

On subsection (d), section 3—If you leave in the three lines it will be possible in any manufacturing establishment to make Sunday a sort of general cleaning up and repair day—5678.

Piche, C. (St. Mary's, Montreal)—5645.

On section 2—If the Bill were passed in its present shape, the Supreme Court could have just reason to decide that it is ultra vires as a whole—5646. Moves that section 2 be amended by substituting the words 'now or hereafter in force' to the words 'heretofore passed'—5647-8. We cannot compare article 255 and 285 of the Criminal Code with anything in the Bill; cannot withdraw amendment—5660. Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Aylesworth) state as Minister of Justice, that the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council ever declared that the provincial legislatures had no right whatever to deal with matter?—5661.

Roche, Wm. (Halifax)—5626.

It would expedite the business of the House if the chairman of the special committee would briefly state the difference between the original Bill and the amendments which have been made—5626.

On section 3—The Fourth Commandment was primarily given to people who inhabited territory 250 miles long by 100 broad, which had none of the modern means of locomotion or the luxuries of modern life; the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath—5666. Would recommend that the mail should be inserted in clause, and also, if deemed proper to extend it, the allowance of the transmission of express goods.

Schaffner, F. L. (Souris)—5676.

On subsection (d), section 3—I want to enter my protest against dropping the last three lines of the clause—5676.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—5631.

Why should a servant girl not have a rest? 5631.

On subsection (d), section 3—I assumed all along that the words 'work of necessity' in section 3 were sufficient to cover all the work done in coal mines on Sunday—5670. The part of the section which provides for the performance of this necessary work on Sunday is the part which the minister (Mr. Aylesworth) proposes to cut out—5672.

Speaker,, Mr. Deputy—5628.

Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bourassa) allow me to remark that we are not here to discuss the principle of the Bill—5628.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5643.

On section 1—The Bill as amended by the committee is a desirable one and ought to pass the House—5643. Individual freedom is restrained in every direction we go for the good of humanity and of country—5644.

Tisdale, D. (Norfolk)—5624.

Did minister (Mr. Aylesworth) say that this Act would not interfere with tramways and street railways where they are operated now?—5624.

On section 2—In consideration of the fact that certain provinces in certain Provincial Acts have heretofore expressed opinions on the subject, is the Minister of Justice going to allow those opinions to stand as exceptions to the law as enacted by this Bill?—5655.

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House again in Committee on Bill (12) respecting the Lord's Day—Mr. Aylesworth—5697.

On clause (d)—Clause stands. Motion for independent section—Mr. Ayleiworth. Section agreed to—5699.

On subsection (e)—Motion to amend—Mr. Ames. Amendment agreed to—5699. Subsection as amended agreed to—5700.

On subsection (f)—Subsection agreed to—5700.

On subsection (g)—Motion to amend—Mr. Pringle—5706. Amendment negatived—5726. Motion to amend—Mr. A. Lavergne—Amendment negatived—5726.

On section 3, subsection (h)—5726.

On subsection (j)—Motion to amend—Mr. Sam. Hughes—5728. Amendment negatived 5733.

On subsection (k)—Allowed to stand—5733.

On subsection (l)—Motion to amend—Mr. Aylesworth—5734.

On subsection (n)—Allowed to stand—5740.

On section 3 (o)—Motion to amend—Mr. Duncan Ross—5740. Amendment negatived. Subsection agreed to—5742.

Mr. A. Lavergne moves an additional section in amendment—5742. Amendment negtiaved—5748. Motion to amend Mr. A. Lavergne's amendment—Mr. Galliher—5745. Amendment negatived—5748. Subsection agreed to 5748.

On subsection (p)—Motion to substitute section—Mr. Aylesworth—5748.

On subsection (q)—Motion to amend in reference to 'ice' and amendment in reference to 'watchmen'—Mr. Aylesworth. Amendments agreed to—5751.

Progress reported—5751.

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Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—5699.

On subsection (e)—There should be inserted in this section the words, 'cold air, or cool air'—5699.

Aylesworth, A. B. (Minister of Justice)—5698.

On clause (d)—Asks that it be passed over until some subsequent time—5698. Moves as an independent subsection: 'starting or maintaining fires essential for the protection of property, life or health'—5699.

On subsection (e)—I do not think that would do, because it would authorize the doing of work to furnish steam power—5699. I would suggest that my hon. friend (Mr. Conmee) consider his amendment and propose it in connection with paragraph (d) when we come to that—5760.

On section (f)—If it were incidental to the conveying of travellers—5700.

On subsection (g)—The train in transit at midnight on Saturday night is allowed to continue to its destination—5700. I think a train from Montreal to Halifax would be allowed to start on Sunday—5703. The legislation is not aimed against the traveller—5704. The definite place, be it divisional point or terminal point, whether near or far, to which that train is going, is, I presume, its destination—5705. I should not have thought that any court would reason as to the interpretation of this clause in the way indicated by my hon. friend from Jacques-Cartier (Mr. Monk)—5707. The plain meaning of these two clauses is that the conveying of passengers is excepted from the offences described by the statute—5708. The Board of Railway commissioners are empowered by this Act, where they deem it necessary, to permit the starting out of freight trains on Sunday—5709. Unless this committee deliberately wishes to see freight trains running on Sunday, on every railway in the country, the amendment which is suggested by the member for Stormont (Mr. Pringle) ought not to be adopted—5710. The committee has reported that it is not the destination of the freight, but the destination of the train, and I can only go by the language of the report—5711. I had not the idea, and I did not think that I expressed the idea that a train's destination was a divisional point—5715. The through freight train, from Montreal to Vancouver, though it reaches a divisional point at 6 o'clock on Sunday is not interfered with—5716. The words of the report of the committee are plain, that it is not the destination of the freight that is to be taken into consideration; it is the destination of the train—5724. I do not agree with the hon. gentleman (Mr. Pringle) in thinking that what he says the intention of these gentlemen was, was their intention—5725.

On subsection (j)—I presume the train would have to stand until 8 o'clock at night—5727. The words which my hon. friend (Mr. Sam. Hughes) proposes to strike out are inserted in the clause for the manifest purpose of securing to these yard crews at least 14 hours' rest out of the 24 on Sunday—5728.

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On subsection (l)—Moves to amend subsection by caring for 'milk and cheese'—5734. Very possibly it will be necessary at some future session of this parliament, or some future parliament, to make substantial amendments to this measure—5735. The harnessing of one's own horse would not be a work for gain, and so would not come within section 2—5736.

On section (n)—I think the question referred to was whether a domestic servant would be entitled to twenty-four hours—5739.

On section (o)—The intention of this Bill is that there shall be uniformity, and that there shall be no newspaper publication on Sunday—5743. Clause (c) includes telephone work, and it is provided in clause 4 that persons engaged in that work shall have 24 hours' rest on other days of the week—5744.

On section (p)—Moves to amend subsection —5748. It would no doubt include the unloading of any parcels carried upon a passenger train, whether luggage or express. There is no necessity of delivering an express parcel on Sunday—5749. Once they are loaded, they would be on the passenger train, and the passenger train proceeds without restriction to its destination—5750.

On subsection (q)—I move to omit the words, 'and ice,' and to add the words, 'and of watchmen'—5750.

Barker, Saml. (East Hamilton)—5702.

On subsection (g)—Wants to point out a case where perhaps there might be a little difficulty in finding what 'destination' means—5702. It is precisely what the minister apparently wants, and yet it permits the breaking up of trains—5709. If you are prevented from doing your business expeditiously on account of having to stop on Sunday at a divisional point, you wont get that business to do on week days—5713.

On section (p)—On trains running into large cities on Sunday morning there are large quantities of milk in cans, and I suppose that would be merchandise—5750.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—5739.

On subsection (l)—It is very important that we should not pass any legislation that would prevent farm hands from doing the necessary chores.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5715.

On subsection (g)—If, as a matter of fact, a freight train were broken up at a divisional point, you could hardly say that it had reached its destination—5715.

On subsection (j)—It would appear from this section that you could only deal with that train by the yard crews before 6 in the morning and after 8 at night—5727. If the object is to give the men a rest on Sunday why do you have a provision immediately afterwards that they shall have 24 hours' rest in the next six days? —5729.

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On subsection (l)—I do not want my hon. friend (Mr. Aylesworth) to think I am faulting the drafting, but I am alluding to the difficulties—5735. I was merely pointing out the inconsistencies that appear on the face of the Bill—5736. The Minister of Justice told us early in the debate that a servant of that kind was not within the category of domestic servants—5739.

On subsection (p)—I hardly think a person employing a cabman to drive him a mile to church would come within the definition of a traveller—5748. Loading and unloading of merchandise; I would hardly think merchandise was a happy word, if that alone is intended—5749. My only object is to endeavour to get some statement of what the intention is, so that we shall not be involving ourselves in contradictions—5750. That is served by section 2—5751.

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On section (f)—Would that clause include the carriage of baggage?—5700.

On subsection (l)—I would like to know if this will allow farmers to clean cattle on Sunday—5734.

On section 3 (o)—What is the Minister of Justice going to do about newspapers that are published on Sunday morning?—5742. You are allowing the newspapers published on Monday morning to have work done on Sunday and you do not allow other newspapers that privilege—5743.

I give notice that I shall move an additional clause to provide for the driving of logs and the saving of crops—5751.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—5719.

On subsection (g)—If we pass Mr. Pringle's amendment, we might as well pass a section that this Bill shall not apply to the operation of railways. Cites a case —5719. Unless it is assumed that all the men live at the divisional point from which the train starts the difficulty of absence from home does not arise—5720.

Chisholm, William (Antigonish)—5732.

On subsection (j)—This is not a matter of sectional or sectarian character, but one in which the people as a whole are interested—5732. It is not fair to give all the credit to the Lord's Day Alliance for there are others entitled to an equal share—5733.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—5699.

On subsection (e)—I think that section is altogether too narrow. Section (d) gives the right to use steam power in blast furnaces or mines—5699.

On subsection (g)—It is quite evident that, since (f) is to some extent governed by (g), passengers cannot be carried without trains or steamboats—5702. I think it is quite clear that the vessel could not leave, as it was not under way on the Sabbath day—5703. How about the making up of trains for going on?—5714. It says explicitly the car and not the freight—

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5717. The letter read from the Chicago and Great Western Railway was a much wider proposition—5718.

On subsection (k)—I ask that this be not confined to ocean-going vessels, but be also extended to lake vessels—5733.

On subsection (n)—I would suggest the words, 'the using of horses and.'

On subsection (p)—If fruit or other goods of that character, it should be unloaded at terminal points as well as at intermediate points—5749.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—5714.

On subsection (g)—My recollection of the difference between 'divisional point' and 'destination' agrees with that of my hon. friend (Mr. Schaffner). Quotes letter from H. H. Adams, Michigan Central R.R., St. Thomas—5714.

On subsection (p)—I should be very sorry if the minister insisted on striking out the word 'ice' from that section—5750. Quotes New Brunswick Act. Surely the general public have some rights as well as those who work in factories—5751.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —5739.

On subsection (l)—Is there not a provision in respect to domestic servants?—5739.

On subsection (p)—Does that not mean more particularly passenger boats that ply on a river that carry merchandise to a certain point, where it is removed and other merchandise put on?. Where do they deliver ice on Sunday now?—5750.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5701.

On section (g)—The minister's lack of definition does not satisfy my mind. Once a train is started from Vancouver its destination is, we will say, Quebec. Is that what is meant here?—5701. We ought to express in the clause which we were passing what we meant to express, and then leave the judges to their own decision as to what they thought the language expressed afterwards—5704.

On subsection (p)—You will have every man his own cab-driver—5749.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5705.

On subsection (g)—In Montreal there is a train made up on the I.C.R. at noon on Sunday and on the C.P.R. at 7.25 to go to Halifax. Under this law it is impossible for these trains to get made up—5705.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—5699.

On subsection (d)—And in tunnelling through mines or stopping, men have to be employed on Sunday to clear away the loose rock or else the lives of men coming to work on Monday would be in danger —5699.

On subsection (g)—This subsection can only mean one thing—'the continuance to their destination of trains and vessels when the Lord's day begins'—5718. My hon. friend (Mr. Carvell) would not have much

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rearrangement through traffic if it goes into effect—5719. Railway trains only run between divisional points—5720.

On section 3 (o)—Moves to amend the amendment of Mr. Lavergne—5745. The delivery of the newspaper is a matter for the publishers—5746. Have the printers in British Columbia made any application to shut out Sunday newspapers ? 5747.

Guthrie, Hugh (South Wellington)—5725.

On subsection (g)—The wording of this section is precisely what the cattle trade demands—5725. As to the question of ordinary freight going to the point of destination, I do not think that very much turns upon that—5726.

On subsection (n)—That would allow of the hiring out of the pleasure boats—5738.

Henderson, David (Halton)—5732.

On subsection (j)—When I gave the Alliance a very large share of the credit for the preparation of this Bill, I did so on very good authority. Quotes the Lord's Day Alliance organ—5732.

On subsection (l)—The minister of Justice having gone so far I would suggest to him the gathering of hen's eggs—5734.

On subsection (o)—The Prime Minister says you (Quebec) are better—5742.

Herron, John (Alberta)—5718.

On subsection (g)—Perishable goods would go through but live stock would have to remain at the divisional point; is that what the minister meant? Cites a case—5718.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—5727.

On subsection (j)—These trains are not handled by the operating crew, but by the yard crew, and if the yard crew cannot work the train has to stand there—5727. Moves amendment to section—5728.

On subsection (l)—The farmer has to feed his own cattle on Sunday—the hired man cannot do it—5735. This thing is wrong side up, because it says what one may do, instead of what one may not do—5737.

On subsection (o)—The news items come in on Sunday afternoon—5741.

Jackson, W. (West Elgin)—5721.

On section (g)—Railway companies and all shipping concerns consider live stock as one of the most perishable kinds of goods that they handle—5721. Every hour that cattle are detained depreciates their value on account of the worry that they suffer—5722. We are permitted under this Bill to do that which, under the Cruelty to Animals Act, we would be punished for not doing—5723.

On subsection (j)—I have strong objection to this clause as it is at present worded—5727—Reads letter from Secretary of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen opposing proposed law—5728. As a matter of fact the men have their stated hours of rest—5720.

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Kennedy, J. B. (New Westminster)—5741.

I cannot see for the life of me why the newspapers cannot drop Sunday just as easily as they drop Monday—5741.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5741.

On subsection (n)—Let it stand—5741.

Lavergne, Armand (Montmagny)—5703.

On subsection (g)—Do I understand that, after the passage of this clause, no trains would be allowed to start from their point of departure on the Lord's Day?—5703. Moves to amend subsection—5726.

On subsection (j)—The Lord's Day Alliance is the parent of this measure—5733.

On subsection (o)—I wish to move an additional section as (oo)—5742. This law is absolute hypocrisy—5743. What about those who approve of Sunday newspapers?—5746.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5700.

On subsection (f)—I think there ought to be some explanation of the word, 'traveller'—5700.

Martin, Thos. (North Wellington)—5726.

I do not think that passenger trains should be allowed to carry merchandise—5726.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—5701.

On subsection (g)—Does not (f) cover every person travelling?—5701. If a train arrives at one of these points on Sunday, where it has to be divided, can the divided train be started on that train?—5717. If a train reaches a divisional point on Sunday the crew of the train will have to remain there and cannot return home—5720.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—5702.

On subsection (g)—The hon. member for Toronto (Mr. Foster) says you cannot separate subsections (f) and (g). It seems to me that you cannot very well conect them—5702. Under clause (f) they would be permitted to travel, and that train will be permitted to start out, because it says that travellers may be conveyed—5703. The intention of the committee was not the destination of the freight, but the destination of the train—5711. Quotes regulation of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co—5712. I do not know of any right which the railway companies have to do what other people are not allowed to do—5713.

On subsection (j)—It is not right for Mr. Pringle to say that this Bill is the work of Mr. McPherson and Mr. Shearer, and that the members of this committee did nothing but accept their suggestions—5730.

On subsection (k)—There is more reason for having it apply to ocean-going vessels than to lake vessels—5733.

On section 3 (o)—I am pointing out that Sunday papers are not universally approved in British Columbia—5746. A few weeks ago I read in the committee a very strong article in the Catholic Record, published in London, Ont., condemning the Sunday newspapers—5747.

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Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—5706.

On subsection (g)—The question that has not been solved is, whether trains can start out on Sunday—5706. A judge would be inclined to say that the starting of trains on Sunday for the purpose of conveying passengers was legal under subsection (f)—5707.

On subsection 3 (o)—Is there a provincial law that prohibits the sale of newspapers on Sunday in British Columbia?—5746.

On subsection (p)—I give notice of a subsection to add to subsection (r) after the word 'interprovincial' the word 'suburban'—5751.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—5735.

I do not understand that these clauses cover all the cases—5735. I think that any ordinary judicial tribunal would easily determine whether it was an act of necessity or mercy—5736.

Piché, Camille (St. Mary's, Montreal)—5731.

On subsection (j)—As to this Bill being wholly the work of the Lord's Day Alliance, and its representatives before the committee, there can be no doubt—5731. Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Chisholm) tell me who drafted these petitions—5732.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—5698.

Would the amendment proposed prevent the operation of certain industries which claim they have to operate continuously, including Sunday, or be at a heavy loss?—5698.

On subsection (g)—There is just one point that I want to be clear about, that is, the meaning of the word 'destination'—5700. Cites a case—5702. In railway circles 'destination' means the next divisional point—5703. It might be interpreted that the point of destinatiton was where the crew took the train, and then you would be held up with probably a load of live stock—5705. Moves a substitute for subsection (g)—5706. The late Minister of Justice said distinctly that the word 'destination' covers the destination of freight—5710. If the Minister of Justice says this clause covers the carrying of through freight to its point of destination, I am satisfied to withdraw my amendment—5716. Quotes report of Lord's Day Alliance conference—5721. All I want to do is to carry out just what the Lord's Day Alliance suggested to us, and that is, to make it clear that freight shall be carried to its destination—5724. Does the Minister of Justice agree with the interpretation of these words which has been placed upon them by Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Shearer?—5725.

On subsection (j)—This subsection as it stands was adopted by the committee at the suggestion of Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Shearer—5728. We who desired to think a little for ourselves in framing some of these clauses seemed to have been precluded—5729. We have adopted Messrs. Shearer and Macpherson's clauses holus bolus, without having an oppor-

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tunity of considering them ourselves—5730. I am not in favour of inserting clauses which were represented to the committee to mean things and do not bear that interpretation—5733. This Bill has got to come before another tribunal, and whispers are going about that this other tribunal will quietly carry this Bill out of existence—5737.

On subsection (n)—That would prevent us from using other animals—5738. Who suggested these hours?—5741. (My hon. friend from Nanaimo (Mr. Smith) is willing to give a day's rest to the printer, but he is not willing to extend the same privilege to the railway man—5744.

Roche, Wm. (Halifax)—5701.

It seems to me there would be a conflict of opinion with regard to the operation of the Act at ocean ports—5701.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—5698.

In certain industries no fires or furnaces are used, but in these industries there must be a continuous process to carry them on successfully—5698.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—5705.

On subsection (g)—What you want to get to its destination is the freight, not the train—5705. If this section passes the the goods will never be routed by the Canadian Pacific, but by the American roads—5718.

On section 3 (o)—Moves to amend subsection—5740. We ought to have a Bill that is so reasonable that people can observe it, and not a Bill that is so unreasonable that no newspaper man could comply with it for a moment—5741. I think it is absolutely unfair that in British Columbia where we have Sunday morning papers, we should, without warning be asked to re-arrange our conditions of publishing—5745. I am quite prepared to have legislation which should prevent the sale of any kind of newspaper on the streets by boys or anybody else on the Lord's Day—5746. Mr. Miller is dealing solely with the special Sunday edition; I am defending the regular edition of a daily newspaper which is published only six days in the week—5747.

Schaffner, F. L. (Souris, Man.)—5713.

On subsection (g)—As a member of that committee, my understanding of the word 'destination' was not that it meant a divisional point—5713.

Sloan, W. A. (Comox-Atlin)—5738

On subsection (n)—I cannot see upon what principle you allow livery stables to hire out rigs while you do not allow boat-house owners to hire out boats—5738. I do not think it is fair to discriminate between a livery stable keeper and a boat-house owner—5740.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—5716.

On subsection (g)—The destination of a freight train is determined by the freight

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it carries, and the restriction simply means that a freight train cannot be made up on Sunday—5716. I do not understand the distinction between the car and the freight; the freight is the all-important thing—5717.

On subsection (l)—The House has taken the responsibility for this Bill; it is printed in the name of a minister; the Bill belongs to the House and not to Mr. Shearer—5738.

On section 3 (o)—If the newspaper men who understand the business declare it would not be possible to carry on their industry under this provision, it would not be unreasonable to amend the section—5741 When Mr. Bourassa states that it requires more Sunday work to get out a Monday morning paper than to get out a Sunday morning paper he does not state all the facts—5742. In the committee the member for Stormont (Mr. Pringle) opposed the section regarding the 24 hours' cessation from work—5744. The proprietors of the morning newspapers in British Columbia are the only ones who oppose this legislation—5747.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5698.

Would the amendment allow these factories to run every week day and to have repairs done on Sunday?—5698.

House again in committee on Bill (12) respecting the Lord's Day—5755.

On section 3, subsection (k)—Subsection allowed to stand—5755. Motion to amend—Mr. Bourassa—5755. Amendment stands—5756.

On section 4—Proposes to amend—Mr. Aylesworth—5756. Mr. Bourassa moves to amend—5770. Mr. Ralph Smith moves to amend—5775. Mr. Aylesworth's amendment agreed—to 5777. Section allowed to stand—5786.

On section 5—Mr. Taylor moves to amend—5780. Amendment negatived—5810. Mr. Rivet moves to amend—5789. Amendment negatived—5810.

On section 6—Section allowed to stand—5818.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—5764.

On clause 4—The real difficulty is that the 24 hours' rest can only be taken during the six working days in the week, and no part of it can be taken on the seventh day of the week—5764. Suppose a man works ten hours on Sunday, if he is to be given in the next six days 24 hours, that means two days, or forty-eight hours, when there would be no work for him—5771.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—5755.

On section 3, subsection (r)—As section 16 deals generally with the same subject matter as this subsection, I would suggest that the consideration of this clause

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might perhaps better stand until section 16 is taken up—5755.

On section 4—I propose to amend section—5758. It is desirable that there should be some active inducement operating upon the employer that he should lessen as much as possible the hours of Sunday labour for his employees—5768. Unless he allows him twenty-four consecutive hours rest during the remainder of the week—5775.

On section 4—Moves that section be amended—5777. I do not share the apprehension felt by my hon. friend (Mr. Foster)—5783. If the employer permits his workman to work for him on Sunday he commits an offence under the Act unless he gives that workman, during the week that follows, twenty-four hours' rest—5784. Asks that the clause be allowed to stand—5785.

On section 5—Moves to amend section. If the game referred to were 'any game or contest for gain or for any prize or reward,' it would come within this clause—5786. I think the word 'charge' implies some compulsion—5792.

On section 6—The pivotal word in the section is the word 'excursion'; it strikes at the Sunday excursion and at nothing else—5811. Excursions consisting of parties of friends, or other people, starting out on Sunday for a common point of destination, and going simply for amusement or pleasure, are prohibited—5812. If the words were 'an organized excursion' going out on Sunday, it would probably be a 'disorganized' excursion before starting for home, and might be held not to come under the Bill—5813.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—5808.

On section 5—I support the principle of the Bill, and I trust we will endeavour to make it as perfect as possible, and proceed with it without wasting further time—5809.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5812.

On section 6—Are we to understand that the ferry between Montreal and St. Helen's Island would be stopped on Sunday? Would Sunday trains out of Montreal every Sunday fall under this clause? Then what is prohibited—5812.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5813.

On clause 6—If this section does not prohibit special trains on Sunday, I do not see that it prohibits excursions—5813. A railway or steamboat company will advertise a special trip on Sunday, and people who desire to go out of town will buy their tickets and go—5814.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—5755.

Onsection 3, subsection (r)—I move that the following subsections be added to section 3 : (s) The driving and towing of logs and timber of all kinds. (t) The saving of crops—5755. These exceptions are more important than any of the other exceptions made to this Bill—5756.

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On the timber drives you may have to keep men idle a month waiting for rain. If the farmers knew this Bill would prevent their saving their crops they certainly would not favour it—5757.

On section 4—If a man works six hours on Sunday let him have six hours of rest during the hours of labour on some other day of the week—5761. Is it lawful for a very virtuous gentleman to speak of damning in the House of Commons—5763. I think the compensation of twenty-four hours' rest should be taken out of the working days of the week—5765. I can not agree with the Minister of Justice that the disposition of the clause as it stands is in favour of the workingman or is conducive to a diminution of work on Sunday—5769. We are not here representing Mr. Shearer or any one else; we are here representing the people of Canada. Moves to amend section 5770. You cannot provide double pay without infringing on the liberty of contract, and if you do that you may as well emigrate to Russia—5771. Moves to amend section—5777. I am ready to accept the amendment of the hon. member for Nanaimo (Mr. Smith), coupled with mine, and I believe they would cover both points—5782. My amendment would not prevent the employee asking from his employer a higher wage for Sunday work—5783.

On section 5—I have the greatest respect for Monseigneur Bruchesi—he is my bishop, and I am ready to abide by his teachings in matters of faith and morals —5794. Did the Prime Minister express the opinion of his cabinet yesterday when he said, "We have recognized in every province the condition of things that prevail in that province?—5795. If the amendment of my hon. friend from Hochelaga (Mr. Rivet) is accepted, the machinery of this Bill will be in the hands of the city council of Montreal—2796. I say, let us have our liberty—5797. Where is the single amendment proposed by us which gives the slightest indication that we want to impose upon the people of Ontario our way of observing Sunday ?—5799. I look upon this as the most narrow, illiberal measure ever advocated in a Canadian parliament. By forcing this legislation upon the people of this country the Premier is forcing his Liberal majority to renounce the purest and best of the Liberal principles ever supported by his party and himself—5800. Whenever and wherever it is possible to give freedom of action, you must do it for the very purposes and for the very principle of unity which the Prime Minister has laid down—5801. At the risk of being taxed, as I have been taxed more than once in this House, with not being a good partisan, I place principle before party. I stated I had nothing to do with Shearer or any one else. I ask your ruling, Mr. Chairman—5802. The Minister of Justice said in reply to what the member for Nanaimo (Mr. Smith) said, that this disposition or that disposition could not be accepted

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because the promoter of the Bill would not accept it—5803. I did not hear from you (Mr. Barr) last session much praise for the hierarchy of Quebec—5809.

On section 6—But he may have an automobile—5810. If the government had in view really the stopping of scandals, they should have legislated by amending the criminal Act—5814. There is not one word in this Bill that prohibits the sale or use of liquor upon any train or boat. The people on a boat shut the bar as soon as they touch a wharf, but open it as soon as they leave—5815. I do not want, under sham legislation, to prevent people from amusing themselves properly, and then leave the scoundrels of the cities to annoy and insult decent people—5816. I have seen railway men unable to arrest the disorderlies because they had not the power to stop the drinking. I want to regulate excursions —5817.

Broder, Andrew (Dundas)—5765.

On section 4—Why not say that if he is obliged to work on Sunday he shall then be entitled to twenty-four hours, or rest during one day out of the six—5765.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—5767.

On section 4—The clause is unworkable in its present shape—5767. In the main I agree with Mr. Bourassa's amendment, but I do not want to be considered responsible for the remarks he made in support of it—5777. It is in contravention of the whole spirit of the Scriptures to ask that a man be compelled to abstain from labour on one of the six days of the week when his wife and family are depending upon his labour for their subsistence—5778. If we kept all the laws of God as well as we keep the Sabbath we would be a great deal better people than we are—5779. I submit that it is just as much in accordance with the command that a man must labour on the six days of the week, as it is that he must rest on the seventh day—5780.

On section 5—Would the words 'directly or indirectly' prevent a silver collection being taken?—5742.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—5770.

On section 4—I would ask the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bourassa) if he would not say double the number of hours?—5770. Workingmen get double pay on Sunday—5771. I do not understand by the labour resolutions that they ask for this particular legislation—5772. But the word used is 'permit'—5784.

On section 6—In view of the provisions of section 5, what good or moral purpose can be served by this section 6. I do not want to strike out the section, but I do want to have it further considered—5810. Well, if it has not, why is it here at all? What is an excursion?—5811. I have had a great deal to do with the legal fraternity, and on certain occasions it has cost me several thousand dollars to find out that they may be mistaken—

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5812. If Mr. German will read the whole section he will see that the context in this Bill makes a great difference, however much alike the wording may be—5814.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—5755.

On section 3, subsection (2)—I regret to say that this motion (Mr. S. Hughes') is not in order—5755. This amendment (Mr. Bourassa's) will stand—5758. This amendment (Mr. L. Lavergne's) will stand for the present—5758.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5782.

On section 4—This clause seems so repugnant that I do not propose to let it pass without stating my own views regarding it—5782. If employer and employee are agreed upon the wage, why should parliament interfere?—5782.

On section 5—The Minister of Justice will be right after you if you do that—5786.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—5773.

On section 4—You cannot get men who are certain of employment only twenty-four hours a week to take the places of men who are certain of work all of the week with a rest on Sunday—5773.

On section 5—Does the fact that an admission fee is charged to get into these parks to see the performance make it any more wrong to have the performance than if no admission was charged? —5792.

German, W. M. (Welland)—5813.

On clause 6—The law as outlined in section 6, is the law of the province of Ontario, and has been for a good many years—5813.

Guthrie, Hugh (S. Wellington)—5806.

On section 5—This Bill, if I understand it properly, is by no means a holiness Bill —5806. It is purely and simply a civic, economic measure for the betterment and preservation of the State—It is a compromise no doubt, but it is a compromise upon which all right thinking members of the community can agree——5807.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—5755.

Before the committee proceeds further, I desire to present a motion. Reads motion—5755.

Kennedy, J. B. (New Westminster)—5792.

On section 5—I rose particularly to say a few words as to the flippant, I might say insolent manner in which the member for Montmagny (Mr. Lavergne) has been treating this whole subject and the people who have brought it forward—5792. Many hon. members of this House are members of the Lord's Day Alliance who consider themselves just as good men as the member for Montmagny, and perhaps a great deal better. Quotes Archbishop Bruchesi's pastoral—5793.

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On section 3, subsection (r)—That is provided in the Act—5758.

On section 4—As I understand it, the clause means that if a man is called upon to do work by his employer and he does it, then he becomes entitled to twenty-four hours' rest—5766.

On section 5—I stated yesterday it is not the intention to continue this clause in reference to public parks unless they come within the purview of section 5—5787. The clauses before us and the two amendments which have been moved show the difficulties that surround legislation of this kind—5896. If any man in this country, whether he be in Quebec, or in Ontario, or any where else, insists upon having his pound of flesh and nothing less, then it is impossible to pass this law. Last year I was met with the cry 'Sbarretti'! This year I am met with the cry of 'Shearer'!—5797. Every one wants the law to suit his own views regardless of his neighbours—5798. I do not see, therefore, how I can accept the amendment of my hon. friend from Hochelaga (Mr. Rivet) or my hon. friend from Leeds (Mr. Taylor)—5799.

On section 6—I am delighted to find that on some point my hon. friend (Mr. Bourassa) and I agree. The best way to regulate is to prevent. We think excursions are not desirable, and that is the reason this section is introduced—5817. As far as I know the attention of the government was never brought to the fact that there was disorder on the boats. I move to report progress, as the Minister of Justice will not be present this evening—5818.

Lavergne, Armand (Montmagny)—5786.

On section 5—If a man indulges in a quiet game of cards at home on Sunday with his friends, the game being neither for money nor for a prize, will he be a criminal under this section?—5786. I expressed my opinion and I am entitled to do that—5793. I simply expressed the words of Our Lord directed towards pharisees of His time. The pastoral of the archbishop is not particularly for my guidance, because I am not one of his flock—5794. That this Bill is anything but Christian can be proven by the fact that it will apply to the poor people, while it will not have any effect upon the wealthy people—5808.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—5786.

On section 4—This section will put a premium on the violation of the Sabbath day —5786.

Martin, Thos. (North Wellington)—5802.

On section 5—Does he say he did not say it was all Shearer?—5802. I accept his statement. Mr. Bourassa said that this Bill was 'a denial of every Liberal principle'—5803. I had prepared an amendment to move, but shall merely read it—5804.

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McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—5815.

On section 6—That is a matter for provincial legislation. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Bourassa) surely does not pretend that the law allows a man to get drunk and disorderly because he happens to be on a train or boat—5815.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—5785.

I think it wise to allow this clause to stand for further consideration—5785.

McKenzie, P. H. (South Bruce)—5810.

On section 5—The position taken by the Prime Minister on the amendment of the hon. member for Hochelaga (Mr. Rivet) is the only consistent position to take—5810.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—5762.

On section 4—Quotes evidence of Mr. McNicoll. If this clause is necessary for any class of men, not only in the interest of the men themselves but of the general public, it is the railway men. Quotes address of Mr. F. S. Coffin; quotes petition of Order of Railway Telegraphers; quotes memorial of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen—5763. I do not think there is any greater cause of the destruction of life and property than overwork and loss of rest on the part of railway employees 5764. The hon. member for Brantford (Mr. Cockshutt) and the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) are quite at variance—5780.

On section 6—Almost every park is reached either by a regular train or by a regular ferry boat, or by a passenger boat on its regular route—5810. The section has not the meaning which the hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) attributes to it—5811. Does what he (Mr. Bourassa) says apply to Sunday or is it true of every day of the week? Then, how can the hon. gentleman regulate it under a Sabbath observance law?—5816.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —5816.

On section 6—Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bourassa) propose to do what he denounced as an interference with individual liberty?—5816.

Piché, Camille (St. Mary's, Montreal)—5798.

On section 5—Are not these musicians and others entitled to work?—5798. But Sunday is the only day on which they can do this—5799.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—

On section 4—I am in accord with the principle of the Bill, but I am not in accord with the working of this amendment—5760. I would like the government to consider the advisability of making some changes in this clause so as to make it workable—5761. I am quite willing to carry out the spirit of the recommendation made by the Lord's Day Alliance, because I think it is a proper recommendation. Quotes recommendation—5765. Quotes Mr McNicoll's evidence. It would

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be a simple matter to frame clause 4 so that every man that had to work on Sunday would get a corresponding rest during the six days following—5766. If you make it during the seven days instead of during the six days, you would obviate the difficulty—5767. The feeling of this committee is that we should endeavour to frame a clause which would give to employee a day of rest provided he should work on Sunday—5775. The Chicago and Northwestern Company find it absolutely necessary to carry certain freight on Sunday. Quotes from the evidence—5776. I want to see a workable clause in this Bill which will give to the man who works on Sunday the right to claim a day's rest during the week—5777. We should permit him to rest on Sunday, but we should not compel him to idleness for twenty-four hours during the other six days. Moves a substitute for clause 4—5781. This law says that it shall not be lawful for any employer to permit his employee to work on Sunday, except as provided. Do not they, then, come under the penalty clause ?—5784.

On section 5—All that is on record—5803. We have had gentlemen writing to us and wanting us to keep Grimsby Park open ; if Grimsby Park were kept open, it necessitated keeping open all the other parks in the country—5805. Quotes letter from Rev. Dr. Chown that Grimsby Park be kept open—5806.

On section 6—My idea was to insert the word 'organized' before 'excursion,' and that met with the approval of the committee—5811. When the matter was under discussion, the point was raised regarding organized excursions—5812. Quotes from Mr. Shearer's evidence. It was on the suggestion of Mr. Shearer that the word 'organized' was introduced—5813.

Rivet, L. A. D. (Hochelaga)—5786.

I would like to know if it is the intention of the government to carry out the promise to strike out clause 7. I have some objection to take to clause 5 as drafted—5787. I shall offer an amendment which I hope will meet with the approval of this committee—5789.

Roche, W. (Halifax)—5758.

Will the hon. minister consider this clause which has been put in my hands by the Transportation Commission, relating to canals?—5758.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—5771.

On section 4—When we are trying to amend a clause which will not work out in practice, we are simply making it worse—5771. If you are going to allow continuous working under section (d) you should not pass section 4—5772. When we point out the objections to the clause, we are told we are not friendly to labour—5773.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—5758.

On section 4—This section strikes me as being the very principle of this Bill; it provides that persons engaged in labour

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shall have the privilege of a twenty-four hours' rest day in the week—5758. I do not think there is a man in this House who would cast a vote in favour of compelling people to work seven days in the week, the year round—5759. At every meeting of the Trade Congress, they have passed resolutions strongly endorsing the principle of this Bill, and especially the provision of this section—5760. I am not responsible for this section, but I am strongly supporting it—5771. The labour resolutions ask for a day of rest and section 4 provides it—5772. I would like to move a resolution when an opportunity offers—5775. The contention of the member for Brantford (Mr. Cockshutt) was that it might be necessary to employ labour on incidental matters for one or two hours on Sunday, and that was not provided for in this section—5780. The amendment I have suggested will, I think, be satisfactory to the hon. member for Brantford—5781.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—5789.

On clause 5—Has an amendment to move. Quotes Prime Minister—5789. I have a great deal of sympathy with the Jews, many of whom keep religiously their Sabbath day. Cites a personal experience—5790. Moves amendment—5791.

Tisdale, David (Norfolk)—5761.

On section 4—Does the Minister of Justice think they could contract themselves out of this clause? My trouble is that I object to being responsible for legislation that I cannot understand—5773. Section 4 regulates the employer's liability, but section 3 regulates everybody—5774. There seems to be confusion as between the two clauses—5775.

Verville, A. (Maisonneuve)—5791.

On section 5—I would like to ask if we are going to be allowed to breath the fresh air after this Bill is passed—5791.

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On section 9—Mr. Aylesworth moves to amend—6249. Mr. Beauparlant moved to amend—6250. Amendment Mr. Beauparlant agreed to—6252. Mr. A. Lavergne moves amendment—6252. Mr. S. Hughes moves to amend—6268. Amendment (Mr. S. Hughes) negatived—6268. Amendment (Mr. A. Lavergne) negatived—6268. Mr. Aylesworth moves to amend—6270. Section as amended agreed to—6273.

On section 10—Section 10 agreed to—6279.

On section 11—Mr. Bourassa moves amendment—6280. Amendment (Mr. Bourassa) negatived : Yeas, 43 ; nays, 94—6359. Mr. Fielding moves amendment—6362. Amendment (Mr. Fielding) negatived—6364. Mr. Ames moves amendment. Amendment (Mr.

Ames) negatived —6364. Mr. A. Lavergne moves amendment. Amendment (Mr. Lavergne) negatived—6364. Section 11 lost on division: Nays, 79; yeas, 57—6364.

On section 12—Mr. Aylesworth moves that clause be dropped. Motion agreed to—6364.

On section 13—Section agreed to—6364.

On section 14—Section agreed to—6365.

On section 16—Mr. A. H. Clarke moves amendment. Section as amended agreed to —6369.

On section 17—Mr. Piché moves amendment. Motion agreed to—6370. Mr. Gervais moves that a new section be added to Bill. Amendment, amended and as amended agreed to —6370. Progress reported—6371.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—6371.

On section 17—How would the amendment to section 17 affect provincial laws yet to be passed?—6371.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—6347.

On section 11—In the city of Montreal ninety-nine factories out of a hundred in which Jewish labour is employed are clothing factories and ninety per cent of the employees are Jews—6348.

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On section 9—Moves to insert 'like' before the word 'object'—6249. There is no objection to inserting the word 'inanimate' if that is preferred—6251. I do not now think the section would accomplish the intention of the committee if the word 'inanimate' were inserted, as proposed by my hon. friend from St. Hyacinthe (Mr. Beauparlant) moves amendment—6270. The judicial committee had not declared, that it was incompetent to the provinces to legislate as to the observance of the Lord's Day—6272.

On section 11—This clause 11 has a different history from the other clauses of the Bill; no such clause appeared in the Bill as introduced by my predecessor (Mr. C. Fitzpatrick)—6293. Looking at this clause from the standpoint of a lawyer, it seems to me to be an anomalous provision in a statute which is within the domain of the criminal law —6294. If you except for conscientious motives under a Bill of this sort why should you not in Bills of a similar sort wherever anything is a matter of conscience of the particular person—6295-6.

On section 12—Moves that clause be dropped—6364.

On section 14—It would be impossible to say whether or not an employer permitted something to be done—6365.

On section 15—The change in phraseology is because a corporation might escape liability for an infraction of the law by the contention that there was no formal direction or authority—6365.

On section 16—Moves substitution for clause 10—6366. This proposition is that any railway that is not now prohibited by

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a provincial law is not to be affected by this legislation—6367. The intention is to simply enact that this legislation shall not affect the street railways one way or another—6369.

On section 17—The hon. gentleman (Mr. Gervais) ought to favour us with some explanation why the period should be so greatly shortened. Moves that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. If there is any legislation in the province respecting the observance of the Lord's day it will not be affected by this measure—6371.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—6292.

On section 11—Under the existing state of things the Jews are not allowed to work on Sundays, but if this law be passed there is nothing to prevent them making their Christian employees work on that day; moves that section 11 of the said Bill be struck out—6293.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6251.

On section 9—Will shooting at a target on the Sabbath be unlawful under this Bill? —6251.

On section 11—The House should accept what has been done by one of the committees—6303.

Beauparlant, A. M. (St. Hyacinthe)—6249.

On section 9—The clause as it reads surely does not allow shooting, because it forbids shooting at anything at all—6249. Moves that the word 'inanimate' be added between the word 'other' and the word 'object'; quotes 'Bouvier's Law Dictionary' volume 2, page 531—6250.

Bickerdike, Robt. (St. Lawrence, Montreal) —6285.

On section 11—All we ask is that every person in this country shall observe one day in the week—6285. Why should we not grant to the Jews that which we would certainly ask of them if our positions were reversed—6286. I am glad to accept the amendment of the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa)—6287.

Blain, R. (Peel)—6304.

On section 11—I am in favour of striking out of this Bill, clause 11, and everything pertaining thereto—6304.

Bole, D. (Winnipeg)—6275.

The New York Sunday newspapers are a record of social scandal, dirt and filth quite unfitted to be admitted into a Canadian home; clause should remain—6275.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6252.

On section 9—Would it not be desirable to make this clause a little more comprehensive—6252. I deprecate absolutely every criticism made on the members of Lord's Day Alliance who are promoting this measure—6254. Moves amendment—6268. Suggests changes in the amend-

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ment of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth)—6271.

On section 11—Quotes clause 11 as reported by committee—6337. Quotes clause 2 of Bill; there is a very wide diversity of opinion between the various members of cabinet on clause 11—6338. The amendment of the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) is very wide in its terms, and goes much beyond the necessity of the case; I will vote against it—6339.

On section 16—The section simply amounts to this: Where any street railway is subject to the legislative authority of any province, this Act does not interfere with its running—6368.

On section 17—What Acts are intended to be referred to in the amendment to section 17?—6370.

Bourassa, H. (Labelle)—6256.

On section 9—Shooting at game on Sunday is no more in accordance with the worship which characterizes the Sabbath than is shooting at a mark—6256. The principle of the Bill is wholly out of accord with British institutions—6257. In this Bill you are interfering with the individual liberty of every citizen of this country without his knowing it—6258. Quotes newspaper organ of the Lord's Day Alliance; so far we have no explanation as to the exact meaning of clause 2, what it will permit or what it will prohibit—6259-60.

On section 10—Reads letter from W. J. Moody, manager King Edward hotel news stand, Toronto—6274. If Sunday newspapers are immoral they will demoralize the people on Monday just as much as they will on Sunday—6277.

On section 11—Moves amendment—6281. This will protect the Jew who is faithful to his religion, but not the Jew who sells or trades on Saturday—6282-3. This amendment does not prevent any Jew from working on Saturday—6331.

Under the clause as framed you empower the Jewish employer to keep his establishment open for seven days and to carry on his business with Christian labour on Saturday and with Jewish labour on Sunday—6351. By my amendment the only man who will be allowed to work on Sunday is the man who, for reason of conscience, habitually and invariably observes any other day—6352. In this country you must be prepared in any legislation of this kind to accept exceptions—6353-4.

On section 15—How is it that the word 'permits' appears in clause 15?—6365.

On section 16—Could the provincial authorities or municipal authorities after this Bill is passed, authorize tramways to run on Sundays—6366.

Bristol, E. (Centre Toronto)—6298.

On section 11—The basic principle of this Bill was intended to provide one day of rest in the week—6288. Should the various peoples that make up our nation have their rights of conscience disregarded if they submit their case for our considera-

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tion—6299. Have we the right, when legislating in a matter of health, to compel a Jew to commit a crime against God, in order that he may avoid committing a crime against man; quotes Lord Beaconsfield—6300. It is not necessary that we should go outside what the committee has done and amend this clause—6301. Does not the section as it stands prevent anybody working in the fields if any Christians object?—6316.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—6271.

On section 9—Calls the attention of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) to a possible misinterpretation of the clause with the rider which he proposes to add to it—6271.

On section 11—Is there not a law on the statutes of Ontario at the present time prohibiting all classes of labour on the Sabbath day, and does it allow Jews to labour on the Sabbath day?—6288. There is only room in this country for one Sabbath.—6363.

Clarke, A. H. (South Essex)—6367.

On section 16—Would submit that after the words 'company incorporated' you should insert 'by or being under the authority of the Dominion of Canada'—6367. If this clause be made applicable to all railways under the authority of this parliament those exceptions of the Provincial Act would not apply; moves amendment—6369.

Conmee, J. (Rainy River)—6301.

On section 11—I hope that the committee will not come to the conclusion that the principle laid down by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) respecting this particular clause should prevail—6301. All the important religious denominations have agreed to this Bill; therefore they have agreed to this clause—6302.

On section 16—There is a general provision of the Ontario law which prohibits railways from operating on the Lord's day—6369.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—6346.,

On section 11—As between Christian and Hebrew I should feel inclined to look after the interest of the Christian—6347. The hon. Minister of Justice when he introduced this Bill stated that it was not to increase the religious observance of the people but to give twenty-four hours' rest to everybody—6347.

On section 16—The amendment of the Minister of Justice will allow any railway that is now operating to continue its operation, until and unless the province should permit it by statute—6362.

Demers, L. P. (St. John and Iberville)—6352.

On section 11—On Sunday what is to prevent your Christian from working?—6352. Quotes section 11—6354. Quotes amendment of hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa)—6355. Under the clause submitted by my hon. friend (Mr. Bourassa)

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a Jewish proprietor may cause his Christion employees to work on a Sunday—6356.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—6262.

On section 9—The hon gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) can only discuss the principle with the consent of the committee—6262. I cannot allow a discussion except on the clause now under consideration—6263. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Maclean) must confine himself to clause 9?—6265.

On section 11—Quotes 'Bourinot'. The motion of the member for Dufferin (Mr. Barr) is simply a negation and therefore is out of order—6350.

Devlin, E. (Wright)—6308.

On section 11—I propose supporting clause 11 because there is a principle involved—6308.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—6350.

On section 11—I rise to the point of order, that the amendment of the hon. member for Dufferin (Mr. Barr) being a mere negative of the main motion, it is out of order—6350.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6312.

On section 11—Quotes substitute section; while we should endeavour to have our own views observed as far as possible, we should also endeavour to have regard for the views of others—6213. If a Jew works in an inclosed building, free from public observation, as he harms nobody, I would give him the benefit of the Act—6314. As the clause stands to-day a Jew may abstain himself from work on Saturday and then open his factory on Sunday and fill it with Christian workmen—6315. This being a Christian country we ought to endeavour in a Chritian spirit to meet the conscientious convictions of those who do not quite see as we do—6316. Makes explanation of previous remarks—6327-8. Any class of people who for conscience sake keep one day of the week habitually according to custom of their church, should not be prosecuted for work done on Sunday—6360. If work is done in an enclosed building there is nothing to interfere with the community—6361. Moves amendment—6362.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—6343.

On section 11—In section 11, provision is made for those in whose case the object sought is obtained by the observance of the seventh day of the week instead of the first day of the week as a day of rest; prefers the section of the Bill to amendment of the member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa)—6343. The section applies only to those who actually fulfil the objects of the Act; shall vote for the retaining of section—6345. Moves the adoption of the clause as put—6350.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6341.

On section 11—We must give the Christian labourer just as much credit for a conscience in this matter as a Jewish labourer; both amendments absolutely compel the Christian worker who is employed by the Jew to lose two days out of the week instead of one—6342. This proposed amended legislation would be a rank injustice to labour in the conditions which actually prevail—6343.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—6256.

On section 9—The object in drafting this section was simply to prevent the practice of target shooting; should adopt the amendment of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth)—6256. I suggest that we add words at the end of this section making it clear that it shall not apply to hunting for game—6261-2.

On section 11—If it is a matter of conscience that the Jews should not themselves work on Saturday it should be equally a matter of conscience that their shops should be open on Saturday—6348.

Ganong, G. W. (Charlotte)—6329.

On section 11—The suggestion of the Minister of Finance means that the Jewish factories, which run on Saturday will also have the right to run on Sunday—6330. We as a Christian country should have a right to say that laws relating to the Sabbath should be observed by every class of citizens—6331.

German, W. M. (Welland)—6274.

On section 10—I think that clause should not be in the Bill—6275.

Gervais, H. (St. James, Montreal)—6356.

On section 11—Clause 11 is about the only good feature which can be found in this Bill—6356. Quotes section 10, chapter 20, of the consolidated statutes of Lower Canada—6357. The privileges granted to the Jewish creed in 1829 have never been repealed and are still in existence in the province of Quebec.

On section 15—What about the limitation of action?—6365.

On section 17—As this law is bound to interfere pretty much with the liberty of the subject a very short limitation should be enacted—6370.

Hughes, S. (Victoria)—6252.

On section 9—What reason has the government for allowing duck hunting and deer hunting and partridge hunting?—6252. Can the right hon. gentleman (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) give an instance in Canada where target shooting has been indulged in on the Sabbath day?—6254. If the government had decided that there should be one day's rest out of seven, that would have met the wishes of the majority of the people—6267-8.

On section 16—Why is this exception made—6366. This section should be limited—6368.

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Kennedy, J. B. (New Westminster)—6291.

On section 11—If we are going to accomplish any good by this Act it must be a uniform Act—6291. I am thoroughly against the sentiment of this clause—6292.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6261.

On section 9—Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Galliher) realize that in the amendment he proposes he would deliberately permit people to hunt game for gain on Sunday?—6261.

On section 11—Would not this amendment have the effect of causing Christian people to lose respect for the law?—6316. We would weaken the Bill and make it practically impossible of enforcement if we pass section 11, either as printed or as now suggested—6329.

On section 16—Do railway lines not become incorporated by the Dominion when they are declared to be for the general advantage of Canada?—6367.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—6254.

On section 9—The object is to prevent the shooting at targets because that may be an interference with divine worship—6254. This Bill has been approved in principle by everybody in this House—6255.

On section 11—So far as my convictions go they are certainly in favour of the minority this clause seeks to protect; quotes section 11—6311-2.

Lavergne, A. (Montmagny)—6251.

On section9—The principle of this Bill is to prevent any work being done on Sunday for which a fee is paid—6251. When the Bill was first discussed in committee it was argued that we could discuss the principle of the Bill—6263.

On section 10—I do not see why papers which are admitted by the Customs and Post Office Departments should be forbidden to readers on the day after they are published—6275.

On section 11—By this clause the whole province of Quebec is deprived of legitimate amusements and the Jewish community is allowed to violate the very principle of the Bill and to work on Sunday—6296. Quotes 'Lord's Day Alliance Advocate'; clause 11 is the only one in the Bill which gives any evidence of a liberal spirit—6297.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Postmaster General)—6334.

On section 11—The principle involved in the amendment presented by the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) is one which is not only Christian in scope but is pre-eminently Canadian and essentially liberal—6334-5.

Lewis, E. N. (West Huron)—6350.

On section 11—I am going to stand by the former and vote against the amendment—6350.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—6277.

On section 10—I cannot see what objection there can be to allowing citizens to buy

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on Sunday a newspaper which the Postmaster General allows to pass through the mail on Sunday morning—6278.

On section 11—The case as submitted by the Jews themselves is practically embodied in this section of the Bill—6287. There is no special provision to-day in the province of Ontario which prevents Jews from doing business on Sunday—6288. This clause in the Bill was drafted after consulting both the English Workshops Act, and the statutes of the various states of the American Union—6289. This clause has been well considered and is ample enough to carry out the objects intended to be carried out by it—6290-1.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6254.

On section 9—The minister (Mr. Aylesworth) did give a reason and offered to put it in the Bill and that was to prevent noise that would interrupt church service—6254. While I am in favour of some reasonable regulation of the Lord's Day, I think this measure is uncalled for—6262. The Prime Minister deliberately referred to the principle of the Bill—6263. A conference should have been called between the federal authority and the different provinces to have discussed thoroughly this question. The British North America Act can be amended; it has been amended in the past—6244. There is not a provincial legislature that cannot frame a Sabbath Observance Bill that will secure a proper observance of the Sabbath—6265-6.

On section 11—The Jews have conscientious scruples in regard to this matter, and I for one shall respect these conscientious scruples—6310.

Macpherson, R. G. Vancouver)—6278.

On section 10—Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Macdonell) object to the publication of Canadian newspapers on Sunday?—6278.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—6340.

On section 11—In the amendment offered by the member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) he offers to the Jews, just that class of privilege which he himself feels he is not getting; the Jew, if he refrains from work on his day of rest, may enjoy all amusements on his Sabbath—6340.

McKenzie, P. H. (South Bruce)—6345.

On section 11—It is not well to ask those who desire to observe the Sabbath day that they should become informers against their neighbours who might trespass against this law—6345.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—6279.

On section 10—Quotes resolution passed by the Canadian Press Association against the circulation of Sunday newspapers in Canada—6279.

On section 11—We have no precedent for placing in this Act any such clause as section 11; the last census of 1901 shows there were only 16,401 Jews in the whole Dominion of Canada—6304. When we are legislating for the common weal our in-

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dividual sympathies ought not to be allowed to weigh against public interests—6305. The clergymen of the various denominations are not in favour of any such principle as we have in section 11—6306. This clause will disjoint the whole machinery of the Lord's Day Bill, and will not add to the reputation of Canada as a nation noted for its respect for the Sabbath day—6307.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6262.

On section 9—Rises to point of order; hon. friend (Mr. W. F. Maclean) cannot discuss the principle of the Bill—6262. If we could legislate so as to prevent disturbance in the vicinity of churches I would approve of it—6267.

On section 11—I am favourable to this exception of the Jews because it is a step in the direction of civil and religious liberty—6308.

Parmelee, C. (Shefford)—6349.

On section 11—Is pleased with clause 11 as it stands; is not pleased with any of the amendments. The full meaning of religious liberty is that it does not carry any civil or financial disability—6349-50.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—6335.

On section 11—This Bill says that you shall rest on Sunday; it does not say that you shall not rest on any other day you choose—6336.

Piché, C. (St. Mary's, Montreal)—6307.

On section 11—There should be no doubt about this clause as it is the only clause which came from the committee itself—6307.

On section 17—Moves that all words after 'affect' be struck out and certain words substituted therefor—6370.

Ross, D. (Yale-Cariboo)—6276.

On section 10—If no Sunday morning newspapers are to be published in Canada, then, to be consistent, no American newspapers must be sold in this country on Sunday—6276.

Schaffner, F. L. (Souris)—6336.

On section 11—The principle of the Bill is all right; but it is impossible to have a Lord's day Bill enacted in this federal parliament—6336. The people of Manitoba do not want any game or work to be carried on on Sunday; I am opposed to section 11—6337.

Smith, Geo. (North Oxford)—6283.

On section 11—99 per cent of the electors of North Oxford are in favour of this Bill—6283. Quotes Sir Henry Maine; this clause is not in accord with that great principle, the greatest good to the greatest number—6284. I am strongly supporting this Bill and only opposing this one section of it—6285.

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Smith, R. (Nanaimo)—6289.

On section 11—What are the provisions of the English Workshops Act?—6289. The privilege given to the Jews will have a tendency to give them a commercial advantage over their Christian competitors in the same businesss; 75 or 80 per cent of Jewish employers work both Saturday and Sunday—6332. The operations of the Jews in London, England, have more than anything to do with Sabbath desecration—6333.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6345.

On section 11—If this amendment of the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) passed, what would you be required to do if you wished to prosecute any one for an infraction of the Lord's Day Act?—6345-6.

Verville, A. (Maisonneuve)—6279.

On section 10—Why should you allow foreign papers to come to Canada and be sold for the benefit of certain classes of the community?—6279.

On section 14—There is always some way of evading the law; moves for insertion of word 'permits'—6365.

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Mr. Piché's amendment agreed to, and section as amended agreed to—6556.

On section 2—Mr. Aylesworth moves that section 2 be reconsidered. Motion agreed to. Mr. Aylesworth moves to amend section 2. Amendment agreed to—6557. Mr. Piché moves to amend section 2—6559. Mr. A. Lavergne moves to amend section—6560. Amendment (Mr. A. Lavergne) negatived—6590. Mr. Piché's amendment agreed to, and section as amended agreed to—6602.

Alcorn, G. A. (Prince Edward)—6555.

Do I understand the Minister of Justice to say that the section will retain the third line and the following lines?—6555. The effect of the amendment as moved is to strike out the whole of the rest of the section, and I think it would not be proper to leave it in that shape—6556.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—6555.

I should like to have clause 17 taken up, with a view to limiting the words which are to be struck out by the amendment of Mr. Piché—6555. He has just explained that his intention was to strike out all the words in the second line after the word 'affect'—6556. Do I understand that the words 'or for gain' were inserted with intent?

On section 2—I propose that the word 'or,' where it occurs the second time, be struck out—6557. This section 2 expressly excepts from its operation matters provided herein—6561. It is impossible to deal with every concrete case that may be suggest-

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ed. There was no consciousness of any change of views or ideas in the remarks which I made on a previous occasion—6562. The whole scope of this legislation has been devised in a spirit of concession—6563.

On section 3, subsection (d)—The clause is one which creates an exception; it is framed in a way to detail what things shall be, among others, works of necessity—6602. Employer and labourer ought to arrange to do their work of repairs, which are necessary to be done, during the working hours of the week, and not on Sunday—6603. I had supposed that this clause was so plain as to cover the case of an ordinary smelter of iron ore—6604.

Black, J. B. (Hants)—6598.

On section 2—If each province legislated for itself, how would you make legislation in Nova Scotia for the French Catholics of Arichat or St. Mary's?—6598.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6584.

On section 2—Mr. Macdonald's remarks seem to be founded, to a large extent, on a misapprehension of the language of the amendment. Quotes amendment—6584. The language is 'within the exclusive powers of the provincial legislature,' and thus it deals only with what is already provided for—6585. You (Mr. Macdonald) say the effect of this amendment would be this; I am surprised at that—6587. Between the two expressions—6590. In my opinion the amendment effects a very important modification in the Bill—6591. Before dealing with the question of the principle of the Bill we must first understand that which we are about to enact—6593. Quotes section 2 and quotes proposed amendment. The proposed amendment absolutely reverses the position of affairs under the British North America Act—6594. The exceptions are quoted in section 3 of this Bill. Quotes exceptions—6595. The petitions which we have had pouring in upon us to enact this Bill will not receive very much consideration if this amendment is passed —6596. The fault I find with this Bill, as proposed to be amended, is that that part of it which should be federal legislation you are making provincial, and that part which should be provincial legislation you are making federal—6597. So far as ensuring a day of rest in this country is concerned, that is subject to federal legislation; the powers of the provinces could be so enlarged as to deal with the question of recreation and amusement—6598. Inthe province of Nova Scotia, where I come from, these matters touching the religious convictions of the people are dealt with in such a way as to be fairly satisfactory—6599. The jurisdiction with regard to transportation has been almost altogether assumed by the federal parliament—6600.

Chisholm, Thos. (East Huron)—6571.

On section 2—A principle that Messrs. Cockshutt and Bourassa could adopt

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would be a broad principle, and it should have been included in the Bill—6571. My opinion is that we must have a certain amount of local elasticity in this Bill—6572. We may break the laws of the land and avoid detection, but if we break the laws of nature there is no way to escape, we must pay the penalty—6573. A strict observance of the Sabbath is not only a religious but a physical necessity —6574. I think the Bill should be redrafted; it is at present badly drafted and incongruous—6575.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—6604.

On section 3, subsection (d)—One of the great reasons for running the smelters is to enable the work to go on for the six days in the week—6604. And these few men might work for not more than a few hours—6607.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—6556.

The words 'or for gain' were put in to provide against any one doing on the Lord's day work for gain which was not his ordinary calling—6556.

Demers, L. P. (St. John-Iberville)—6585.

On section 2—I believe that in this case we should follow the example set us by the imperial parliament in the case of the Merchants' Shipping Act—6585. I do not see that any great evil would follow if Quebec should keep some of our customs, if it be the will of our local parliament—6586.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—6556.

Mr. Piché's amendment will read as follows—6556.

On section 2—Hon. members had better confine themselves to the point under discussion. That is not a point of order —6556.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —6607.

On section 3, subsection (d)—It has occurred to me that one way of getting over the difficulty might be to permit a small percentage—such percentage as will be necessary to do repair work—6607.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6606.

On section 3, subsection (d)—As long as we are going through the motion of legislating, let us do it with some degree of regularity—6606. What reasonableness is there in the argument that you shall not allow three or four men to work on Sunday in order that all the other men may have their full six days of work?—6607

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—6603.

On section 3, subsection (d)—I am in doubt whether, if you strike out the last two lines, as is proposed to be done, we could operate smelters under this—6603. You will confine the injury to the product simply to the quality of the product or to the plant itself—6604.

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Gervais, Honoré (St. James, Montreal)—6565.

On section 2—The effect of this amendment may be such as to reconcile me, to some extent, to the obnoxious features of this measure—6566. Quotes B.N.A. Act; quotes Hodges vs. the Queen. Many people in Canada are not very fond of the decisions which have been handed out for several years by the Privy Council of England, especially on constitutional cases—6567. Such a capricious decree would amount to an abuse of the power of parliament, but it has such power, if it chooses to exercise it—6568. With the amendment which gives to each province the power to provide a complete remedy, I am willing to accept clause 2—6569. It is preposterous for the central authorities of any country to legislate in regard to public morals—that is, in reference to local usages, habits and customs—6570. Sabbath day observance is a matter of police regulation which properly comes under the control of the local, the provincial or the municipal authority—6571. Is it not true that under this amendment, the Quebec law relating to joint stock companies must be amended so as to enable a company publishing a newspaper to publish that paper on Sunday?—6576.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—6606.

On section 3, subsection (d)—This clause is only to be enforced until the legislatures of the provinces choose to legislate upon the subject—6606.

Johnston, Alex. (Cape Breton)—6605.

On section 3, subsection (d)—It is going to entail a great hardship on a large portion of the people of this country if certain works, which perhaps may not be regarded as works of necessity, are not permitted on the Lord's day—6605. It is scarcely fair at the present time to come forward and suggest that this clause should be so materially altered as is proposed by the Minister of Justice—6606.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—6600.

On section 2—It is impossible to leave these matters altogether to the provinces; therefore we have to act in this parliament—6600. The more the amendment is looked into, the more wise it will be seen to be, as it will enable each province to meet the popular wish—6601.

Lavergne, Armand (Montmagny)—6556.

I think it would be necessary to amend the whole clause—6556.

On section 2—I think that clause 2, as it is now worded, is in a much more acceptable shape—6559. Moves that clause 2 be amended by striking out the words 'heretofore passed' and adding the following thereto,' now or hereafter in force'—6560. A carter could not hire out his services because he would be doing work for gain, but, according to clause 3, he could hire his horse or his carriage—6561. Would the case of a carter, merely

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hiring his services for pleasure and amusement, to drive a family into town, fall under subclause 7?—6562. When, in 1867, the Dominion was established, was it not given sovereign power?—6569. A charter given to a company by the provincial legislature to publish a newspaper is not a public act—6575. A great portion of the country is up in arms against this very Bill, and I do not think this Bill is going to satisfy the people at all—6576. Is my hon. friend's (Mr. E. M. Macdonald) contention that if parliament declares a certain thing to be a criminal offence, it can then say to the legislature that it may make it not a criminal offence?—6578. I said I would vote for it—6579. There have been no incendiary appeals made by me in Quebec province, or anywhere else—6583. Notwithstanding what my hon. friend— (Mr. Macdonald) has said, I think I have the right to express the views of the province of Quebec—6586. This Bill goes against traditional customs which have prevailed in Quebec for 200 years—6587.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—6577.

On section 2—Concurrent jurisdiction exists between parliament and the legislatures on a great many subjects that are referred to in the B. N. A. Act—6577. These things which are permitted by these provincial Acts we except from the class of things which we declare to be crimes in this Bill—6578. Quotes decision in King vs. Mason, 17 Ont., A.R., 221, and page 480 of Clements—6579. Quotes 'Canadian Law Times'—6580. It seems to me that the amendment of Mr. Piché is a very reasonable one, and should be supported by Mr. Chisholm (Huron) if he really desires elasticity in the Lord's Day Bill—6581. The duty of dealing with this question was thrown on this parliament by the decision of the Privy Council—6582. I represent a constituency that wants this Bill, and knows what it wants. Perhaps I should not use the word 'incendiary'—6583. The basic principle that we should have a national day of rest from Vancouver to Sydney is a principle that this House will stand for—6584. He should try to find out what was actually done in Nova Scotia a week or so ago before he undertakes to talk about these matters—6587. Would my hon. friend (Mr. Borden) consider the question of transportation as a matter that would need to be dealt with by the federal parliament?—6600.

On section 3, subsection (d)—It was the opinion of the committee that the case of a smelting furnace was sufficiently covered by the first portion of this section as it originally stood—6605.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—6580.

On section 2—Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Macdonald) contend the provinces can, as they please, either add to or take away from the provisions of the Bill?—6580. The Bill has not pleased all sections of

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this House or of this country—6588. Quotes head note of case which bears out judgment of Lord Chancellor. You would have as many Sunday laws in this country as provinces—6589. I did not desire to convey the impression that the people of Ontario were satisfied with the Bill—6602.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6564.

On section 2—I fail to find that relief which I would like to find in the amendment, if I understand it properly ; it safeguards nothing—6564. To give us relief we must go as far as the amendment of the hon. member for Montmagny (Mr. Lavergne) requires—6565. I present the difficulties, not with the object of retarding the progress of the Bill, but simply so that when we finish it, we may know exactly where we stand—6566.

Piché, Camille (St. Mary's, Montreal)—6555.

It is specially proposed in that motion that clause 17 be amended by replacing all the words after the word 'affect' in the second line by the following—6555. The words 'or for gain' were put in with intention, but I think the intention is carried too far—6556. Ministerial statements have been made to the House which throw a new light on the Bill. Quotes Minister of Justice—6557. Quotes Mr. Monk. I do not see why this parliament should engage in shutting for ever the door against the provincial legislatures dealing with this matter—6558. Moves to amend—6559. The member for Montmagny (Mr. A. Lavergne) is not in order—6560. The intention of the amendment is not to leave the legislature free to handle this Bill just as they please—6580. When clause 7 passes through the committee, then I will be in a position to state what I think of it—6581. I am pleased to point out that there is not one member opposed to the principle of the amendment—against its aim and object—6590.

Ross, Duncan (Yale-Cariboo)—6565.

On section 2—Does Mr. Monk argue that this parliament can give power to the provincial legislature which it does not possess?—6565. Could the hon. gentleman (Mr. Macdonald) tell us what right there is in the provincial legislature, by reason of the decision of the Privy Council, to enact Sunday legislation?—6580.

On section 3, subsection (d)—Take the case of a reduction works, where there is a chemical process that does not include fires—6603.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and County)—6578.

On section 2—I would like to ask the Minister of Justice if he is of opinion that this parliament, exercising the power that it has under section 91 of the B. N. A. Act, can delegate that power to be exercised by a provincial legislature?—6577. I think the Minister of Justice will not say that—6578. Where is that reported?—6579. Which might be called the overlapping clause?—6585.

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Taylor, George (Leeds)—6581.

On section 2—Will my hon. friend (Mr. Macdonald) name that statute? We had no province of Ontario before confederation—6581. The statute my hon. friend refers to, I understand, was declared by the Privy Council to be ultra vires—6582. I understood Mr. Macdonald to say that clause 5 only prohibited playing games throughout the Dominion where a prize or reward was offered—6587.

House in committee on Bill (12) respecting the Lord's Day—6619.

On section 3, subsection (d)—Mr. Aylesworth moves to amend by striking out three last lines after 'process'—6619. Motion agreed to : yeas, 37; nays, 27—6628. Subsection agreed to—6631.

On subsection (d) 2—Mr. Aylesworth moves to amend subsection—6631. Subsection as amended agreed to—6632.

On subsection (k)—Mr. Pardee moves to amend—6633. Amendment withdrawn—6639. Mr. Duncan Ross moves to amend—6639. Amendment withdrawn—6640.

On subsection (n)—Mr. Aylesworth moves to amend. Amendment agreed to—6643.

On subsection (r)—Mr. Templeman moves that subsection (o) be reconsidered. Motion agreed to—6644.

On subsection (o) reconsidered—Mr. Templeman moves that the word 'six' be substituted for 'eight.' Motion agreed to—6652. Mr. Bennett moves to amend—6644. Motion withdrawn—6647. Mr. Hyman moves to amend—6650. Amendment agreed to 6652. Mr. Aylesworth moves to amend with regard to work done in public service. Amendment agreed to—6652. Mr. Aylesworth moves to add as next section, any unavoidable work by fishermen after 6 o'clock on Sunday—6652.

On section 3, generally—Mr. Bureau moves to amend in reference to driving and towing of logs and timber—6655. Amendment negatived—6657.

Mr. Béland moves amendment in reference to making maple sugar—6657. Amendment agreed to—6659.

Mr. Bickerdike moves amendment in reference to the Jews—6659. Amendment ruled out of order—6660.

On section 4—Mr. Aylesworth moves to amend—6660.

On section 7—Mr. Aylesworth moves to amend—6663. Section agreed to—6674.

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Alcorn, G. A. (Prince Edward)—6638.

On subsection (k)—In the fall of the year there is the greatest necessity for the utmost facility in loading and unloading grain and coal—6638.

On subsection (n)—There are as many autoboats now as there are rowboats—6643.

On subsection (o)—Would the minister (Mr. Hyman) object to add the words 'or coal' to that amendment?—6651. Would it not be proper to add 'or other products of the sea'? Crustacæ are not fish, are they?—6653.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —6619.

On section 3, subsection (d)—Moves to amend—6619. As I understand the operation, it would seem to me that smelting was sufficiently protected by the first half of the section—6622. If the industry is one of which the product, plant or property would be seriously injured by the cessation of the work on the Sabbath it would come under the first part of the clause—6626. I was not able to understand how there could be injury to the process or method. I have no objection —6629. I propose an amendment to (d) 2 —6631. I think that would cover the case of quartz blasting where there was rock that would have to be knocked down if it endangered life—6632.

On section 3, subsection (k)—It relates, as it is expressed, to the loading, unloading and operating of freight carrying vessels—9633. I think it would be entirely anomalous to put the control of shipping into the hands of the Board of Railway Commissioners—9634. How far does the Yukon shipping go?—6635. What Mr. Bennett describes would seems to be permissible by this clause, if it were amended by inserting the words, 'and vessels plying on the great lakes'—6636. I do not think there is any provision which would permit the loading or unloading of Lake vessels on Sunday in the middle of the summer—6640.

On subsection (n)—Moves to amend—I am proposing, when we reach section 4, an amendment which will meet the objection suggested—6641. I see nothing in the section which limits the personal use to the use of the individual who hires the rig alone—6642. It has been suggested by some to substitute the word 'small' for the words 'rowing or sailing'; I have no objection—6643.

On subsection (r)—A street railway that runs in connection with a ferry, though it might be international, would come under one or the other of the two classes of railways—6643. This clause was intended to cover the case of the Ottawa Street Railway, and the other one between Buffalo and Niagara Falls—6644. I would suggest for the consideration of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) whether in view of the language of subsection (k), he will find any amendment such as he is proposing, necessary—6645. We have thought that these interests could, without danger or injury, be committed to the care of the Board of Railway Commissioners—6646. It

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is only the question of loading a boat on Sunday that is under consideration—6647. If you have any confidence in the Board at all why not let them deal with this question as with any other that comes before them—6648. I had not noticed the word 'unanimous' or, at least, I had not it in mind when I spoke; I am proposing the clause without that word—6649. The intention was that a matter of that sort would be covered by clause (u) and be made a subject of application to the Board of Railway Commissioners—6651.

Moves to amend next subclause as follows: Work done by any person in the public service of His Majesty, while acting therein under any regulation of any department of the government—6652.

Moves to amend next subsection—This is intended to meet the case of the river and ocean fishermen on the Pacific coast, as well as in the gulf and on the Atlantic—6652. It seems to me an extraordinary provision to allow unavoidable work in the taking of fish—6653. Moves to strike out unanimously in subclause (u)—6654. It leaves it to the majority, and the Board consists of the three—6655.

On Mr. Beland's motion to amend section 3—I have made a good deal of maple sugar and there is no necessity for a continuous process in connection with it—6658.

On section 4—Moves proposed clause—6660. It does not include domestic servants or farm labourers—6661. The words 'other than employees' ought not to be there. In copying from the draft these words have gone in by mistake—6662.

On section 7—Proposes substitute for clause 5—6663. We can see no reason why, if we are prohibiting secular performances for money on Sunday, we should not also prohibit the religious performance at Grimsby Park—6664. I have only to say that I think religion and religious services on the Lord's Day ought to be free —6670. I announced the intention of postponing for a reasonable time the coming of the Act into force, and it is a question of what a reasonable time is—6674.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—6660.

On Mr. Bickerdike's proposed section—I ask your ruling, Mr. Chairman, as to whether that is in order—6660.

On section 4—I think so far as the Methodist conference is concerned, they do not desire any exception to be made of Grimsby Park—6670. It does not include farm labourers?—6661.

On section 7—If this is a good law why should we not get the benefit of it at once?—6675.

Beland, H. S. (Beauce)—6657.

On section 3—Moves to amend with regard to making maple sugar—6657. If this amendment was not carried it would entail a serious loss to the farmers of this country—6658. In my district they gather the sap twice a day when the temperature is propitious—6659.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6620.

On section 3, subsection (d)—If the two last lines and part of the preceding line are taken out, as proposed, it might be a question then whether or not the ordinary work of a smelter could be continued on the Sabbath—6620. At Midland everything is done by the smelter management to minimize Sabbath labour—6621. If the last three lines are stricken out of the clause, can the necessary operations around a smelter be conducted on Sunday ?—6622.

On section 3, subsection (k)—If the clause suggested by Mr. Pardee is adopted, it will be unnecessary to have clause (s) in the Bill—6635. This being so, I object to making subclause (k) apply to the upper lakes—6636. As the Bill stands, at no time of the year can grain vessels be loaded or unloaded on the Sabbath—6640. I understood there was an understanding that this Bill would include a clause suitable to the case of the Lake Carrier Association—6641.

On subsection (o)—Moves to amend—6644. On the 15th of September on the great lakes there would be no danger of the vessel being stopped by the closing of navigation—6645. Withdraws motion—6647. I object to clause (k) going in in its present shape, because that would permit vessels to be loaded and unloaded on Sunday—6650. That is a rather serious matter to vessels going up in the fall of the year with coal and coming back with grain—6651.

On section 4—Perhaps a man might contract not to avail himself of the statute —6663.

Bickerdike, R. (St. Lawrence, Montreal)—6659.

Proposed new section—I have brought in a new amendment stating that those who keep the fourth commandment shall be exempt from the requirement of closing their places of business on Sunday—6659. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Barr) will allow the amendment to be read he will find that it is entirely in order—6660.

Bole, Duncan (Winnipeg)—6641.

On subsection (n)—Reading this subsection in connection with section 4, it would be observed that the drivers would be entitled to a day off during the following six days—6641.

On subsection (o)—I think it would be better to let (s) stand as it is—6644.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6628.

On section 3, subsection (d)—Would it not be proper to add ' or industrial process ', in order to make it conform with what has precedd it ?—6628.

On section 3, (generally)—Any person can lay an information, even with the law as it stands at present—6657. You are getting together a number of exceptions which, when you come to look at them in the end, will be the greatest jumble that any person could possibly imagine—6658. If you go into matters of this minute character are you not going to have

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so much of detail that you will not know where to stop?—6659.

On section 4—That would include the case of domestic servants, while it would leave without any day of rest at all every one engaged in transportation or in any industrial process—6662. Of course that error will explain the difficulty—6663.

On section 7—What do you intend by the expression ' public game '?—6664. I was somewhat doubtful at first as to whether or not Grimsby park would be included in the prohibitions of this section ; unless a religious service is considered a performance or a public meeting there is no prohibition—6672. You can open this or any other park on Sunday and charge any fee you like for the admission of the general public to it provided you do not hold a religious service inside—6673. Why is the 1st of March selected? It is very obvious that it is to enable the provincial legislatures to do away with it before it comes into operation—6675. I suppose this Bill will be reprinted before the third reading ; the Bill is largely cut up, as the Prime Minister is aware —6676.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—6655.

On section 3—Moves an amendment in reference to driving logs and timber. How are you going to control the elements? —6655. It is a work of absolute necessity—6656. We have been doing for the last 200 years in the province of Quebec a good many things that would not come under the description of works of necessity—6658.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—6629.

On section 3, subsection (d)—That applies with a great deal more force to iron smelters then to copper smelters—6629. I agree with the remarks of Mr. Macdonald, but I do not think that any words that have been suggested will meet the case—6630. Moves an amendment under a new letter—6631. That, (amendment of Mr. Aylesworth) satisfies me, as I understand it and I withdraw my motion—6632.

On section 3, subsection (k)—Would Mr. Pardee not consider that boats should be included in the last section, the same as trains?—6633. No man who charters a vessel after this law is passed will under such conditions do so without extra charge—6638. I will second that (Mr. Ross' amendment) if the hon. gentleman will make it apply to the great lakes—6639. I would like some one to explain when danger of the close of navigation commences—6640.

On subsection (r)—There is one such ferry at Sault Ste. Marie where, if you stop the railway, you stop the ferry—6643.

On subsection (o)—As clause (s) now stands would it include a vessel?—6644. No vessel owner will charter his vessel for the same price if he has to take the chance of having the boat ' hung up ' for 24 hours—6647. If you have any confidence in the board why not let them deal with

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this question as with any other that comes before them?—6648.

On clause 7—What has become of clause 16?

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—6660.

On Mr. Bickerdike's proposed section—I consider it is out of order, because it would be asking the committee to reverse the judgment it has come to—6660.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —6656.

On section 3—I do not think this (Mr. Bureau's) amendment is really necessary except in rare cases—6656. 'Works of necessity and mercy,' if they won't cover the case of fire, what in the name of heaven will they cover?—6657.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —6641.

On subsection (n)—Say pleasure boats—6641.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—6623.

On section 5, subsection (d)—What about the rest of the work connected with the getting away with the slag and the matter?—6623. There must be practically continuous smelting—6624. Where blasting has been going on in a quartz mine, on Sunday, a number of men are employed to test the hanging wall—6631.

Gervais, Honoré (St. James, Montreal)—6642.

On subsection (n)—Does that clause prevent any cabman from standing at a fixed price? Will it abolish cabstands?—6642. What about the auto?—6643.

On section 7—Moves: 'That this Act shall not come into force before the first day of March, 1907—6674. The longer away the day the better for the people at large; I am in favour of fixing the 1st of May—6674.

Henderson, David (Halton)—6629.

On section 3, subsection (d)—The last words of Mr. Duncan Ross put a different appearance on this question—6629. We are not here to legislate to permit any man to operate his plant for seven days in the week purely to make money—6630.

On section 3, subsection (k)—I feel sure that there is really no need for extending the privilege to inland navigation along the lines that Mr. Pardee has indicated—6633. I do not think we can admit any legislation on behalf of one province to the exclusion of others—6639.

On subsection (n)—Is it fair that you should permit a married man to take his wife out to drive, but prohibit a young fellow from taking his best girl, as we know is frequently done?—6642.

On Mr. Bureau's amendment—We should not be asked to declare something to be a work of necessity and mercy, which we do not believe at all—6655. I think what Mr. Bureau wants is covered by subsection (g)—6656.

On Mr. D. Ross' amendment—It has always been the custom when fires break out on Sunday or any day to fight them—6657.

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On Mr. Béland's amendment—Do you not gather your sap on Sunday?—6658.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—6422.

On subsection (n)—Why not say pleasure boats, and prohibit the hiring for the carrying of passengers for a fee?—6642. I do not see why a man should not be allowed to take his family out on a steamer—6643.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6650.

On section 3, subsection (o)—I would suggest that clause (k) be amended by adding to it the words, 'or any grain or ore-carrying vessel after the 15th of September'—6650. It seems to me the word 'coal' might also be inserted in the amendment—6651.

On section 7—Is there anything to prevent them from going to church—6668.

Johnston, Alex. (Cape Breton)—6631.

On section 3, subsection (a)—If this subsection is carried out rigidly, it will mean the enforced idleness of 7,000 or 8,000 men one or two days in the week in my own constituency—6631.

On subsection (d) 2—It is not necessary that these operations should be conducted on Sunday to secure either property, life or health—6632.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—6626.

On section 3, subsection (d)—Would the observations the Minister of Justice made concerning smelters apply to such industries as the beet-root sugar industry?—6626. I am not a lawyer, and I gladly rely on my legal friends in the House to enlighten me in these matters—6627.

On section 3, subsection (k)—How are we going to distinguish between the class of vessels?—6634.

Kennedy, J. B. (New Westminster)—6621.

On section 3, subsection (d)—The necessity for working on the Sabbath very often exists only in the imagination of those who are anxious to make money—6621.

On subsection (o)—The Fraser and the waters of British Columbia are not the only fishing grounds in the Dominion, but they are very important ones—6653. The close season is such that the fishermen must go out at six o'clock on Sunday evening or they cannot compete with their neighbours—6654. It is sometimes necessary to drive logs out of a small stream on Sunday to take advantage of a freshet—6655. But there is a great deal of unnecessary towing done—6656. My experience in maple sugar making is that there is no necessity for Sunday work—6659.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6645.

On subsection (o)—It seems to me that in view of the enormous demand for cars during the short shipping season, it is a great mistake not to allow clause (s) to be reinstated in the Bill—6645. Would

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the transhipping of grain at lake or river ports come within the scope of the Railway Commission under clause (n)?—6652.

On section 4—Will that include domestic servants?—6661.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—**6655.**

On section 3—Why does Mr. Bureau think this is a work of necessity or mercy?—6655. What is the reason sugar making cannot be done on the sixth day of the week?—6658.

On section 7—If the words 'public meeting' are held to include a religious service, I am opposed to this amendment—6664. The Act of parliament of Ontario which incorporated Grimsby Park expressly gave its owners the right to charge an admission fee every day of the week. Quotes letter from Mr. C. M. Grigston—6665. Quotes letter from Rev. Dr. Griffin—6666. Quotes letter from Rev. J. V. Smith. The object of the Bill, so far as it has been stated, is to secure the observance of the day of rest—6667. Practically the people are prevented from going to church to Grimsby Park—6668. The park has to pay the preacher and, of course, they have to collect the money to pay him and other expenses. Quotes letter from a shareholder—6669. It is the only park where only religious meetings are held, and these are held on Sunday—6670. Moves to amend section—6671. I am talking about Grimsby Park, which is better than hauling ore in order that you may make a few dollars out of it—6673. If an admission fee is paid by people who are going to attend a religious service on Sunday they must go to jail as criminals if they do not pay a fine for working on the Lord's Day—6674.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —6655.

On Mr. Bureau's amendment—It was not moved—6655.

On Mr. Beland's amendment—Why do you allow the fisherman to go out to sea to get his crop of fish, and you do not allow the man who has his crop of sugar to go out to get it?—6658.

I don't know that the Bill has been cut up very much. There are not many changes—6676. We will get it reprinted, but I don't know if we will have it ready—6677.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—6630.

On section 3, subsection (d)—The opinion of the committee was that anything that was necessary to be done for the protection of a coal mine and the prevention of an accumulation of gas on a Sabbath should be done—6630. I am only asking the Minister of Justice if he thinks this clause is sufficient—6631.

On subsection (d) 2—Would the various amendments now proposed cover the case of a mine where work will be done on Sunday for the preservation of the mine and to enable operations to be continued on Monday?—6632.

On section 4—If the suggestion of Mr. McIntyre were carried out there would be great delay in putting the Bill through—6662.

On section 7—Every member on the committee decided that the park was the one institution which, above all others, should be prohibited by this Bill—6671. The feeling of the committee was that no recognition of their right to charge an admission fee on Sunday should be made—6672.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—6639.

On subsection (o)—Will this amendment allow the fishermen to fish after 6 o'clock on Sunday. Suggests to add the words, 'or in the taking of fish.'—6652. If you change the close season, as is proposed in this amendment, you will cause more work to be done on the Lord's day than is done at present—6653. In dealing with the fisheries this committee is touching one of the most delicate things we find on the Pacific coast—6654.

On section 3, subsection (k)—Will this Bill cover the operation of steamboats on the Yukon river?—6635.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—6662.

On section 4—It is unfair to ask us to consider a clause of this importance offhand, after merely hearing it read once. Does not that very fact show the necessity of having it printed and submitted to us in a proper way—6662.

On section 7—Grimsby park is essentially a religious resort, although there is a social side to it, and it has a financial feature in it—6671.

Martin, Thos. (North Wellington)—6623.

On section 3, subsection (a)—If we allow these three lines to be inserted in this clause they will put the conscientious manufacturer at a disadvantage—6623. If 'righteousness exalteth a nation,' when shall we get it if not on the Sabbath day?—6624. I guarantee that no practical manufacturer will stand up in this House and tell us it is necessary to do that work on the Sabbath—6625. Now let me read what the manufacturers' Association of Mount Forest say. Reads petition—6626.I think it is too important to leave to one man—6655. This is another attempt to make the Bill useless by introducing so many exceptions—6656.

Pardee, F. F. (W. Lambton)—6633.

On section 3, subsection (k)—I would like to move an amendment to that section that the word 'ocean-going' be struck out, or that there be added the word 'lake-going'—6633. You might add the words 'navigating the great lakes'—6634. On a second consideration of the section, I think it might be allowed to stand as it is, and I would ask to withdraw my amendment—6639.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —6674.

On section 7—If they do not charge a fee I suppose that the preaching could be done then—6674.

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Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—6648.

On subsection (o)—It was clearly understood in the committee that there would be a similar clause to (s) added to this section —6648. There is imminent danger that an ocean-going vessel may be locked in by the formation of ice. Draws attention to the word 'unanimous'—6649. My clause referred to trains, as I did not see that the Railway Board exercised jurisdiction over the operation of vessels—6650. The outgoing grain vessels wanted all the time possible after September 15 —6651.

Ross, Duncan (Yale-Cariboo,—6627.

On section 3, subsection (d)—If you close down for twenty-four hours, it will take nearly forty-eight hours before you can get your furnaces started up again to do good smelting—6627. I am advised that the loss to the Granby smelter in one year would be between $400,000 to $500,000 a year—6628. I am prepared to admit the argument of Mr. Sproule, provided you do not want any industries in this country—6629. I was only trying to show that it was necessary to have the last part of the clause fully to protect the smelting—6630.

On subsection (d) 2—In order that 5,000 men may go to work on Monday morning probably thirty men will have to work on Sunday; is that covered by any amendment that we have here?—6632. Subsection (h) is put in at the request of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association. What is wanted is that the fruit should be transhipped from the boat to the train immediately upon its arrival at destination—6635.

On subsection (k)—Moves to amend—6639. If you can load and unload at an intermediate point, and cover the necessary work at the point of destination, I will withdraw my amendment—6640.

On subsection (n)—Would there be any objection to amend this to cover such a case as that of Nelson, where they have no rowboats or sailboats, and use naphtha launches?—6641.

On subsection (o)—If the putting of a net into the river is a preparation for taking fish, that seems all right—6653.

On section 4—Moves amendment. It is often necessary to send out troops of men to fight forest fires—6657. The men working in these smelters for eight hours out of twenty-four are perfectly satisfied with the present conditions—6661. At present it seems to me to be a most dangerous clause—6663.

Schaffner, F. L. (Souris)—6650.

On subsection (o)—Personally, I would like to see (s) adopted, as it states the case clearly and plainly—6650. If cars come down on Sunday between September 15 and the close of navigation what will be done with them?—6651. A fire in the forest that could be stopped by people working on Sunday, is surely a case of necessity—6657.

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Sinclair J. H. (Guysborough)—6632.

On subsection (d) 2—May I ask why we should repeat the words 'starting or maintaining fires'?—6632.

On subsection (k)—I do not think it would be proper to throw the door open for all kinds of trade on Sunday on the Great Lakes and on the coast—6637. I think the case of Mr. Duncan Ross is already amply provided for in the Bill—6639.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6629.

On section 3, subsection (d)—The argument of Mr. Duncan Ross for shutting down smelters, seems to be more a matter of money than anything else—6629.

On subsection (n)—Would carriages include automobiles?—6642.

Telford, W. P. (North Grey)—6669.

On section 7—Is not this park for the purpose of making money to help the company out of a tight place?—6669.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—6644.

On subsection (o)—Moves that the word 'six' be substituted for the word 'eight'—6644.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—6625.

On section 3, subsection (d)—Reads telegram from Hamilton steel and iron men. Whether we are manufacturers or not, we represent manufacturers—6625.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Monk asks if it is the intention to further consider the Lord's Day Bill this session—7061.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7061.

This Bill will come up either this afternoon or to-morrow—7061.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—7061.

Several members are preparing to leave, and it would suit their convenience to have some precise information upon that point—7061.

Motion for third reading of Bill (12) respecting the Lord's Day—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth —7193. Mr. D. Ross moves in amendment that Bill be referred back to committee of the Whole House in order to amend section 3—7193. Mr. Aylesworth moves amendment to the amendment—7206. Amendment (Mr. Aylesworth) to the amendment (Mr. D. Ross) agreed to, and House went into committee on the Bill—7206.

On section 3—Mr. D. Ross moves in amendment that a subsection (y) be inserted—7206. Section as amended agreed to—7208.

On section 4—Mr. D. Ross moves in amendment—7209. Amendment agreed to—7233. Motion by Mr. Aylesworth to report the Bill—7233. Motion (Mr. Aylesworth) withdrawn—7234.

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On section 5—Mr. F. D. Monk moves an amendment subsection 1—7233. Mr. S. Hughes moves an amendment to the amendment—7244. Amendment to the amendment (Mr. S. Hughes) negatived—7246. Amendment (Mr. T. Martin) agreed to. Yeas, 52; nays, 42—7246.

On section 13—Mr. F. D. Monk moves an amendment to subsection (s)—7246. Amendment (Mr. Monk) withdrawn—7250.

On section 13—Mr. H. Guthrie moves an amendment to subsection 2—7250. Amendment (Mr. Guthrie) negatived—7252.

On section 13, subsection (b)—Mr. Galliher moves amendment to subsection (b)—7252. Amendment (Mr. Galliher) negatived. Yeas, 24; nays, 68—7257. Mr. Aylesworth moved that Bill be reported as amended—7257. Mr. Bourassa moves that section 9 be amended. Amendment (Mr. Bourassa) negatived: Yeas, 42; nays, 64—7258.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7202.

Legislation upon this question by this parliament has become a practical necessity; the only effective means by which such legislation can be enforced is under the sanction of the law which encroaches upon the criminal law—7203. If my hon. friend (Mr. D. Ross) turns to the exceptions provided in the Act he will find that works for the relief of sickness and suffering are works of necessity—7204-5. I favour the motion to return to committee and would propose to amend it my adding that it is not merely for consideration of the proposal of my hon. friend (Mr. D. Ross) but for other amendments—7206.

On section 4—The amendment of my hon. friend (Mr. D. Ross) is framed in the interests of the labouring people because in a great many industrial establishments the custom exists at the present time of working continuously during the twenty-four hours for each of the seven days of the week—7217. When my hon. friend (Mr. R. L. Borden) says that he has witnessed, day after day, the First Minister voting against the Minister of Finance, he states the thing which is not—7225. Section 14 of this Bill carefully preserves the effect of all provincial laws. Moves amendment to section 4; moves to report the Bill—7233. Withdraws motion—7234.

On section 5—When the hon. gentleman endeavours to create the impression that the right hon. gentleman (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) said that this Bill permitted games to be played, he is indulging in misrepresentation; explains working of provincial Act—7232. Any statute which was in force in Ontario on the 1st of July, 1867, with reference to the observance of the Lord's day, is still in force in Ontario—7246.

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Aylesworth, Hon. A. B.—Con.

On section 3—Has my hon. friend (Mr. Monk) considered the provisions of subsection 2 of section 13 as printed in the Bill as bearing on case mentioned. The provision of subsection 2 of section 13 is that nothing herein shall prevent the operation for passenger traffic of that road on Sunday where such operation is not otherwise prohibited—7247-8.

On subsection (b), section 3—The views of the committee on this section were expressed by a very substantial majority—7254. If the industry is not terminated at twelve o'clock on Saturday night it would fall under the first branch of the clause, and so would be continued into Sunday —7256.

Barker, Sam. (East Hamilton)—7255.

On section 3, subsection (b)—The clause as it stands, provides sufficiently for an industry or a process that may have to be continued over the Sabbath day; hopes the minister (Mr. Aylesworth) will allow the three lines to go in—7255-6.

Black, J. B. (Hants)—7210.

On section 4—The principal motive in opposition to this section is the motive of dollars and cents; this section is to protect the workingmen and the working women—7210. Quotes proclamation of the Emperor of Japan on the adopting of the European Sunday in 1876—7211. The nations which observe the Sabbath rest are the nations that have made the greatest progress; quotes distinguished authorities on Sunday as a health value—7212-3. I would interfere with no church or creed in the observance of the Sabbath day, but we should insist upon a day of rest—7214. The principle involved in section 4 is the result of a resolution, which I submitted to the special committee—7215.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7216.

On section 4—I have voted for the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) in connection with this Bill on several occasions when his colleagues have voted against him—7217. Quotes speeches of hon. minister (Mr. Aylesworth) respecting the amendment of the hon. member for St. Mary's (Mr. Piché)—7218. Quotes speech of Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) made on the twentieth day of June. This amendment will leave it open to every employer in Canada to absolutely avoid the effect of section 4—7219. Reads amendment. The amendment leaves it open to the employer to insist on eight hours' work on Sunday without any rest whatever from the ordinary labour of the week—7220. This amendment is an inducement to an eight-hour day only in those cases in which the employer desires his men to work eight hours a day every day in the week—7223. I never saw a Bill introduced as a measure upon which the government was so hopelessly divided—7224. I have not only criticised the Bill, but have also pointed out the principle in which it should be based—7225.

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On section 5—What section of the charter of Charles II refers to noisy games?—7243.

Bourassa, H. (Labelle)—7207.

On section 3—Reads portion of Bill; would this cover the case for the driving of logs?—7207. This enactment does not protect one of the largest industries in the country—7208.

On section 4—We are going to put into this legislation an enactment which will be an inducement to labour on every day of the year, including Sundays and holidays, in the rest of the Dominion—7221.

On section 5—The amendment proposed by the hon. member (Mr. T. Martin) is much more in the spirit of the Lord's Day than any others which have been proposed—7235.

On section 9—Moves an additional clause to section 9—7257.

Clarke, A. H. (South Essex)—7251.

On section 13—The intention of my amendment was, not to give power to a railway to operate on Sunday which at present had not that power—7251-2.

Conmee, J. (Rainy River)—7250.

On section 13—This section fully protects provincial rights as it is—7251.

On section 3, subsection (b)—This clause with the words contained in the amendment of the hon. member for British Columbia (Mr. Galliher), not only passed the special committee but the committee of this House, and on second consideration these words were stricken out; they should be reinstated—7254-5.

Bristol, E. (Centre Toronto)—7221.

On section 4—I cannot see that the amendment of hon. friend (Mr. Ross) is in the interest of labouring men because most of them have to work an eight-hour shift.

On section 5—Does the hon. member (Mr. Guthrie) say that the Act in force in Ontario is the consolidated statute of 1845, which has been referred to?—7243. Asks the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) what Acts he considers to be in force in the province of Ontario in relation to the Lord's Day—7244.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7225.

On section 4—In all matters of detail the members of the government, as well as the members of the opposition, as free to vote as their individual judgment may lead them—7226.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7227.

On section 4—If it is a fact that a constitutional government has to come to an agreement upon all the chief details of a government Bill, was it a mere matter of detail upon which the Minister of Justice and the Prime Minister disagreed—7227. I was prepared to support the Bill, as it was introduced by the late Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) and as it came from the Select Committee—

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7228. The government's fundamental doctrine is that the lesser part of this legislation must be confined to the Dominion legislature and the larger part must be given to the provincial legislation; unlike the Minister of Finance I would think it an honour to belong to the Lord's Day Alliance—7229. Under subsection (u) and (v) there is no chance for the poor toiling fisherman, but the whole maple industry can go on every Sunday and they can work during all hours of the day—7230. No more demoralizing or scandalizing transaction could take place than to have all kinds of games going on while the Lord's day was being honoured in Sabbath school and church—7231. Where this Bill absolutely prohibits in detail what could not be done on Sunday and fails to prohibit the rest, it impliedly says that the rest is permissible—7232. The provincial authorities, by the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, had not authority to carry out the provisions of their law—7233.

On section 3, subsection (b)—I endorse as strongly as I can the advisability of putting those three lines in the section—7254.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—7252.

On section 3—Moves that subsection (b) of section 3 be reconsidered, and be amended—7252. This section goes no further than to say that unless by a stoppage of a plant on Sunday the quality is affected it cannot then be continued—7252-3-4.

Guthrie, H. (South Wellington)—7221.

On section 4—The nearer we get in Canada to the eight hour system of labour, the better for the labouring class and the whole population — 7221. There is in Canada to-day a distinct agitation for something in the nature of a legalized rest day or a Sabbath day Bill—7222. I am glad to support any reasonable solution of the problem that will meet the approval of the House irrespective of whether I am or am not a government supporter—7224. The Ontario Act does provide for matters within the jurisdiction of the province, against certain games which the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) mentioned as occurring in Toronto—7233.

On section 5, subsection 1—The consolidated Act of the old statutes of Upper Canada, 1859, now carried into the statutes of Ontario, in regard to ball playing and other noisy games on Sunday, is still in force and can be enforced—7243. The present amendment of the hon. member for North Wellington (Mr. T. Martin) is a perfectly proper one, and ought to pass—7244.

On section 13—Section 13, subsection 2 was originally drafted in the Bill when it was formerly before the House and was in conformity with legislation passed by this House in the year 1904; quotes chapter 32, 4 Edward VII.—7248-9. Moves to restore clause as originally drafted—7259.

Hughes, S. (Victoria)—7208.

On section 3—Are there not periods when twenty-four hours of a loss of spring

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freshet will make great difference in the floating of logs down stream?—7208.

On section 5—Moves an amendment to the amendment of the hon. member for North Wellington (Mr. T. Martin)—7244.

Kennedy, J. B. (New Westminster)—7216.

On section 4—Asks the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) what will be the effect of this amendment of the member for Yale-Cariboo?—7216.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7243.

On section 5—Is the Sabbath Act of Ontario in force at the present time?—7243.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7196.

As my hon. friend (Mr. W. F. Maclean) is bound to make his speech some time we might as well hear him now—7196.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—7194.

Quotes biography of George Brown to show the separation of former principles of Liberal party—7194-5-6-7-8-9. The old union between Upper and Lower Canada proved unsatisfactory because an attempt was made by the central authority to deal with a question which ought to have been dealt with by respective provinces —7199. If the British North America Act is wrong in any particular the government should hold a consultation with the provinces—7200. If there is anything that will disrupt this union it is for one province to try to interfere or force its views on another province, especially in matters of conscience—7201. What is good for the Dominion ought to be under Dominion authority, and what is of local concern ought to be under local authority —7202.

On section 5—Under a Dominion law to have differences in different parts of the country must weaken the confidence of the people in the proper working of the law —7243.

Martin, T. (North Wellington)—7210.

On section 4—These amendments have already been before the committee, and after full discussion the committee decided they were not necessary in the Lord's Day Act—7210.

On section 5—Moves that section 5, subsection 1 be amended—7233.

On section 3, subsection (b)—Those industries which cannot operate in any other way than on every day of the week are covered by the first part of the clause—7255.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—7235.

On section 5—The amendment will not affect a man going to the club as the law permits him to do every day in the week including Sunday; this is outside matter and has nothing to do with the discussion —7235-6.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—7246.

On section 3—Quotes section 2; by this law the operation of electric railways incorporated by the Dominion legislature will be forbidden unless these railways are interprovincial or international in their character; moves amendment to subsection (s) of section 3—7246.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—7245.

On section 5—Would like to know if the provision of the revised statutes of Manitoba, 1902, chap. 102, section 3, would still govern in regard to games in the province of Manitoba; what provincial Acts affecting works of necessity and mercy are in force to-day?—7245-6. Quotes Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) and the suggestions of the Lord's Day Alliance—7258. Quotes evidence of Mr. McNichol—7259.

Ross, D. (Yale and Cariboo)—7193.

Moves in amendment that Bill be referred back to committee of the Whole House in order to amend section 3 of Bill—7193-4. Rises to point of order. The hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) is not in order in discussing the principle of the Bill—7194. Moves amendment—7206.

On section 4—Moves to add an additional subsection to clause 4—7208. The amendment simply states that when men are employed for only eight hours per day, or fifty-six hours per week, then clause 4 shall not apply—7209. This amendment only applies to such industries as are allowed under the Act. By changing the shift, every man who works in a smelter in British Columbia gets thirty-two hours continuous rest in two weeks, but not twenty-four hours in one week—7220.

Speaker, Mr.—7195.

The question is whether this amendment, allowing works on the Lord's day to save property in case of emergency or in danger of destruction, should be embodied in this Bill—7195. My view is that the hon. member (Mr. W. F. Maclean) should confine himself to the proposed amendment of the Bill—7196.

Speaker, Mr. Deputy.—7207.

On section 3—We are back in committee under instructions to consider this amendment and 'for further consideration'—7207.

On section 5—According to the rules of the House, a motion to report a Bill from the committee has precedence over any other motion—7233. The motion to report the Bill has precedence—7234.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7196.

On section 3—When the proposal is made that the Bill be read a third time, that is the motion before the House together with any proposed amendment—7196. The House having negatived the proposed amendment by substituting therefor the amendment to the amendment, is it competent for the committee to take up the first amendment?—7206.

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Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7215.

On section 4—The changes in the Bill are not the changes that were asked for by the Lord's Day Alliance. From the inception of this Bill up to the present time private members have been proposing and carrying amendments—7215-6.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—7236.

On section 5—Quotes speech of Prime Minister made on June 20, when Bill was first introduced; quotes Act of King Charles II for the better observance of the Lord's day—7236-7. This Bill was to wipe out all former legislation; and so as not to interfere with the rights and privileges of any one, it permitted games on Sunday—7238. Quotes speech of hon. First Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) on the introduction of the Bill—7240-1. This measure is a measure that pleases nobody and that cannot be enforced—7242.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—7254.

On section 3, subsection (b)—This amendment proposed will put the subsection (b) as it was in the Bill as it came from the Select Committee; explains necessity for amendment—7254.

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House in committee on Bill (12) respecting the Lord's day—7272.

On section 3—Mr. Pringle moves a substitute for clause 11—7276. Motion negatived—7277.

Mr. Aylesworth moves that the amendments be considered seriatim. Motion agreed to—7277.

An amendment adding to section 5—Mr. Aylesworth moves that amendment be referred back to committee, with instruction to strike out—7277. House divided on Mr. Aylesworth's motion. Motion agreed to: Yeas, 79; nays, 42—7286.

House again in committee—Mr. Aylesworth moves that the clause referred back be struck out—7287. Motion agreed to: Yeas, 80; nays, 38. Bill reported as amended—7295.

Amendments read the first time—Mr. Aylesworth moved that the amendments be read the second time and agreed to—7295.

Mr. Porter moves to amend. Amendment negatived—7300.

Mr. Aylesworth moves the third reading of the Bill—7301.

Mr. Bourassa moves amendment—7326. House divided on amendment—7349. Amendment negatived: Yeas, 15; Nays, 104.

Mr. Monk moves amendment—7350. House divided on amendment—7352. Amendment negatived: Yeas, 15; Nays, 102—7353.

Mr. Borden moves amendment—7356. House divided on amendment—7357. Amendment negatived: Yeas, 39; Nays, 77. House adjourned—7358.

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Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—7276.

We are merely travelling over the same ground and, as far as I am concerned, I think the only course we can take is to resist this amendment—7276. The committee had that question and that answer under consideration. Moves that the amendments be considered seriatim—7277. Moves that the amendment be referred back to committee with instructions to strike it out—7277. This measure was framed in a spirit of mutual concession and compromise—7278. This amendment is a radical departure from that understanding—7279. You will find a baseball club in every village—7284. Moves that the clause referred back be struck out—7287. It was not proposed to go any further than to prohibit games played for money; games not played for money were to be left as they stood under provincial laws—7290. Moves that amendments be read the second time and agreed to—7295. If a carriage on the highway, or a boat on the bay comes to a drawbridge, surely it must be a work incidental to the work of conveying travellers that the drawbridge should be either opened or closed. Moves the third reading of Bill—7300. I did not say anything of the kind—7323. That is the position in which any tribunal which judges questions of fact, be they easy or difficult, finds itself when called upon to construe the terms of a similar statute—7333. It is the only provision that could be made, and it is not peculiar to this Bill, nor can it be alleged as any reason why it should not be passed—7334. Quotes the Criminal Code, section 879. The position we have taken is that, although the provinces have full power to legislate in regard to property and civil rights, the better observance of the Sabbath cannot be carried out satisfactorily except under the provisions of the criminal law—7335. It seems to me that my hon. friend (Mr. Bourassa) has forgotten the terms of the Montreal resolution, or else he is disregarding the mandate that the people gave to him—7336. As the measure is framed, it is not one that any single provincial legislature would find to its taste or be willing to enact as a whole—7337. That provision in the statute of 1845 is hardly a precedent for referring to the legislatures the time when this measure shall come into force—7338. I have not had, until this moment, an opportunity of see-in the wording of this amendment; there would have been a better chance to discuss it if it had been proposed while we were in committee—7356.

Barker, Samuel (East Hamilton)—7285.

I think Mr. Fielding should have gone a little further and explained what, under that clause, he desired to protect—7285.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—7282.

This is one of the greatest pieces of class legislation ever attempted to be put

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through this House—7282. The action taken by the government in applying the lash indicates that they are trying to play fast and loose with the measure—7283. I moved to strike out a certain clause and my motion was ruled out of order; if my motion was out of order, so is this one by the Minister of Justice—7288.

Beauparlant, A. M. (St. Hyacinthe)—7342.

I seconded this motion (Mr. Piché's) with the object of securing to the people the greatest measure of freedom—7342. About the first of May last I received from the city council of St. Hyacinthe a resolution couched in unequivocal language and without qualification. Quotes resolution —7343. Quotes resolution passed by St. Hyacinthe club and letters from notaries all opposing the Bill—7344. The amendment which I am advocating provides that the Bill shall not be enforced in any province until the legislature of that province has adopted it—7345. I am chary about bringing the province of Quebec under the provisions of section 92, concerning which there is, to say the least, much matter for discussion—7346. If the intention is to bring about a compromise, we should be apprised at once of what we may expect to obtain. I am in favour of the maintenance of all legitimate rights —7347.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7340.

Does the hon. member (Mr Demers) mean to say that a federal law prohibiting that kind of trade could be set aside by a provincial law—7340.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7278.

If this motion passes, the amendment becomes a part of the Bill for the third reading; if not agreed to, the amendment goes—7278. There is no more compromise, or intention to compromise, in clause 5 as it stood, than in clause 5 accompanied by this amendment—7281. I have not heard any crying demand from any part of the country that baseball clubs should be allowed to play on Sunday—7289. Did not the Minister of Justice refer to the game of baseball in particular?—7290. It was held by you, Mr. Speaker, a moment ago that it was proper to refer the Bill back to Committee of the Whole—7297. I feel myself entirely free from reproach in regard to my action on this Bill—7353. So far as the principle of the Bill is concerned, I believe in a day of rest for all parts of Canada. It would have been better to let matters of recreation and amusements to the provinces, so far as the constitution will permit—7354. If a meeting held for the purpose of divine worship is to be regarded as a public meeting within the meaning of this statute, it might lead to some extraordinary results—7355. Moves to amend the section. That would leave to the people of Quebec the right to regulate this question of amusement according to their own views—7356.

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It is arbitrary in its definition of crime; sixty years ago the right of appeal was granted—7301. Under this Bill we have not given that chance to an accused party. Injustice will be done by this Bill to individuals and to industrial firms and companies, and yet there is not one disposition providing for compensation—7302. Besides the fourth commandment, which says, 'Thou shalt not steal,' the law is directly against the spirit of the constitution—7303. Quotes the Prime Minister. Quotes the Minister of Justice. We are for the first time legislating against the provinces—7304. Naturally the law would be set aside by the courts on the ground that the province has no right to define crime—7305. The amendment of Mr. Piché was framed in a good spirit; was a move in the right direction; the only trouble is that it does not go far enough—7306. The Lord's Day Alliance, I am informed, caused 500 lawsuits in Canada last year. Quotes letters from J. Enoch Thompson—7307. I would not myself have used such language against the Lord's Day Alliance—7309. Let us see what is the effect of the amendment which was made to section 2—7310. The province of Quebec may repeal or amend any law of its own making, but it cannot repeal or amend the dispositions of this Bill—7311. When the question arose of defining the limits of provincial and federal jurisdiction, the Privy Council have generally sided with the provincial and against the federal authorities—7312. When a doubt like this arises, it is the duty of parliament to think twice before they make an iron rule from which the provinces may not be able to free themselves—7313. Quotes Mr. Piché in reply to Mr. Lavergne. Quotes the Montreal 'Witness'—7314. Would my hon. friends think that the Lord's Day Alliance, after forcing this legislation upon the House, will stand still after the Act is passed and not endeavour to enforce it?—7315. The affirmation of the Minister of Justice justified me saying in Montreal that, in spite of Mr. Piché's amendment, Sohmer Park, Dominion Park and all Sunday amusements would be prohibited—7316. Quotes section 5 as amended by the committee, and as now amended by the Minister of Justice—7317. The Minister of Justice was careful to state here that the exceptions under section 3 must be taken very stringently; he was content to allow the definition of works of necessity to a magistrate—7318. We know that some men are more strict upon questions of the external Sunday observance than upon the question of church attendance—7319. The change in clause 5 will result in a direct interference by this parliament in the method in which about two-thirds of the revenue of the churches is raised in Montreal and other places in Quebec—7320. What business has this parliament to say that the parish of St. Jacques, Montreal, or the parish of St. Louis de France shall collect their

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revenue in the way this parliament dictates?—7321. Section 3 defines the exception to section 2; section 2 is the work, the sale and the exercise of a calling; going to Mass is not the exercise of a calling, nor a sale, nor a paid work—7322. The Minister of Justice stated that under section 5 it is prohibited to be present at any public meeting, and that this would apply to churches—7323. It is done to raise revenue; it is not a voluntary contribution; it is not the rental of a pew; it is an entrance fee for people meeting together in a place that is covered by this clause—7324. What would prevent this government passing two or three articles of the Criminal Code that would deal with the breaking of the Sabbath law by the transportation companies?—7325. At present the provinces can have only such right to legislate under this Bill as the Privy Council may decide they possess—7326. If the amendment is good, there is no reason why my amendment should not be accepted—7327. As far as precedent is concerned, this very parliament has created a precedent—in 1902 we passed an Act creating a medical council for Canada—7328. When you have the power to satisfy the majority and the minority at the same time, it would be a crime to interfere with the rights of the minority—7329. Quotes the resolution adopted at Montreal—7330. That resolution was drawn up by a committee in Montreal. Is there anything in this resolution or in my amendment which is not in conformity with the spirit of the constitution and the best ideas of the average man in this country?—7331. Quotes Ottawa 'Free Press' editorial—7332. Moves to amend by inserting clause 18—7333. I would be ready to vote for any amendment to the Criminal Code that would enforce the views of the majority of the people so far as regards the running of trains and boats—7336. There was a law adopted in 1845 by the parliament of united Canada which was almost precise in its terms with this amendment—7337.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—7277.

It is an instruction which is given the committee in order that the committee may have the right to decide whether this amendment be struck off or not—7277. The same motion can be made now as on the third reading—7278. There was an amendment which had been reported, and when the motion was made for the concurrence in that amendment, it was proposed that it should not be concurred in, but that the Bill be referred back—7297. At that time there was legislation for the two provinces—7337.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—7292.

This is not an amendment which hits exclusively the rich man, and the men hon. gentlemen opposite would hit the worst by refusing to strike out the amendment

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are the workingmen—7292. Under pretence of aiming at the rich man it is the poor man you are hitting—7293.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—7322.

Would not the revenue collected by the churches be exempted under subsection (a) of section 3?—7322. The contribution is a voluntary one—7324.

Demers, L. P. (St. John Iberville)—7284.

The hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) knows that in Quebec they meet on Sunday—7284. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bourassa) contend that the sale, in some particular private trade, is not under the control of the law of the province?—7311. Does my hon. friend contend that the trade of small stores is under control of the federal parliament?—7312. Clause 3 provides for works of necessity and mercy—7318. That constitutional question is not new; it is one that the Privy Council have decided twice and finally settled. Quotes Privy Council interpretation—7339. As a proof that the Dominion government's control over trade is not so wide as some are apt to think, just now local trade is controlled by the provinces—7340. Clause 2 is the fundamental clause of the Bill, all others being subsidiary to it. Quotes French commercial law—7341. When I quote the laws of the United States it is because I find therein striking arguments to clear up doubtful points—7342.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—7272.

Mr. Aylesworth moves that I report the Bill—7272. The hon. gentleman's (Mr. Barr) motion was moved while the House was still in committee; in this case, the House has referred the matter back for reconsideration with instruction—7288.

Devlin, E. B. (Wright County)—7323.

Under what portion of section 5 does my hon. friend (Mr. Bourassa) consider that the charging of an admission fee in a Church would come? A church service is not a performance—7323.

Ethier, J. A. C. (Two Mountains)—7331.

Who drew up that resolution?—

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7281.

The suggestion that this is legislation for the benefit of the rich and placing the poor at a disadvantage is entirely unwarranted—7282. There is no difficulty in the lower provinces, that I have heard of, concerning this clause. I know of no province that has asked for it—7294. I submit it is not possible at this moment to deal with any matter which is foreign to that particular amendment—7299.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—7300.

I think the hon. gentleman (Mr. Porter) had better withdraw his amendment, because it is absolutely necessary that we

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should adopt that report of the committee and concur in it—7300.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7285.

Mr. Speaker, was your ruling given on that matter? It never struck me so forcibly as it did when you read the amendment—7285. If the committee has any spirit at all it will not, at the bidding of the House reverse the decision which it has just come to—7286.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—7287.

I have belonged to a good many base ball clubs in Ontario and in other provinces, and I never saw a baseball club in which there was not a fee paid—7287.

Gunn, B. B. (South Huron)—7280.

I had the honour of seconding that amendment, and should be sorry to see it removed from the Bill now—7280.

Guthrie, Hugh (South Wellington)—7280.

I am one of those who before six o'clock supported the amendment—7280. I see no reason why I should change that vote —7281.

Henderson, David (Halton)—7278.

I submit that as the amendment proposed by Mr. Bickerdike was ruled out of order, this amendment should also be ruled out of order on the ground that the House has already decided the question—7278. We can play the see-saw game from now until morning. I regret very much that the dignity of the House has been lowered as it has been by the proceedings of to-night—7296.

Jackson, S. J. (Selkirk)—7295.

All kinds of sports are allowed in Manitoba on Sunday provided no admission fee is charged—7295.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7297.

I rise to a point of order, as I take it we are not discussing a motion for the third reading of the Bill, but only a motion that the amendment be concurred in—7297.

Lavergne, Armand (Montmagny)—7279.

I have been opposed to this Bill from first to last, but if we are going to pass a Sunday law, that law should apply to the rich as well as to the poor—7279. I do not think there is anything in the motion of the member for Wellington (Mr. Martin) that would prevent young men from playing a game on Sunday—7289. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bureau)—was so very anxious to protect the poor man, why did he not vote against section 5?—7293. Does not the clause say 'direct or indirect'?—7324. Would not Ontario have left to itself the laws that are already enacted in that province as Sunday laws—7339. Is not the hon. Minister of Justice of opinion that these other clauses have nothing at at all to do with that one?—7341. The

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hon. member should know that under the British law a legal enactment is construed in the light of the views expressed by its promoter in the House—7342.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Postmaster General) —7311.

Quotes Revised Statutes of Quebec, section 3498, regarding the sale of goods on Sunday—7311. If these are to alleviate suffering, or are in aid of hospitals, do you think that they would come under the law? 7317. Look at the provision as to parks—7323. It means parks—7324.

Martin, Thomas (North Wellington)—7283.

The member for North Wellington is always at his post. I am not the kind that runs away—7283. I say it was a most insulting attack—7284. No member of the government spoke to me, or said to me that such a thing should or should not be done—7285.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—7350.

Moves to amend. I think it is better to remove completely from the field of federal discussion a measure of this kind—7350. The Bill was brought down in a shape in which it would never have been accepted, probably, by any member of this House. I view with some alarm the concessions which have been made to the provinces—7351. Under the circumstances, I think it would be wiser for us to abstain and to leave the provinces to exercise their own functions upon this subject—7352.

Porter, E. Guss (West Hastings)—7296.

I propose to offer an amendment to extend subsection (n) of section 2, so as to exempt the operation of a toll bridge—7296. If the Bill goes through in its present shape, I feel certain that it will tie up the entire navigation of the Bay of Quinté —7298. I am willing to adopt the suggestion of the Minister of Finance and to introduce this motion on the third reading of the Bill—7299. As Mr. Speaker has ruled that the motion is in order, I do not see any reason why it should not be put now—7300.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—7272.

On section 3—Quotes subsection (h). Mr. Aylesworth's interpretation was that it was the destination of the train and not the destination of the freight. Quotes Mr. Ralph Smith—7272. Nearly all the members had the view that this clause covered the destination of the freight. Quotes evidence of Mr. McNicoll—7273. In order to compete for the Canadian trade, as against the American lines, they have to give a continuous service. Quotes Mr. McNicoll on the silk trade—7274. Quotes Mr. McGuigan's testimony on Sunday labour and shortage of cars—7275. Quotes Mr. McNicoll's evidence in reference to foreign cars on Canadian railroads. Moves to amend subsection 11. Under what clause could freight be carried to its destination if in transit on

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Sunday ?—7276. I ask that my motion be put—7277.

On section 51 (amendment to)—Does the hon. minister (Mr. Aylesworth) know where the hon. member for Wellington (Mr. Martin) is, who moved this amendment? —7279. I am in favour of a national day of rest, but I am not in favour of one law for the rich and another for the poor—7280. This Bill is a masterpiece of inconsistency—it does not allow religious performances at Grimsby but it does allow golf playing on Sunday—7291. If you are going to deprive the workingman from enjoying the pleasure of attending the different parks which are health resorts, just let the rich man take the same dose—7292. With regard to clause 5 that prohibits the workingman from attending these parks if there is any entrance fee charged—7293. Then, which province is asking for this Lord's Day Act?—7294. The Manitoba revised statutes, 1902 prohibit playing games inside inclosures where an admittance fee is charged or where clubs compete for a prize—7295.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—7323.

What about section 2—7323.

Speaker, Mr.—7278.

I think the motion is in order. The question is now upon the motion—7278. I have already ruled that there is plain authority for the rule that after the committee report a Bill it may be amended, and I judge that this is what is attempted to be done now—7286. The amendments were all carried except that one—7296. It seems to me the motion (Mr. Porter's) is very similar to the motion we disposed of a few moments ago—7300.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7277.

Is it proper and competent when considering the amendments to move to refer the Bill back?—7277. The motion is not that the Bill be read the third time, but that the Bill be read the second time—7278. The government were undoubtedly defeated on that amendment but they had not the grace to resign; now they want to retrieve lost laurels by calling on their friends to vote it down—7283. I much mistake the wisdom of this House if, when we go back to Committee of the Whole, we stultify ourselves by reversing our verdict given before six o'clock—7284. Are we not in exactly the same position we were in before?—7297. Quotes Bourinot in view of these words, I think the hon. member for Hastings (Mr. Porter) is in order—7298.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—7287.

I defy the Minister of Justice to name a town where there is a baseball club that charges an annual fee and which will come under the terms of this resolution—7287. This resolution is directed against regular clubs who have club houses to maintain, and it has no reference to baseball teams—7288.

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Verville, A. (Maisonneuve)—7347.

We are told that this legislation has for its object to protect the poor people as much as possible and the labouring classes—7347. I am strongly in favour of the amendment to leave this matter to the different provinces—7348. Whenever a workingman comes before the courts he always gets the wrong end of the stick—7349.

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On the House resuming, Mr. Speaker announces that he has received a mesage from the Senate to the effect that they have made certain amendments to the Act, to which they ask the concurrence of this House—7664. Mr. Aylesworth moves that the Senate amendments to Bill (12) be taken into consideration forthwith, and be considered seriatim—7664.

On the title—Mr. Aylesworth moves that the amendment substituting 'Sunday' for 'The Lord's Day,' be not concurred in, as the expression 'The Lord's Day' is a well known legal expression, and preferable to the word used in the amendment. Motion agreed to and amendment concurred in—7666.

On section 1, subsection (g)—Mr. Aylesworth moves that this House do not concur in the amendment. Motion agreed to and amendment concurred in—7667.

On section 2—Mr. Aylesworth moves concurrence in these amendments—7667. Motion agreed to, and amendments concurred in—7668.

On section 3, subsection (g)—Mr. Aylesworth moves that the House do not concur in that amendment, for the reason that express matter is already provided for in sub-paragraph (f) under the head 'merchandise'—7668. Motion agreed to, and amendment of Senate not concurred in—7670.

On section 3, subsection (h)—Mr. Aylesworth moves that the House do not concur in that amendment, for the reason that it is opposed to the scope and policy of the measure. Motion agreed to—7670. The next amendment in the same paragraph, and Mr. Aylesworth moves concurrence—7670. Motion agreed to, and amendment concurred in.

On section 3, subsection (j)—Mr. Aylesworth moves concurrence in that amendment—7671. Motion agreed to, and amendment concurred in—7672.

On section 3, subsection (l)—Mr. Aylesworth moves that the House do not concur in this amendment, for the reason that it is

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opposed to the spirit and scope of this legislation—7673. Motion agreed to—7678. The next amendment is in the second line of this sub-paragraph, in which the Senate substitutes the word 'time' for 'date.' Mr. Aylesworth moves to concur in this amendment. Motion agreed to, and amendment concurred in—7678.

On section 3, subsection (m)—Mr. Aylesworth moves concurrence. Motion agreed to, and amendment concurred in—7678.

On section 3, subsection (n)—Mr. Aylesworth moves to concur in the amendment. Motion agreed to, and amendment concurred in—7678.

On section 3, subsection (s)—Mr. Aylesworth moves that the House do not concur in the amendment, on the ground that railways subject to provincial authority are provided for by the first paragraph of section 13. Motion agreed to, and amendment not concurred in—7681.

On section 3, subsection (x)—Mr. Aylesworth moves concurrence in the amendment—7681. Motion agreed to and amendment concurred in—7682. In the same clause there is an alteration as to provision for costs. Mr. Aylesworth moves that the Senate amendment be concurred in. Motion agreed to, and amendment concurred in—7682.

On section 4—Mr. Aylesworth moves concurrence—7682. Motion agreed to, and motion concurred in—7683.

On section 5—Mr. Aylesworth moves concurrence—7683. Motion agreed to, and amendment concurred in—7684.

On section 6—Mr. Aylesworth moves concurrence. Motion agreed to, and amendment concurred in—7684.

On section 12—Mr. Aylesworth moves that this House do not concur, for the reason that to do so would materially weaken the sanction of the Bill—7684. Motion agreed to—7685.

On section 14—Mr. Aylesworth moves concurrence. Motion agreed to, and amendment concurred in—7685.

On section 15—Mr. Aylesworth moves concurrence—7686. Motion agreed to and amendments concurred in—7692.

Mr. Speaker informs the House that a message has been received from the Senate to the effect that the Senate does not insist upon the first, fifth, sixth, ninth, fourteenth, twenty-third, twenty-fourth and thirty-first amendments made to Bill (12) and agree to the modification of the second amendment—7697. Mr. Aylesworth moves that this House concurs in the amendment

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made by the Senate. Motion agreed to, amendment read a second time and concurred in. Mr. Aylesworth moves that a message of concurrence be sent to the Senate. Motion agreed to—7697.

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Moves that the Senate amendments to Bill (12) be taken into consideration forthwith, and be considered seriatim. The first amendment changes the 'Lord's Day' to 'Sunday'—7664. Moves that the House do not concur in that amendment—7665. The 'Lord's Day' is a well recognized legal expression, and is preferable to the word used in the amendment and throughout the Bill—7666.

The next amendment is in section 1, paragraph (g); the word 'public' has been stricken out by the Senate. I am proposing to ask the Senate to agree to retain the word 'public' accompanied by the words, 'the charter of any municipality or'—7666. Moves amendment—7667.

On section 2 (amended by Senate)—Moves concurrence—7667.

On section 3, subsection (g) (amended by Senate)—Moves that House do not concur for the reason that express matter is provided for in sub-paragraph (l) under the word 'merchandise'—7668. There would be no restriction at all on express business if this amendment were concurred in—7669.

On section 3, subsection (h)—(amended by Senate)—The word 'cars' has been inserted. Moves that the House do not concur, as it is opposed to the scope and policy of the measure—7670.

On section 3, subsection (h)—The Senate has added to this same paragraph 'and work incidental thereto.' I move concurrence. In dealing with twenty or thirty amendments, I desire to yield to the views of the other branch of parliament to the fullest extent possible—7670.

On section 3, subsection (j)—I move concurrence in that amendment—7671. I can only rely on the votes and proceedings of the Senate—7672

On section 3, subsection (l)—The Senate has struck out the words 'sea-going' before 'vessels,' making it permissible to any vessel whatever. I move that the House do not concur—7673. They can begin at eight o'clock on Sunday night—7674. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Porter) is a lawyer, and as such must know that the law is always speaking—7678.

On section 3, subsection (l)—In the second line of this paragraph the Senate has substituted the word 'time' for 'date'. I move concurrence—7678.

On section 3, subsection (m)—The Senate has inserted the words, 'the unloading of'. Live animals are well protected—once in each line; but I move that the House do concur—7678.

On section 3, subsection (n)—The Senate has inserted the words 'toll or drawbridge'. I move to concur—7678.

On section 3, subsection (s)—It has been amended by the Senate by inserting a

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phrase after the word 'international.' I move that the House do not concur—7678. If this amendment is concurred in it takes one particular railway company out of the control of the legislature that created it, and makes it independent of legislative control—7679. The Ottawa railway and the Niagara railway are not under the provincial legislature. We do not interfere with the ferry. The province ought to control the road—7680. I agree that the provincial authorities could not validly interfere with the inter-provincial road at Ottawa—7681.

On section 3, subsection (x)—The Senate has inserted, after the word 'Act', the words 'and with the object of preventing any undue delays'. I move to concur—7681. In this clause there is an alteration as to provision for costs. I think there is no substantial difference in the meaning, and move that the Senate amendment be concurred in—7682. In the same clause, speaking as to costs, the Senate has struck out the word 'equally' and substituted' in such proportion as the board may determine. Moves to concur —7682.

On section 4—The Senate has changed the word 'permit' to the word 'require'. I have a preference for the word we used, but, under the circumstances, I move concurrence in the amendment—7682. In the same clause the Senate has changed the word 'given' to 'allowed'. I move concurrence.

On section 5—The Senate has inserted after the word 'Sunday', the words 'except as provided in the provincial Act of law now or hereafter in force'. I move to concur—7683. The Senate has also inserted after the words 'public meeting' 'elsewhere than in a church'. I move to concur—7683.

On section 6—The Senate has inserted the words 'except as provided for in any provincial Act now or hereafter in force'. I move to concur—7684.

On section 12—The words 'or permits' have been omitted by the Senate—7684. It would very materially weaken the ability to put into force this measure if the word 'permits' were stricken out. I move that this House do not concur—7685.

On section 14—Some verbal changes are made, and I move to concur—7685.

On section 15—The Senate has inserted the words, 'without the leave of the attorney-general of the province in which the offence is alleged to have been committed'. I move concurrence I do not see any danger in Quebec, though I could not answer so well for Ontario—7686. I think the wise course to take is to accept the clause as amended—7687. We remit to the attorney general of each province only the enforcement of the law—7689. The only remaining amendment is in the same section; 'thirty' is changed to 'sixty' as to the number of days. I move to concur—7689.

Moves that the Senate amendment changing

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the title of the Bill from 'the Lord's Day' to 'Sunday' be not concurred in—7692.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—7669.

On section 3—I think (g) is the proper clause in which to insert authority to carry express matter on Sunday—7669. Why should not the word 'cars' be inserted as well as the words, 'and work incidental thereto?—7670. Mr. Speaker, in reading paragraph (j) after the word 'open' you said 'on Sunday.' I do not know whether that is an error or not—7672.

Bergeron, J. H. G. (Beauharnois)—7672.

On section 3, subsection (j)—It would be dangerous to concur in an amendment which the Senate did not make. The two words make a great deal of difference—7672.

On section 3, subsection (i)—I do not see much difference between doing that and shovelling snow on Sunday—7673.

On section 5—I am glad the Senate adopted the amendment moved by the leader of the opposition—7683.

On section 6—What is going to remain of this Sunday Bill?—7684.

On section 15—Does not that destroy the whole thing?—7686.

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It is a mere verbal change, and I would not like to risk the fate of the Bill upon it—7665.

On section 3, subsection (g)—The only difference is that the insertion of the words 'and express matter' would enable the companies to gather it up and distribute it in a city or other place—7669.

On section 3, subsection (j)—Has the minister had an opportunity to consider the effect of the amendment made by the Senate in section 2 upon the subsections of section 3, which we have just been considering—(g) (h) (i) and (j)—7671.

On section 3, subsection (s)—I do not follow the minister. Does he say that having regard to the insertion of the words 'unless otherwise prohibited by provincial authority'?—7679. It would seem to me that at least that expression would retain the provincial authority in respect to that particular subject—7680. Is this intended to be restrictive or enlarging? I am at a loss to know—7681. It would seem to be intended to enlarge, but it may turn out to restrict—7682.

On section 4—I regard this amendment as absolutely altering the whole scope of the section—7682.

On section 5—I moved what I intended to be a similar amendment to this, namely, 'other than a meeting for the purpose of divine worship'—7683.

On section 12—Does not the word 'employer,' in the previous section, include a corporation?—7685.

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On section 14—Would not the expression, 'Act or law' in section 14, and also in section 2, be likely to bring into effect as exceptions the private Acts of provincial legislatures?—7685.

On section 15—My own view is that the insertion of this restriction upon the working out of the Act will make it in effect a dead letter—7686. The ordinary procedure by summary conviction for offences under the Criminal Code is not hampered by the necessity of obtaining the consent of the attorney general—7687. The ordinary law provides that any person can lay an information and bring a prosecution in respect to any offence so punishable—7690. Why not make it applicable to all offences punishable by summary conviction?—7691. That, I suppose, is to give the informer an opportunity to look to the attorney general—7692.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—7688.

I think the government are to be congratulated upon having accepted the very good amendments that have been made to this Bill by the Senate—7688. I must admit that, to a certain extent, the Senate has, perhaps, gone a little farther than I would have gone myself—7689.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—7672.

The official document is the one in the hands of the Speaker—7672. I think it would be in the interest of the country to make this law as workable as possible. If the attorney general has power to remit a fine, he might also be consulted as to the way an action should be brought—7672.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—7669.

On section 3, subsection (g)—I cannot see why it should be permitted to unload express matter at intermediate points and not at terminal points—7669. If a car meets a boat and has to return, the result of this would be that the express matter would have to be carried back—7670.

On section 3, subsection (i)—I would ask the minister what he proposes to substitute for the clause as it now stands? If the words 'ocean-going' are to be put in the first time they will limit the latter part—7673.

On section 3, subsection (j)—That is where your Bill is defective; they have only four hours to unload. I know a line of vessels that leave Port Arthur and Fort William at 8 o'clock on Monday morning—7674. When is the closing of navigation? Is it on October 15, when the insurances are cut out, or at some later period?—7676.

On section 3, subsection (s)—The Sault Ste. Marie is just as much an international or an interprovincial railway as those at Ottawa or Niagara. If the province wished to prohibit it, they had the power to do so—7680.

LORD'S DAY, THE—CONCURRENCE—*Con.*

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—7665.

I should think that the amendment made by the Senate would do away with the difference between the English and French title of the Bill—7665.

Henderson, David (Halton)—7665.

I would fully endorse the motion of the Minister of Justice, that we retain the old name, 'The Lord's Day,' which I think is a more sacred name even than the word 'Sunday'—7665. I sent to the distribution office and I could not get a copy; I also went to the post office and it was not there—7668.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7687.

On section 15—We have the precedent of the Alien Labour Law and another in the Railway Act of 1902. There is a slight difference, but the principle is the same—7687. It is obvious that we should endeavour to prevent this law being made an instrument of persecution, but rather a law for the good behaviour of the people—7688. Quotes the Railway Act, section 300—7689. The deputy will be there 7692.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—7697.

The arguments of the leader of the opposition and Mr. Bourassa can only have force when it is assumed that every attorney general in Canada will disregard his oath of office and fail to perform his duty—7697.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—7677.

On section 3, subsection (i)—The Prime Minister has at last found out that he cannot attack the rights of the provinces—7677.

On section 3, subsection (s)—The Minister's Bill has been interfering with provincial rights all along the line, and now we have him charging that that mistake has been made by the Senate—7679.

On section 15—If it is right to leave the enforcing of a law to the attorney general of a province, why not leave the making of it to the province?—7686. The law will be a dead letter, and we shall have again the spectacle of the law declaring that to be a crime in one province, which is not a crime in another—7688. The argument of Mr. Brodeur is that in the province of Quebec the Attorney General is not likely to put the law in motion, but if he does put it in motion, he will pay the fine—7692.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—7673.

On section 3, subsection (i)—In the latter part of the section there is a provision for vessels carrying grain, coal or ore. No; they do not apply to the latter part—7673.

Porter, E. Guss (West Hastings)—7677.

On section 3, subsection (i)—Does this mean after the 15th of September next for all time to come, or the 15th of September in each year?—7677.

LORD'S DAY, THE—CONCURRENCE—*Con.*

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—7676.

On section 3, subsection (i)—There is no intention under that clause that vessels should be loaded, unloaded or operated, except when they would be otherwise unduly delayed—7676. I cannot see why there should be that distinction between ocean-going and inland vessels—7677.

Speaker, Mr.—7672.

On section 3, subsection (j)—That is the way the amendment reads in the Bill, as sent from the Senate. The only record I have is the one in my hand. I put the motion in that form—7672.

Sproule, T. S., (East Grey)—7686.

On section 15—We had some experience with reference to a similar provision in the Alien Labour Act, and it was anything but satisfactory—7686. With this provision I think the law will be simply a dead letter—7689. I imagine the railways lobbied pretty well to get that in. It is a safeguard to them, but whether it is in the public interest is a different matter—7690.

MACKINTOSH, EILEEN MARY, RELIEF OF.

Motion that that portion of the report of the Committee on Private Bills presented to this House respecting Bill (185) for the relief of Eileen Mary Mackintosh, be referred back to that committee for further consideration—Mr. Northrup—5438. Motion agreed to, on division—5445.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—5443.

Would like to know what guarantee we can have that if this motion carries there will be a larger attendance at the committee at the next meeting?—5443.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) 5443.

This is a case in which the committee might fairly be asked to give further consideration to a very important question—5443-4. The case is one in which witnesses come across the continent at great expense; the petitioner ought to be relieved—5445.

Derbyshire, D. (Brockville)—5443.

The Senate's report in this case is just and proper; Bill should be referred back to the committee so as to release this lady—5443.

Henderson, Hon. D. (Halton)—5443.

What harm could possibly accrue to any one if Bill were referred back so that the judgment of the committee might be reviewed by a larger number of the members?—5443.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—5440.

I protest against sending this Bill back for the simple reason that this House has empowered a committee to look into matter and to deal with all questions; does not think committee was wrong in failing to report Bill—5440-1.

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Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—5438.

Owing to the fact that the session is nearing the closing days only 31 members of the Private Bills Committee were present and by a vote of 18 to 13 the committee decided to report against the Bill—5438. This Bill was before the Senate committee, and it was passed and reported by that committee; their report was approved by the Senate and Bill then came to House. When the minority is so large and the majority is so small it would not be unreasonable to ask that this Bill be referred back to committee for further consideration—5439.

Tisdale, Hon. D. (Norfolk)—5441.

It is pretty hard on the woman in the case that because less than half of that committee adjudicated upon the case she should be refused the divorce which she seeks—5441. It would be well to consider the advisibility of providing in the rules that a divorce Bill must be passed upon by a majority of the committee. The least we can do having regard to the careful hearing which the Senate committee have given to this case is to refer the Bill back—5442.

House in committee on Bill (185) for the relief of Eileen Mary Mackintosh—Mr. Campbell—6036. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—6053.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—6049.

The member for Lincoln (Mr. Lancaster) comes here time after time to argue the question of the principle upon which these Bills ought to be granted or refused—6049. What we have to discuss is whether the evidence in support of this Bill is sufficient to justify us in granting it—6050. The respondent, in his cross-examination admitted that he had misstated the facts to his wife—6051. The wife's letters substantiate the wife's story—6052.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—6036.

The Bill was thrown out in the Private Bills Committee; it was so reported to this House, and a motion was made to have it referred to that committee for further consideration—6036. A Bill of divorce is the one Bill in parliament that should not be lobbied upon—6037. If you exclude the evidence of the doctor; there is not one tittle of evidence of wrong which under the laws of divorce would entitle any person to a divorce—6038. The doctor who will do that is capable of accepting money for doing it, and a man who would accept money in a case of that kind is a man whose evidence I would not believe—6039. Why should this Bill be passed after having been sent back in the way it was?—6040. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Northrup) might state the good reasons for sending the Bill back in the first place—6046. It was about the time this letter was written that she became aware of the facts?—6047.

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Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6040.

To apply any fair judgment to the evidence in this case you would have to refuse to grant this divorce—6040. The doctor's evidence is more than suspicions—6041. Are we going to let a woman change her husband, just as she would change a horse or a house?—6042. Divorces are becoming altogether too fashionable in this country—6043. I do not know what the policy of the government is with regard to sending Bills back to committee—6044. Every witness contradicted what the hon. gentleman (Mr. Boyce)—says—6050. I would say that it is no ground for divorce if he stops there—6051. On division—6053.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—6045.

I support this Bill because it is regularly before the House, and the evidence on which the committee has reported justifies the favourable report given by that committee—6045. The only question before us is whether there are any reasons advanced why the report of the Private Bills Committee should not be carried out—6046. Evidence is given by the doctor that the respondent was suffering from a certain complaint—6047. I think the evidence amply justifies the granting of this divorce—6048.

MAGNETAWAN RIVER—LIGHTHOUSE ON.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. W. H. Bennett called the attention of the government to a matter connected with the Marine and Fisheries Department—6793.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6794.

Asks Minister (Mr. Brodeur) if he will lay on the table this afternoon such declarations or evidence as he has received in this connection—6794. Reads statement of hon. member for King's (Mr. Fowler) from the debate of the 29th of May—6795. Gives particulars of changes in salaries. According to information given me portions of the supplies for which the government paid have since been sold by individuals connected with the work in that locality; moves that House do now adjourn—6796. Has the Minister (Mr. Brodeur) a declaration from the hon. member from Parry Sound (Mr. Watson) that he was not the owner of the steamboat at the time—6801.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6800.

Did these two accounts relate to the same work or were they for different works; was it all with regard to the lighthouse?—6800.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—6795.

So far the evidence which has been put in the hands of the department does not show that this change is substantial—6797. The whole question rests upon a misunderstanding—6798. Requests hon. member (Mr. Bennett) to give him the name of the man who gave the information in

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order that there may be a complete investigation—6799. The member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson) has declared he did not receive a cent and had nothing to do with the transaction—6801.

Speaker, Mr.—6795.

Is the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) going to conclude with a motion?—6795.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6799.

Could not the hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) have got the information from the men themselves?—6799.

MANITOBA COURT OF APPEAL—SALARIES.

Motion that the House do to-morrow go into committee to consider the proposed resolution: That it is expedient to provide that the salaries of the judges of the Court of Appeal for the province of Manitoba shall be as follows:—The Chief Justice, $8,000; three puisne judges, each $7,000 per annum, etc. Motion agreed to—4157

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—4157.

The consent of His Excellency has been obtained for this resolution—4157.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Solicitor General)—4157.

Moves the resolution in the absence of the Minister of Justice—4157.

House in committee to consider proposed resolution by Mr. Aylesworth—5007. Bill reported—5012.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—5007.

The necessity for this arises from an amendment that was made to the constitution of the courts of Manitoba at the late session of the provincial legislature. This resolution is to provide for the salaries which that change in the judiciary of the province calls for—5008. It will necessitate the appointment of a chief justice and two other judges. Personally, I would not be averse to seeing the judges of the King's Bench in Manitoba get the same remuneration as is given by this Bill to the judges of the new Appellate Court—5009. The proposition now before the House places the judges of the appellate tribunal of Manitoba upon the same footing as judges in like tribunals in Ontario and Quebec—5010. The new Bill requires the judges to take a share of the trial work of the province. There are 175 or 180 cases, some of which have been standing two or three years awaiting trial simply for lack of judicial numerical strength—5012.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5009.

Will this necessitate the appointment of three new judges? It is a new court altogether—5009. Are they the only

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judges for superior court cases ? They have no appeal court?—5012.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5007.

Will the hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) give us a little explanation as to the reason this is brought down?—5007. Do I understand that the number of judges in the Superior Court of Manitoba is to be decreased by one? Will the new court of appeal have jurisdiction in respect to appeal from county courts?—5008. Is the new Court of Appeal to possess some original jurisdiction as well as appellate jurisdiction?—5012.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5010.

I would like to know if the government have any information in their possession showing why it became necessary to establish this additional court—5010.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —5010.

The hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) asks why this additional court is necessary in Manitoba. The legislature of that province has unanimously come to the conclusion that such an adjunct to the strength of their judiciary is necessary—5010. I have to remind the member for Jacques-Cartier (Mr. Monk) that the salaries of the judges of all the courts were increased last year, including those of Manitoba—5011.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—5008.

What is the salary of the judges of the Court of King's Bench in Manitoba?—5008. There will be an anomaly under this measure that the judges of the court of King's Bench in Manitoba will receive less than the judges of the Court of Appeal—5009. It sems to me that the judges of the Court of King's Bench in Manitoba ought to be placed on the same footing as the judges of similar courts in Ontario and Quebec—5012.

MANITOBA GRAIN ACT, 1900, AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (206) to amend the Manitoba Grain Act, 1900—5615.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —5615.

This Bill and the Manitoba Grain Act have been introduced for the purpose of carrying out representations made to the Committee on Agriculture by a deputation of grain growers and others from the Northwest—5615.

Bill (No. 206) to amend the Manitoba Grain Act, 1900—Mr. Fisher—read the second time and House went into committee thereon—5904.

On section 1—Mr. Fisher moves amendment. Amendment agreed to, and Bill reported. Motion that Bill be read the third time—Mr. Fisher. Order allowed to stand—5906.

MANITOBA GRAIN ACT, 1900, AMENDMENT —*Con.*

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —5904.

This Bill is intended to overcome difficulties that have arisen at points where there is a congestion of wheat or a shortage of cars—5904. The provisions concerning the method of making these entries authorize an agent to make the application—5905.

On section 2—Under this section the regulations all apply to shipments westward the same as eastward. Moves amendment to section 1; moves third reading of Bill —5906.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—5904.

Will the Minister (Mr. Fisher) briefly explain this Bill?—5904. Under the law is the teamster who goes to the station to fill the car, empowered to enter the name of the applicant for a second car?—5905. Asks minister (Mr. Fisher) if he will delay third reading of this Bill until Tuesday?—5906.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—5906.

Is the minister aware that in the old law people shipping east had the preference in cars?—5906.

On section 2—Is there no preference given to shipments eastward?—5906.

Schaffner, F. L. (Souris)—5905.

The distribution of cars is exceedingly irregular as the railway use their own discretion in furnishing cars.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—5905.

Has the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) discussed this with the representatives of the Grain Growers' Associations of the Northwest, and have they agreed to it?—5905.

Motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 206) to amend the Manitoba Grain Act, 1900—Mr. Fisher—6128. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the third time and passed—6129.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —6128.

The millers of Ontario were fully represented by the delegation, and those who were present expressed their concurrence in the amendment on behalf of Ontario—6128. I think the commission which it is proposed to appoint during the recess will take that matter into consideration—6129.

Henderson, David (Halton)—6128.

There were two Bills before the House—one to amend the Manitoba Grain Act, the other the Inspection Act. The Inspection Act, which I requested to stand, is the one reported as having passed the third reading, and other Bill is held over—6128.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6128.

I endeavoured to ascertain how much wheat was over during the last season and the season before, and as to what disposal was made of it—6128. I think there is an allowance made for loss of a pound or two per bushel—6129.

MANITOBA JUDGES—SALARIES OF

On the order: House in committee on the proposed resolution to provide that the salaries of Manitoba judges be increased —Mr. Fitzpatrick—the mover asks leave of the House to withdraw the resolution. Resolution withdrawn—3907.

MAPLE SUGAR—ADULTERATION OF

Motion that it is desirable that means be taken at once to prevent the adulteration of maple syrups—Mr. Boyer—1397. Motion agreed to—1419.

Boyer, Gustave (Vaudreuil)—(Translation) —1397.

The action taken last year by the then Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Brodeur) not effective. Quotes report of chief analyst—1397. The spurious samples had been obtained from the manufacturing firms, and the pure from the farmers—1398. Reads resolution passed at the meeting of the co-operative association of Vaudreuil County Farmers' Industries, held at Ste. Justine, on September 4, 1905. Quotes statistics of output of maple sugar—1399. How the syrup is adulterated by the dealers to the detriment of the honest producers and the consumers—1400. Gives instances of sharp practice by adulterators—1401. Penalties should be enacted against all adulterators; and provision should be made for protecting the honest from the dishonest producer—1402. The manufacture of maple sugar, though a by-industry, is a paying industry when properly managed—1403. Government should extend a helping hand to those who are manufacturing these products, by protecting them against adulterators of all kinds—1404.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine) —(Translation)—1408

Shortly after entering Department of Inland Revenue had an investigation made regarding maple syrup, when it was discovered that 66 per cent of the samples were adulterated—1408. Ordered that the persons responsible for such frauds be prosecuted, and they were convicted by the courts. The department refused to remit the penalty. The export of the adulterated stuff should also be prohibited —1409.

To Mr. Sproule—Explains in English what he said in French—1410. If the hon. gentleman would consult bulletin 102 he would find that the samples of maple syrup from the farmers of Quebec are nearly all genuine, but that the samples from factorires, for example from Toronto, when analysed, were all found to be adulterated—1411. Wants to know how the Department can do more than it has done to stop the evil—1412.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —1413.

Says Mr. Henderson usually objects that he (Mr. Fisher)—undertakes too much work belonging to other Departments, and now

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Mr. Monk wants him to assume work belonging to Inland Revenue Department —1413. Only during recent years that an analysis was discovered by which adulteration in maple sugar could be detected. States the difference between the pure articles and the adulterated—1414. Last spring samples were collected without warning having been given, and only 24 per cent were found to be genuine; later on, when it was known that the departmental officers were collecting samples, there was a percentage of 63 genuine —1415. In a good many instances the labels contain the word 'compound' or some word which would indicate that they are not pure. The advantages and importance of the industry are such that the government ought to do all it can to promote its success—1416. A bulletin has been prepared which not only contains a description of the best process of manufacture, but it includes the Act with reference to adulteration, and is being circulated in English and French—1417. If efforts of Inland Revenue Department proved ineffective, the Department of Agriculture will be willing to do all it can for the welfare of the farmer—1418.

Ganong, G. W. (Charlotte)—1418.

The class of stuff that is sold by the farmers as maple sugar is outrageous; it is the poor quality of it that requires the harmless adulteration of it by adding granulated or other sugars. It is difficult to put some of the dark Quebec sugar on the market without using some other sugar to give it a colour—1418.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1412.

Suggests that owing to sterility of action of late Minister of Inland Revenue, the matter be entrusted to the Minister of Agriculture who would probably obtain results, as he did in fruit marking—1412. If a man labels a can 'compound of maple syrup', adulterated or not, there is no law against it—1414. Is it the intention during the session to introduce amendments to Revenue Act suggested by Minister of Agriculture?—1417.

Paquet, Eupène (L'Islet)—Translation)—1404.

Agrees with the opinions expressed by Mr. Boyer. The industry has, within the past few years, made remarkable strides—1405. Quotes statement made by Mr. Brodeur against adulteration, on Feb. 20, 1905—1406. Also statement made on Feb. 24th. Urges upon the government the necessity of exercising a more rigid oversight in regard to these adulterants—1407.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1409.

The calling of the attention of the government to the evil that exists is one which will benefit the producer as well as the consumer of this important article of commerce—1410. Easy to see that a great injustice is being done to the farmers of Quebec, who are producers of the

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genuine article—1411. Department of Inland all right as far as it has gone, but it has not gone far enough. Increase the penalties—1412. There never was a time when half as many spurious samples were offered for sale as there were this winter —1415. They are labelled 'pure maple syrup from Quebec'—1416.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—1407.

The motion and debate would impress upon the public mind the necessity for a more rigid enforcement of the Act. States what has been done since 1905 in this respect—1407. There is an increasing demand for pure maple sugar and syrup, and if the entire product were pure the prices would be higher—1408.

Walsh, R. N. (Huntingdon)—1419.

Believes that pure maple sugar and syrup is made in Quebec. If the adulterated article that is made after the sugar leaves Quebec can be prohibited a benefit will be conferred on the farmers—1419.

MASSACRE OF JEWS IN RUSSIA.

Resolution that the parliament of Canada deplores the wanton and inhuman massacre of the Jews in Russia—Mr. Macdonell (South Toronto)—226. Motion to adjourn debate moved—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—230. Motion agreed to—235.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—230.

Agrees with Prime Minister that it is better to postpone further consideration; technically as well as actually this parliament has a perfect right to address King on any suject whatever—230. Possible that position of Canada with regard to foreign relations of empire may be in transition stage; resolution passed in 1899, with regard to rights of British subjects in Transvaal—231.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—231.

Not animated by any feeling against Jews, any more than the hon. member for South Toronto (Mr. Macdonell) is animated by consideration of Jew vote in his constituency; province of Quebec was first part of British Empire to accord Jews their rights as citizens—231. Should not allow themselves to be dragged into every international question; sympathizes with Jews in their religious persecutions—232. Should reform social iniquities in our own world first—234.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—228.

Has no exception to take to anything that has been said by hon. friend (Mr. Macdonell) nor to motive which has inspired him in bringing resolution before House; Jews are respectable citizens of Canada in every sense of the word—228. Canadian parliament does not represent full plenary power; would simply ask House of Commons to reflect whether or not it

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is wise as a dependent colony of Great Britain to interfere in slightest degree with England's relations to other nations—229. Asks House to postpone consideration of resolution to further date; moves that debate be now adjourned—230.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—226.

Asks the indulgence of the House in addressing a few remarks on the resolution placed on order paper; quotes resolution; introduces it for the purpose of expressing sympathy with the victims and sufferers of the massacres and thus voicing the sentiments of the Canadian people through the Canadian House of Commons; during last two years over 100,000 helpless men, women and children have been massacred in Russia—226. Practically the whole civilized world has gone on record against such a condition of affairs; Prime Minister has himself dignified one of these meetings; Congress of United States has passed a resolution in much stronger terms and language; resolution not futile—227. We see no Jews in the public charitable institutions of this country and very few of them in the prisons and penitentiaries—228.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—230.

Does not agree with doctrine laid down by Prime Minister on this occasion; this parliament not secondary to British parliament in matters of this kind; satisfaction that Russia is effecting her emancipation, and that constitutional government is coming to that country—230.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—234.

Would not have risen to speak if there had not been insinuations—234. Parliament has plenary power as far as its rights to express its opinions are concerned; Agrees with Prime Minister and leader of Opposition—235.

MASTERS AND MATES, CERTIFICATES TO

(See Certificates to Masters and Mates of Ships.)

MASTERS AND MATES OF SHIPS, CERTIFICATES TO—SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (7) to amend the Act respecting the certificates to masters and mates of ships—Mr. Lancaster—458. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time—467. Bill goes to committee—467.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont)—467.

The proper time to discuss details is when Bill is in committee—467.

Brodeur, L. P. (Minister of Marine)—465.

Proposal that examinations shall be made under oath is extraordinary; also masters and mates from Great Britain are debarred from passing examination—465.

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Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —464.

There is no such thing as a certificate for a lake navigator—464. Would be an advantage to have Bill reach comment stage. Intends to point out some omissions—465.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—458.

Bill was introduced in 1904, but was defeated, owing to the belief that legislation would be brought forward later on—458. The principle object is to compel those who take out certificates to be British subjects. The late Hon. Mr. Préfontaine, in 1904, promised to introduce legislation—459. Quotes extracts from 1904 proceedings of the Canadian Association of Masters and Mates—460. The United States law compels commanders and watch-officers to be American citizens—461. Proposes that if masters and mates change their allegiance their Canadian certificates shall be forfeited—462. Under the present law a man may be an examiner of masters and mates without knowing anything about navigation—462. Object of amendment is to insist that all examiners must be competent lake navigators—463. If a man were a competent lake navigator he would be competent to examine—464. Not changing the law in regard to British masters and mates—466.

Pardee, Fred. F. (West Lambton)—465.

Suggests that the discussion of the Bill be left over for a day or two, so that information could be obtained from Mariners' Association—465.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—464.

In favour of the Bill. The present law works to the injury of Canadian citizens and the benefit of Americans—464.

Sinclair, John H. (Guysborough)—463.

Qualifications for examiners should not be limited to lake navigators. Navigation of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts is the greater—464.

MASTERS AND MATES OF SHIPS, CERTIFICATES TO—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (7) to amend the Act respecting the certificates to masters and mates of ships—Mr. Lancaster—467. Progress reported—483.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—470.

A strong feeling exists at Canadian ports against American officers commanding Canadian boats, with and without certificates—470. Would make the Bill applicable also to engineers—471.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—470.

Would like to know the view of the government as to imposing restrictions upon men coming from the States and obtaining certificates—470. Do citizens of the United States who have not proper certificates come into this country and act as captains, engineers and mates of Canadian vessels?—472. Is there any evasion of the law on the lakes, such as has been alluded to in respect to the Yukon river?—474. The United States law does not permit a master or mate to receive a certificate unless he becomes a citizen of that country—474.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—468.

What is meant is that certificate which applicant has to file should be made under oath—468. The point is met by the existing law—469. There is no law that speaks of lake navigators. Quote regulations—469. Have not given much consideration to that point; took the Bill as it was—470. Foreigners have to live in this country for three years before they can pass an examination and act as masters and mate. There are very few Americans who have come to Canada for three years and then passed their examinations—472. Have not been informed that certificates have been given in the way mentioned by hon. member for Vancouver—474. Asks to be furnished with particulars of evasion of law in the Yukon—475. Am afraid that the twenty-four months required as the period in which a man must serve as wheelsman is too long—481. There should not be lack of uniformity in the case of sea-going vessel men and those on inland waters—482. Section 4 and the next clause are to bring the law into conformity with the amendment made in the first clause. The Bill may be made into a good measure—483.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—478.

Would like hon. gentleman (Mr. Lancaster) to explain what he means by wheelsman?—478. Suggests change in subsection—482.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —467.

On section 1—What the effect of the amendment will be—467. Suggests 'British subjects who intend to become masters or mates or persons domiciled in Canada for three years—468. Should see that certificates cannot be restricted to British subjects domiciled in Canada, and make them valuable only as long as Canadian domicile continues—476. The period of probation here proposed—twenty-four months—is somewhat long—482.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—468.

On section 1—Intended to provide that certificates which must be produced to qualify under should be presented under oath—468. Want declaration made so that person giving it could be prosecuted for perjury if not true—469.

On section 3—Strike out the word 'lake' and say competent navigators—469. The law concerning three years residence for foreigners before examination is evaded in a great many cases—473. Before taking a position on a boat in the United States

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the applicant must declare intention to become a citizen—474. Under the present law, all that a man has to do is to prove that he has been domiciled in Canada for three years, and then he gets a certificate good to him forever—476.

On section 2—Reason for clause is that Masters and Mates Association have convinced him that it is necessary that man should have qualified for wheelsman before acting as mate. Willing to have provision limited to inland waters, so that it will not apply to coasting trade—478. What is the use of quarrelling about what is no longer in dispute?—479. Eighteen months might be a reasonable period of probation—482. I do not see any objection to have the word 'lake' struck out—483.

Lennox, Haughton (Simcoe)—481.

Might get over the difficulty by adding, after the word, 'workman' the words, 'or a person who has served on a sailing vessel'—479. Suggested using the word 'sailor,' which would make the language more general—481.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—480.

The suggestion that Bill stand over the only wise one to consider at this stage—479. Should deal with legislation on this subject with greatest possible care—480.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—477.

On section 2—If this amendment became law any person in Nova Scotia applying for a certificate as master or mate would have to satisfy the examiner that he had served for twenty-four months as a wheelsman—477. The clause should be struck out altogether—479. Does not object to principle of measure, but thinks sufficient attention has not been given to the Bill by promoter—480.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—474.

Perhaps the Minister of Marine is holding some information back—474. Has not enough been heard to justify the Minister in taking charge of this Bill ?—483.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—473.

Am informed that majority of pilots, mates and engineers on the Yukon river, in British bottoms, are Americans. The law is simply winked at in the Yukon—473.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—472.

How is the time for which the foreign person has lived in Canada proven and before whom?—472. We should make it as difficult for an American to get papers in this country as it is for a Canadian to obtain such a certificate in the United States—475.

Reid, John D. (Grenville)—474.

Knows of Americans living on the other side, and yet having Canadian certificates—474. Gives case of wheelsman, &c., who has never resided in Canada and still was granted a certificate; if he can do better

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on an American vessel he takes her, but if not he takes a Canadian vessel—476. On the St. Lawrence a man cannot take the position of wheelsman until he has served a year or two on the steamer as deck hand—481.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—471.

On section 2—It will be difficult for applicant to make declaration as to master under whom he served, as records are not kept in Canada as they are in England—471.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—469.

On section 3—The examiner should be a competent lake or coast navigator—469. The main object sought by the promoter of the Bill, that only British subjects shall be capable of acting as masters and mates on ships registered in Canada, is an excellent one. From a cursory reading of section 2, it would seem to apply only to steamers—481.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—476.

Cites the case of Mr. Carnegie, of Rockport, who had to move his family to Cape Vincent, U.S., before he could take out papers for a boat of American register—476.

MASTERS AND MATES OF SHIPS, CERTIFICATES OF—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (7) to amend the Act respecting certificates to masters and mates of ships—Mr. Lancaster—841. Progress reported—844.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—

Would minister undertake to give Mr. Lancaster an opportunity of having the Bill discussed in the House?—844.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—842.

Has received a communication from secretary of Dominion Marine Association that they be allowed to express their views, and suggests that the Bill be referred to a special committee—842. Will present a Bill this year in regard to Act relating to masters and mates. Will give an opportunity to Mr. Lancaster to discuss subject in this House, after committee reports—844.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—842.

Bill recast since committee last met. It enacts simply that if a man is a British subject he is qualified—842. If the sending of the Bill to a special committee is to delay it so that it could not be reported back, the Bill should not be referred—843. Put it on the government orders—844.

On the Order, House again in Committee on Bill (7) to amend the Act respecting certificates to masters and mates of ships—Mr. Lancaster—Hon. L. P. Brodeur moved

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that the order be discharged and that the Bill be referred to a select committee. Motion agreed to—998.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—998.

When report of committee is made Bill will go on the Order Paper again—998.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—998.

Suppose there will be no harm in letting the order stand until the report comes down—998.

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Motion by Mr. Lancaster, that Mr. J. H. G. Bergeron be placed on the select committee to which Bill (7) has been referred, instead of Mr. Lefurgey. Motion agreed to—999.

McLAREN'S CREEK, VICTORIA COUNTY, ONTARIO.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Sam. Hughes draws attention of Prime minister to statement in yesterday's 'Hansard' in answer to question relating to construction of roadway across McLaren's creek—657. Matter drops—658.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—658.

What did the government do ?—658.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—658.

Promises that he will have remarks of Mr. S. Hughes brought to the attention of the Minister of Railways and Canals, and he will be prepared to give an answer—658.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—657.

The provincial government constructed dam, but the Dominion government took over the dam and assumed all liability in connection with it—657. If the government would construct an embankment leading from each shore up to the old bank of the creek the municipality would put in the bridge—658.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

Hon. William Templeman, member-elect for the electoral district of Victoria, B.C., introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Ralph Smith—417.

Alexander C. Ross, Esquire, member-elect for the electoral division of Cape Breton North and Victoria, introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. A. Johnston—969.

Wilbert McIntyre, Esquire, member for electoral district of Strathcona, introduced by Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Oliver 1840.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Mr. Speaker reads the Message from the Governor General—1940.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL—FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Hon. W. S. Fielding delivered a Message from the Governor General—2016. Motion that it be referred to Committee of Supply—Mr. Fielding. Motion agreed to—2016.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—2016.

Moves that His Excellency's Message, together with the estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply—2016.

Speaker, Mr.—2016.

Reads Message *re* further supplementary estimates—2016.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL—FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Hon. Mr. Fielding delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by his own hand—5697. Motion that the Messages be referred to Committee of Supply—Mr. Fielding. Motion agreed to—5697.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—5697.

Moves that the Message of His Excellency, together with the supplementary estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply. I beg to present a further Message from His Excellency, signed by his own hand. The first estimates are for the balance of the current year. The second supply estimates are for the coming period of nine months—5697.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5697.

Did I understand that these were further final estimates?—5697.

Speaker, Mr.—5697.

Reads Message from His Excellency the Governor General, recommending further Supplementary estimates to the House of Commons—Reads further message from His Excellency—5697.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY—REMOVAL OF

On the Orders of the Day, attention is called to the rumour of the removal of the observatory from Toronto—Mr. Kemp (East Toronto). Is informed the matter is under discussion—127.

MEXICAN TRAMWAY COMPANY — THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (No. 96) respecting the Mexican Consolidated Electric Company, Limited, and to change its name to Mexican Tramways Company—Mr.

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Calvert—2666. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—2667.

Calvert, William (West Middlesex)—2666.

In Bills 94 and 95, the same provision was inserted in committee—2666. No difference in Bills already passed and this one—2667.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —2667.

It is desirable to push business along rapidly and when amendments in committee are of minor importance it is not necessary to reprint Bill. It would be better for chairman to always read the amended section—2667.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—2667.

Explains why changes in Bills should be made known to House—2667.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2666.

On sections bb, cc, and dd—In Bill (95) respecting the Mexican Light and Power Company, Limited, there is no provision for registration of share warrants. Why should there be a provision for registering them in the one Bill and not in the other ?—2666. In many cases it would be much better to have Bills reprinted as amended—2667.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—2666.

When Bills are amended in committee, they should be reprinted before being considered by the Committee of the Whole House—2666. Not speaking so much of this particular Bill, as of the system generally—2667.

MILITIA ACT, AMENDMENT.

Motion that the House do to-morrow go into committee to consider the proposed resolution : That it is expedient to amend the Militia Act—Sir Frederick Borden. Motion agreed to—4157.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia) —4157.

The attention of His Excellency the Governor General has been drawn to this proposed resolution, and he consents to the same—4157.

MILITIA ACT AMENDMENT.

House in committee on Militia Act Amendment—Sir Frederick Borden—5190. Resolution reported, read the first and second time, and agreed to. Motion for leave to introduce Bill (201) to amend the Militia Act—Sir Frederick Borden. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—5191.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia) —5191.

This resolution is necessary in order to carry out the provisions of the Bill which has been introduced, as based upon the former resolution. Moves for leave to introduce Bill (201)—5191.

MILITIA ACT, AMENDMENT—IN COMMITTEE.

Bill (201) to amend the Militia Act—Sir Frederick Borden—read the second time, and House went into committee thereon—5536. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5537.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia) —5536.

When the resolution upon which this Bill was founded was in committee, I stated that it was germane to the Pension Bill and a necessary part of it. Quotes sections 46 and 47 of the Militia Act of 1904—5536. Under our law there is no authority to do anything but confer a Canadian commission—5537.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5536.

What change does this make ?—5536. Your authority would be only permissive in the second case—5537.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—5537

Does the law make any difference between a British officer who joins the Canadian forces and one who comes here on loan? —5537.

Tisdale, Hon. David (Norfolk)—5537.

It would never do to put an officer under the command of another officer of inferior rank—5537.

MILITIA CAMPS—MEN DRAWING PAY UNDER ASSUMED NAMES.

On the Orders of the Day Mr. Sam. Hughes drew the attention of the Minister of Militia (Sir Frederick Borden) to a statement which appeared in the Toronto 'Daily Star' concerning certain conditions in Niagara camp—5992.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia) —5993.

The matter is being looked into and will be carefully investigated—5993.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—5992.

Quotes Toronto 'Daily Star'; if the statement is true, these men must have committed forgery, and their officers must be cognizant of the fact—5992.

MILITIA CAMPS—SERVICE ROLLS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. S. Hughes says that the press publishes that an order has been issued by the Militia Department requiring officers to send in service rolls —1001.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia) —1002.

The time fixed for receipt of service rolls one week, not ten days. Felt that, in in view of large increase in pay, officers should take more pains than they have done in the past—1002.

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Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—1003.

If there are officers who are so dishonest that they will certify that men are entitled to efficiency pay, who have not had the necessary training, they should be got rid of—1003. While the minister says the time is changed to one week, the order says ten days, which really means fourteen days—1004.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—1001.

To have the service rolls in ten days before camps would be a hardship on officers of rural corps. Would like to know what the intention of the Minister is—1001.

Talbot, O. E. (Bellechasse)—1004.

His captains informed him that it was impossible for them to furnish a service roll any sooner then the opening of camp—1004.

Ward, H. A. (Durham)—1002.

If the order goes into force the rural battalions will find it a very difficult thing to get a full muster—1002. Considers it an injustice that commanding officers should be allowed pay only for the men taken into camp—1003.

MILITIA CAMPS, SERVICE ROLLS FOR

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. H. A. Ward brings the attention of the hon. Minister of Militia to the recent order regarding service rolls for camp—2624.

Borden, Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia)—2626.

Suggestion of hon. member (Mr. Ward) is entitled to consideration and shall be very glad to take it up with officers of department. The order was intended simply to test the condition of the service—2626.

Ward, H. A. (Durham)—2624.

Desires to bring to attention of hon. Minister of Militia and Defence (Sir Frederick Borden) the recent order issued by Militia Department *re* service rolls—2624. Is of opinon that order will have a serious effect upon attendance of camps unless order is modified—2625. Explains his remedy for difficulty—2626.

MILITIA PENSION ACT AMENDMENT.

Motion that the House do to-morow go into committee to consider the proposed resolution: That it is expedient to amend the Militia Pension Act—Sir Frederick Borden—4156. Motion agreed to—4157.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia) 4157.

The attention of His Excellency the Governor General has been drawn to this proposed resolution, and he consents to the same—4157.

MILITIA PENSION ACT AMENDMENT—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on proposed resolution by Sir Frederick Borden—5186. Resolution reported, read the first and second time and agreed to. Motion for leave to introduce Bill (200) to amend the Militia Pension Act, 1901—Sir Frederick Borden, Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time—5190.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia)—5186.

At the time that Canada undertook to take over the garrisons at Halifax and Esquimalt, correspondence was interchanged between the War Office and the Militia Department—5186. Quotes proposal of War Office—5187. If a private had served ten years in the British army, he had acquired certain pension rights, and if he serves ten years more on the Canadian permanent force he will be entitled to a pension. The War Office will pay to the Canadian government whatever the man may have earned in respect of pension in the imperial army—5188. As to officers, I do not think the pension is any higher; as to men, it may be slightly so. I stated before that it was not the intention of the government to introduce a pension Bill for those who had served in South Africa—5189. Only one imperial officer, Capt. Doull, who is a Canadian and a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, has joined the Canadian service, but we have borrowed twelve or fifteen for a term of two years—5190.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5180.

The question raised is, whether the government determines by actuarial calculation what they are to pay, and seek reimbursement on that basis, or whether they will be reimbursed year by year as the money is paid out—5188. How many officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the British garrison have entered the Canadian permanent force at Halifax and Esquimalt?—5189. Are the terms of years which entitle to a pension in the British service the same as those which entitle to pension in the Canadian service?—5190.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—5187

Does not this apply to officers also?—5187. Would the years of service that an officer or man has put in in the British service be counted as so much in our service? Would the British government pay a proportion of his pension annually?—5189. In this matter of pensions is there any degree of permanency—5190.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5188.

If the British government paid for the first ten years, and the man lived thirty years, would not Canada be paying twenty years against ten years paid by the British authorities?—5188. Inquiries have been made whether the Canadian government intend to introduce a Bill this session in regard to pensions to those who served in South Africa?—5189.

MILITIA PENSION ACT AMENDMENT—THIRD READING.

Bill (200) to amend the Militia Pension Act, 1901—Sir Frederick Borden—read the second time, and the House went into committee on the Bill—533. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5536.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia) —5534.

Quotes statement of officers, non-coms. and men of the British garrisons at Halifax and Esquimalt. The period of service is the same as ours. An account is kept for each officer—5534. If an officer is obliged to leave the service on account of ill-health he receives the money he has paid into the pension fund as a gratuity, with five per cent interest added—5535. I am bound to say that very serious difficulty exists in recruiting—5536.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5534.

Will the Imperial government reimburse the Canadian government year by year? —5534. What is the minimum period of service which in Canada entitles him to a pension? I have received information that it has been very difficult to recruit —5535.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—5535

At the end of ten years in the Canadian service would he receive his pension on the basis of ten years in the Canadian service and ten years in the Imperial service—5535.

Tisdale, Hon. David (Norfolk)—5535.

He will have to pay five per cent of his salary from the time he joins the permanent force—5535.

MINNESOTA-CANADIAN BRIDGE COMPANY.

On the Order, House in committee on Bill (No. 91) to incorporate the Minnesota-Canadian Bridge Company—Mr. Dyment—Order allowed to stand—2067.

Conmee, James (Thunder Bay and Rainy River) —2067.

It was arranged this afternoon that this Bill should stand over for a few days—2067.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

On Orders of the Day being called, Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister) makes the usual explanation in regard to ministerial changes —252.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—265.

Regrettable that Postmaster General has not repeated in parliament some of the ideas he expressed in North York—265. A great deal is expected of the Postmaster General in his new office by the people of Ontario—266. Congratulates Bench of Ontario upon accession of Sir William Mulock—267. Postmaster General is able

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—*Con.*

man and is welcomed to cabinet by Ontario people in particular—268.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—258.

Hopes that Sir William Mulock will be restored to health—258. Have the government taken into consideration the advisability of reducing the number of cabinet portfolios—259. Have the new Postmaster General and the new Minister of Inland Revenue been made thoroughly acquainted with the views and policy of the government regarding the tariff—260. The ex-Postmaster General brought in a motion last session asking that a certain inquiry should be made into telephone system of this country—261.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—264.

Could not survey and map work of Marine and Fisheries Department, the Lands Branch, the Geological Survey and the Militia Department be done under one head?—264.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —252.

Gives usual explanation in regard to ministerial changes which have taken place since last session; two vacancies occurred during recess—252. Mr. Templeman succeeds late Mr. Préfontaine; Mr. Templeman took portfolio of Minister of Inland Revenue and Mr. Brodeur agreed to take portfolio of Marine and Fisheries; Mr. Templeman also agreed to take over some branches of Interior Department and to sit in House of Commons rather than in Senate—253-4. Reads letter of resignation from Sir William Mulock and reply—254-5. Health of Sir William Mulock not as good as formerly—256. Experience gained in House is a proper and efficient training for any duties to which he may afterwards be called—257. Mr. Aylesworth succeeds Sir William Mulock —258.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—262.

Sir William Mulock's reputation in this country based on record of parliamentary independence—262. It was intention of late Postmaster General to nationalize telephone system—263. Present Postmaster General (Mr. Aylesworth) told people in North York that he intended to continue policy of predecessor—264.

On the Orders of the Day, Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed the House of certain changes in the cabinet within the last few days—4535.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4535.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is eminently fitted for the very high position he has now assumed; his career in that very judicial position will be no less distinguished and no less successful than has been his career in public life. Does the new Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) propose to carry out in his new sphere the same rules with regard to private practice as he announced when Postmaster General?—

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4535. Extends congratulations to the new Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) and the new Postmaster General (Mr. Lemieux). The Prime Minister has not enlightened the House regarding the reasons on account of which the position of Solicitor General has not been filled; and he has not announced any new change of policy—4536.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4535.

The government came to the conclusion that the interests of Canada would be best served by offering the vacant position of chief justice of the Supreme Court to the Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice; the acceptance of Mr. Fitzpatrick was approved by the Governor General. The portfolio of Justice, left vacant, was offered to the then Postmaster General (Mr. Aylesworth) who accepted and was sworn in by His Excellency, the Governor General. The position of Postmaster General vacated by Mr. Aylesworth has been accepted by the former Solicitor General, Mr. Lemieux; the position of Solicitor General is not yet filled—4535.

MINISTERS OR DEPUTIES PRACTISING IN CANADIAN COURTS.

On the Order for the consideration of the proposed motion, Mr. Lennox asks that the motion stand, as the leader of the opposition who wishes to speak on the question, is absent. Motion allowed to stand—2069.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—2069.

Am quite prepared to go on with the debate, but owing to absence of leader of opposition, who is desirous of speaking upon the question, would ask that the motion stand—2069.

MINISTERS OR DEPUTIES PRACTISING IN CANADIAN COURTS.

Motion that it is inexpedient that any minister or deputy head of department should appear as barrister, counsel or advocate except where interests of Crown are involved—Mr. Lennox—1694. Amendment moved by Mr. Fitzpatrick—2798. Amendment agreed to: yeas, 89; nays, 54. Motion as amended agreed to on same division. Mr. Aylesworth asked to be excused from voting—2809.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General) —2765.

Would have been glad to discuss question from an impersonal point of view if hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) had not made a political attack on government—2765. His (Mr. Aylesworth's) position has been endorsed by constituents of North York—2766. Quotes resolution. Is willing to give adhesion to the principle that the country should have first claim upon any

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minister's time—2767. Denies personal statements of hon. member (Mr. Lennox) —2768. Received endorsement of the Law Society of Upper Canada—2769. Explains the position of the Lord Chancellor of England in his parliamentary and legal procedure—2769. Because the Chancellor of Ontario and the Chief Justice of the King's Bench rendered, upon their oaths of office, a decision upon the evidence before them, which did not suit the political friends of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) they are to be denounced and accused throughout the country—2770. A judge is appointed, not during pleasure, but 'quandiu se bene gesserit' and once a judge has received his patent of appointment he stands pre-eminently independent. If a member of the government may not appear before a judge as an advocate because the judge may be influenced by his position, what is to happen if a member of the government should be himself a litigant—2771. Only twelve months ago this House itself, and not the cabinet, fixed the salaries of the judges. The only possible argument there is in support of the principles advocated by the gentleman who has moved the resolution is that in this country we have not adopted the principle that 'once a puisne always a puisne'—2772. Quotes precedents for promotion of judges from the establishment of courts in Upper Canada—2773-4. If it is the principle of promotion which makes it improper that a member of the government should practise before any court in this country, why may he not, with impunity, practise in any of the county courts of the province —2775. Every argument the hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) has used in support of his resolution reverts against himself and his own position—2777. Has advised clients who sought opinion as to legal rights; utterly unable to see why he should not do so—explains reasons—2777. Has given the work of the department the very fullest energy and attention that was necessary for the full performance of its duties; has perfect right to do any legal work he has done since entering department—2778. Has appeared six times before the Supreme Court and four times in the Ontario courts, the responsibility for all of the cases having been assumed before he took office—2779. Was not bringing discredit upon law profession, upon honour of House or upon the honour and dignity of a responsible minister of the Crown in Canada—2780.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2780.

Does not appreciate one portion of hon. friend's Mr. Aylesworth's) remarks. The Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) took the ground that a Minister of Justice for Canada ought not to practice before the judges of this country—2780.

Parliament is dealing with the case of a member of the bar, who after taking his position as a member of the cabinet,

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continues, in defiance of precedent and public opinion, to carry on the practice of his profession before the very judges whom he appoints and promotes—2781. Conditions in England are not the conditions in Canada—2782. Quotes memorandum which Lord Randolph Churchill forwarded to Hon. W. H. Smith in connection with the Parnell commission. Has no word of criticism for Chancellor Boyd or Chief Justice Falconbridge—2783. Position the hon. Postmaster General (Mr. Aylesworth takes is not conducive to the best interests of the country, and will not tend to promote that proper respect which every man should have for the judicial bench of Canada. The Postmaster General cannot work in the courts and do his duty towards his client and at the same time do his duty towards his department—2784. Quotes law in reference to independence of judges. If it is a good and sound rule for the judges of Canada, why is it not a good rule for the Postmaster General himself? Quotes names of members of British cabinet who have quit practice on assuming office—2785-6. If the rule preserving the independence of the civil service is a good rule for the civil servants, why is it not a good rule for cabinet ministers—2786. Quotes resolution; thinks resolution should be accepted by government—2787. Quotes amendment; amendment does not go far enough—2805-6. If hon. gentleman. (Mr. W. S. Fielding) is able to take his position in cabinet and get along upon his salary of $7,000 a year, why should not any lawyer being a member of the cabinet do the same thing—2807.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—2806.

If you ask public men in Canada, Dominion and provincial, to give their entire time to public duties, you ask them to do so for insignificant salaries in comparison with salaries paid in mother country—2806. If a member of the cabinet found it desirable and possible to give attention to private business there would be no room for criticism, provided always that he gave his full and proper attention to the duties of his department—2807.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—2788.

Postmaster General (Mr. Aylesworth) is quite capable of defending himself. There is no comparison possible between the position of minister of the Crown and that of a judge—the judge holds his position for life—2788. Resolution is an illogical one, has not been carefully considered, and leads to consequences which this House has not contemplated—2789. Words of contumely which hon. friend (Mr. Lennox) addresses to Postmaster General, might be applied with equal force to the leader of the opposition. Has always held that trying of election petitions by judges tends to lower the

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Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—*Con.*

dignity of the bench—2790. Have never abused judges in Quebec like judges were abused in Ontario—2791. A judge's time belongs to the country, and whether that time be given to the performance of regular judicial work or quasi-judicial work there should be no remuneration beyond his salary. Government are not guilty of prostituting the judiciary—2792. Public business should have first claim and first call on time of every cabinet minister; conditions in England are different from those in Canada—2794. Refers to famous defence made by Lord Coleridge in British House of Commons in 1871—2795. British House of Commons compensates the Attorney General and the Solicitor General handsomely for loss of practice—2796. Explains the difficulties of enormous amount of work that the Deputy Minister of Justice has to face. Asks for proper remuneration. Moves an amendment—2798.

German, Wm. M. (Welland)—1703.

Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) suggest that any judge of courts of Canada will be biased in his view of law because a lawyer who happens to be a minister of Crown is arguing case?—1704. Will hon. gentleman (Mr. Lennox) assert that High Chancellor Boyd and Chief Justice Falconbridge are not two of the most upright judges in Canada?—1709.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1708.

Would be obliged if hon. friend (Mr. Lennox) would particularize instances to prove the general tendency of mixing functions of executive with those of judiciary—1708.

Understood the Postmaster General stood upon the ground that he had the privilege of practising under law as it exists, and he stated that he had in view the clearing up of business entrusted to him—2800. If there is anything wrong in the practice of promoting judges this government is not responsible for having introduced it—2801. If the appointment of judges to investigate political offences be a sin, the sin does not lie at our door—2802. Hon. friend from Simcoe (Mr. Lennox) was not warranted in his assertion that the present government has degraded the character of the bench because it appointed judges to commissions and had introduced the promotion system—2803.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1694.

Motion is not intended to be an attack on any individual—1694. Judicial system is of vastly more interest to country than anything else connected with government of Canada—1695. Quotes Taswell-Langmead's constitutional history; resolution does not contain an insinuation so much as a direct charge—1696. Quotes portion of Hon. A. B. Aylesworth's speech at Schomberg from 'Globe' of November 11, 1905—1697 Quotes 'Canadian Law Times'—1698. Quotes Hon. G. W. Ross—1699.

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Quotes 'Canadian Law Times' of December, 1905; Hon. gentleman (Hon. A. B. Aylesworth) is still practising in courts while his colleagues in Privy Council are deliberating upon what is best in the interests of Canada—1700. If hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) resigns, the hon. gentleman (A. B. Aylesworth) will be his successor and will be the maker or unmaker of judges in future; quotes question and answer of 1st of March from 'Hansard'—1701. Contrary to all precedent the hon. gentleman (Mr. Aylesworth) is practising in courts; quotes 'Globe' of 24th March—1702. Quotes cases hon. gentleman has participated in since opening of parliament. Is it fair to litigant that a member of government should plead for one side, and that other side should be obliged to retain some one who has not that advantage and influence? Is it fair to judges?—1703. Parliament is tampering too much with administration of Justice in Canada—1704. Minister should devote all his time to his department; quotes President Roosevelt—1705. Quotes an hon. Senator of Canada; judges should be clothed with absolute independence; quotes Judge Boothby of New South Wales—1706. Quotes Sir William Harcourt in English House of Commons re practice of law officers and deputy heads; quotes Mr. Swift Mackeville and Lord Hotham. Government is unintentionally mixing up duties of judiciary with duties of executive more and more—1707.

Quotes Lord Brougham; the importance of administering the Department of Justice so that we shall have a pure government is very great—2732. Since the matter was up for discussion two weeks ago, the Postmaster General has been again serving, not the country, but the private client by practising in the courts—2733-4. Quotes Lord Brougham, Sir Richard Webster. Are the judges to be trusted?—2735. Quotes Mr. J. S. Ewart, K.C., refers to 'Law Magazine' 1903 *re* Mr. Wedderburn—2736. Quotes English 'Law Times' of 1905; quotes Mr. Healy, in English House of Commons—2737. Quotes 'Law Times' of February, 1906—2738. What is wanted is an unfettered, independent bench; quotes Sir John Stuart in case of Kemp vs. Rose—2739-40. Quotes case of the Queen and the justices of Great Yarmouth—2740-1. Quotes 'Saturday Night'—2742-3. Refers to the language of Mr. Justice Rose in the case of Conmee vs. the Canadian Pacific Railway—2743. Reads quotation in 'Canadian Law Times' from 'English Law Times' referring to appointment of Mr. Wm. Finlay, son of Sir R. Finlay, lately attorney general in the administration in England—2744. Quotes 'English Law Times'—2745. When any minister of the Crown is receiving a salary whether it is big or little it shall secure his undivided allegiance to the Crown; quotes Mr. J. S. Ewart—2746-7-8-9. It was equally wrong for the Conservative administration in England and the Liberal administration in Ontario to

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appoint judges as commissioners instead of having proper investigation made by the committees of the House—2749. Quotes Mr. Matthews, now one of the High Court judges in England—2750. Quotes Mr. S. H. Blake—2751. Quotes junior member of the firm of which an ex-judge was head in the case of Ottumwa vs. Stodghill—2752. Quotes Judge Matthews—2753. Not afraid of hon. Postmaster General because he will get the country's vindication—2754. Quotes Lord Herschell as to dual capacities in public life—2755. Quotes Lord Rosebery from 'English Law Times'; quotes Sir Richard Webster and Mr. Gladstone in British House of Commons—2757. Quotes Mr. Gladstone and Lovat Fraser—2758. Quotes Canadian 'Law Times' *re* The Alaska Boundary Tribunal—2760-1-2. Quotes the case of Wallace vs. the Solicitor General of New Zealand, reported in Law Reports, Appeal cases, 1903—2763. Has evidence under hand to show that new business has been taken since hon. gentleman (Mr. Aylesworth) became Postmaster General; quotes an alternative—2764. Quotes Sir Thomas Carlyle—2765. Did not attack character of judges—2804.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co., N.B.)—2798.

Crown officers of England are not members of the cabinet; judicial appointments do not come through the recommendations of the Attorney General or of the Solicitor General—2798. Objects to a member of the government going into courts and arguing cases before judges; Mr. Haldane, Secretary of State for War dropped his practice immediately on appointment to office—2799. Parliament should do everything possible to maintain the respect in which the people of Canada hold the judiciary; and especially should the members of the profession endeavour to uphold the bench—2800.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE, RUMOURED RESIGNATION OF

On the Orders of the Day Mr. S. Hughes brought to the attention of the House an article in the Ottawa 'Journal' concerning the rumoured resignation of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth)—5437.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5437.

Quotes Ottawa 'Evening Journal.' Asks first minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) if there is any truth in the rumour that Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) contemplates resigning—5437

MOBERLEY, H. J.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. R. S. Lake called the attention of the government to an item which appeared in the Regina 'Standard' of June 29th—6793.

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Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)

I have not the slightest knowledge, whether this gentleman's name is on the enumerators' list or not, will inquire—6793.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6793.

Quotes extract from the Regina 'Standard' of June 29th; is there any truth in this extraordinary statement?—6793.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6793.

Will the hon. minister (Mr. Fisher) promise to remove his name if it is found on the list?—6793.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Fisher refers to question asked yesterday by Mr. Lake, based upon a newspaper paragraph which he read—6930.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—6931.

I have examined the list of enumerators for the province of Saskatchewan, and find that the name Moberley does not appear on it. This is another instance of exposing a reckless and foundationless assertion—6931.

MONEY LENDERS ACT, AMENDMENT.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (11) further to amend the Act respecting money lenders—Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Justice)—19. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—19.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—19.

The Bill precisely the same as the Bill which was passed in the Senate in 1900—19.

MONEY-LENDERS ACT AMENDMENT, SECOND READING.

Bill (11) respecting money lenders—Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick. Read the second time and taken in committee—352. Progress reported—357.

Bergeron, Joseph G. H. (Beauharnois)—354.

On section 3—What is the object of this limit of $500—354.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—353

On section 2—In English Act expression 'money-lender' includes every one whose business is that of money-lender; thinks definition of Bill should be less limited—353.

On section 3—Bill would have effect of increasing rate of interest allowed on this class of judgment, which, probably, it is not desirable to do—353.

On section 10—Under English Act the judges sometimes make an order for allowing judgment to be paid in small instalments extending over 75, 100 or 150 years.

MONEY-LENDERS ACT AMENDMENT—SECOND READING—*Con.*

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—354.

On section 3—Will the latter part of section cover case of contract under chattel mortgage?—354.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—352.

Practically in form in which similar Bill came from Senate in 1900; has English Act of that year.

On section 2—Will remain in abeyance so that members may consider advisability of using word 'practice'; any man who lends at a rate in excess of 10 per cent will be money-lender—352.

On section 3—Is unusual legislation, and interferes, to a certain extent, with private contract—353. Object of Bill is to allow rate of interest under contract to be reduced; to protect class of small borrowers—354. English statute leaves it a matter of discretion on part of court to determine whether, under all circumstances rate of interest is excessive—355.

On section 10—Intends to add provisions to Act so that it will not apply to Yukon; moves that committee rise; shall endeavour to adopt, as far as possible provisions of English Act, 63 and 64 Victoria chapter 51.

Fowler, Geo. W. (King's, N.B.)—352.

On section 2—Why make the limit 10 per cent? This seems an exorbitant rate—352.

On section 3—You are increasing the amount a usurer can charge—353. Contract does not govern rate of interest from date of judgment—354.

Galliher, Wm. A. (Kootenay)—355.

On section 5—Does this section provide means of evading rate of interest to be charged—355-6.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—352.

On section 2—This section throws onus on prosecution of proving that a man makes practice of lending money at higher rate than 10 per cent—352.

Maclean, W. F. (South Toronto)—352.

On section 2—What about banks in Yukon who lend money at 2 per cent per month?—352.

On section 10—Has Minister of Justice any knowledge whether the law in England to-day is efficacious in stopping exorbitant interest?—356.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—354.

On section 3—There is danger in clause as it is at present, in that it will prevent many poor people from borrowing money—354. Thinks English Act would cover difficulty—355.

Stockton, Alfred A. (St. John, N.B.)—352.

On section 2—Would one loan at rate of 100 per cent come under this section—352.

MONEY-LENDERS ACT—AMENDMENT.

On the order: House in committee on Bill (11) respecting money-lenders; Mr. Fitzpatrick moves that the Bill be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce. Motion agreed to—1259.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —1259.

Makes motion so that parties interested may have an opportunity to be heard—1259.

House in committee on Bill (11) respecting money-lenders—6805. Bill reported, read third time and passed—6818.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —6805.

On section 2—The question as to what would constitute a practice would be a matter for the discretion of the courts—6805. The definition of 'money-lender' which we have in clause 2 is, in large part, adopted from the corresponding section of the English Act—6808. Explains difference between English and proposed Canadian Act—6814. If such a transaction was, in essence, a loan or a discount, it would be within the provisions of this statute, while if it was not a loan but a sale, it would not come within the provisions of this Act—6815. By section 4, if there were any litigation about the debt and if the borrower chose to bring it into court, the court could open the accounts—6817.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—6806.

On section 2—Any one lending money at over 10 per cent per annum should come under the Bill—6806. The investigation in the city of Toronto proved the necessity of this Bill; many people borrowed money without knowing the amount of interest they were paying—6813.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6814.

On section 2—Quotes section; would ask whether the expression which has been used and which is not found in the English Act, has been very carefully considered?—6814.

Bourassa, H. (Labelle)—6808.

On section 2—The fact is that the people who go to the usurers go because they cannot find money elsewhere; it is futile for us to try to cure usury by legislation —6808.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—6817.

On section 2—With regard to a chattel mortgage in which there is no judgment; from what date would the interest be reduced?—6817.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—6815.

On section 2—The money-lenders in my district are not sharks; it is usually the chattel mortgage fellows who are the sharks; quotes letter—6815-6.

MONEY-LENDERS ACT—AMENDMENT—*Con.*

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —6806.

On section 2—The object of the clause is to make a distinction between one who lends as an accidental circumstance and a professional money-lender—6806. There is an amendment providing that where the amount of the interest at 10 per cent does not exceed 50 cents this Act shall not apply—6807. What we have to be exceedingly careful about is that in creating anything like a bank in Canada we should surround it with proper guards and conditions—6811.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6805.

On section 2—How are you going to define what is a practice of lending money?—6805.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—6807.

On section 2—There should be some provision to protect the borrower against the system of bonus or rebate, as well as on the point of interest—6807.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —6810.

On section 2—Even a Bill of the kind moved by the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) would not at all remove the necessity of such a Bill as we have under consideration—6810.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6807.

On section 2—Would the purchase of a note outright come within the meaning of the Act, as though the note had been discounted?—6807. The system of loaning money to poor people ought to be encouraged in this country; quotes letter from man engaged in the business—6811-2. Has a great deal of hope of legislation being drafted as they have it in other countries that will help people of small means—6813.

Monk, Hon. F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6809.

On section 2—Experience has demonstrated clearly that legislation of every kind against usury has been fruitless; wherever provision has been made for the creation of village banks usury has gradually been caused to disappear—6809. When village or co-operative banks are properly carried on they are an aid to chartered banks, and transact a class of business which chartered banks never reach—6811.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6805.

On section 2—Would this include private banks and banking firms?—6805.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—6816.

On section 2—Why do you make it 6 per cent in this clause when at present the rate after judgment is only 5 per cent?—6816. Could you not strike out the four last lines of section 3 altogether, so that all might stand on a footing of equality with respect to the interest on judgments —6817.

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Taylor, George (Leeds)—6815.

On section 2—If a party honestly buys a note of the face value of $100 he obtains no guarantee with it ; he has to take the chance of collecting it and will probably buy it for from $25 to $50—6814.

MONTREAL HARBOUR BOARD.

Motion for copies of all documents, correspondence, reports and resolutions received by the government, or by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, from the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade of Montreal, or from any corporation or private individual, respecting the reorganization or abolition of the Montreal Harbour Board—Mr. L. A. A. Rivet—1132.

Rivet, L. A. A. (Hochelaga)—1132.

Trend of public opinion for some years past has been in favour of making some change in the constitution of the Montreal Harbour Board ; simply wants to direct attention of House to state of affairs and to reasons which have led public opinion in Montreal to ask for change —1132. In the half century during which commissioners of harbour had control very extensive improvements were accomplished not only in port, but also along ship channel—1133. Everyone in House knows that Hon. John Young accomplished more than any one else towards improvement of St. Lawrence and the port of Montreal. Commissioners have not met with general approval of the citizens of Montreal or the public at large in management of port. Does not believe in municipalization of port of Montreal —1134. It is a national necessity that port of Montreal shall be brought under immediate control and jurisdiction of government of Dominion. Reads resolutions adopted by Chambre du Commerce and Board of Trade of Montreal—1135-6. Most of the improvements accomplished in the harbour have been effected with the aid of money advanced by Dominion government ; it is indispensable that there should be a cordial understanding between the harbour board and the government—1137. Quotes report made in 1852 to Board of Harbour Commissioners of Montreal by United States engineers, Messrs. John Child, W. J. McAlpine, and James P. Kirkwood, regarding proposed improvements to port of Montreal and to channel of St. Lawrence—1138. Improvement of port of Montreal is inseparable from the development of our national trade ; longer the improvements to harbour of Montreal are delayed, the severer is the blow which we deal at prosperity of Dominion—1139-40.

MONTREAL HARBOUR BOARD.

House resumed consideration of the proposed motion of Mr. Rivet, for all copies of papers respecting the reorganization or abolition of the Montreal Board of Trade. Motion agreed to without discussion—1206.

MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSION.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (85) respecting powers of the Harbour Commission of Montreal—Hon. L. P. Brodeur (Minister of Marine)—656. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time—657.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—656.

Have the government in contemplation the abolition of the Montreal Harbour Commission? Is the government or Minister of Marine responsible for the recent decision of board to exclude members of the press?—656.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—656.

Purpose of Bill is to empower the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal to contribute to the erection of a statue to Hon. John Young—656. Matter of reorganizing the Harbour Commission is now engaging the attention of government. Was never officially consulted with regard to the matter of excluding the press—657.

MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

Hon. Mr. Fielding (for the Minister of Marine and Fisheries) moved that the House do to-morrow go into Committee of the Whole to consider the proposed resolution to advance to the Montreal Harbour Commissioners a sum not exceeding $250,000—5616.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)——5616.

The subject matter of this resolution having been communicated to His Excellency the Governor General, he recommends it to the consideration of the House—5616.

MONTREAL, OTTAWA AND GEORGIAN BAY CANAL COMPANY.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (No. 57) respecting the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company—Hon. N. A. Belcourt—Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—743.

Belcourt, Hon. N. A. (Ottawa City)—743.

The Bill is for an Act to amend the present charter and to extend the authorized capitalization and issue of bonds—743.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—743.

Explain—743.

MONTREAL TURNPIKE TRUST.

Motion for a Return showing the present indebtedness of the Trust to the government, on capital account and for arrears of interest—Mr. Monk—436. Motion agreed to—437.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—437.

Until a few years ago Toronto was surrounded by toll gates; they were a great obstruction to the development of the city—437.

MONTREAL TURNPIKE TRUST—*Con.*

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—436.

Object of the motion to obtain accurate information as to financial affairs of Trust. Indebtedness to government now reaches $250,000—436.

MORNING SITTINGS.

Motion, that commencing with Wednesday next, and until the end of the session, the House shall meet on that day, and on each subsequent sitting day, at 11 o'clock in the morning—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—5508.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5509.

I suppose it will be necessary to make provision for the sitting of committees during the sessions of the House ?—5509.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5509.

The notice of motion read 'Tuesday,' but, with the consent of the House, I wish to make it read, 'commencing with Wednesday next'—5509.

NAKUSP AND SLOCAN RAILWAY COMPANY.

House in committee on Bill (32) respecting the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company—Mr. Galliher. Bill reported, read third time, and passed—1297.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1297.

What section of this Bill is repealed?—1297.

Campbell, Arch. (Centre York)—1297.

Words 'and works' are stricken out because it was not known what 'works' included—1297.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (215) to amend the National Transcontinental Railway Act—6244.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6244.

Is it entirely within the discretion of the government, or is there any special class of securities specified?—6244.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6244.

The purpose of this Bill is to permit the government to receive securities which are of undoubted value, although they may not be government securities, as required by law—6244.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY. ACT AMENDMENT—THIRD READING.

Bill (215) to amend the National Transcontinental Act—Mr. Fielding—read the second time and House went into committee thereon—6857. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—6862.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT—THIRD READING—*Con.*

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6857.

On section 1—The securities which the company offers are railway securities of various companies; there is no reason why we should not accept American securities—6857. Should this Bill pass the government must accept the responsibility of insisting on securities which will have an undoubted marketed value of $5,000,000 or more—6860. The stocks which the company proposes to give us are quoted at 101 and 109—6861. We are doing exactly what was done in the case of the Canadian Pacific Railway; we allow the Grand Trunk Pacific to take its cash and give in exchange securities of the highest commercial value—6862.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6861.

On section 1—Is the $5,000,000 cash now paid?—6861. I see no objection to our taking first-class securities intead of cash—6862.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—6857.

On section 1—Trusts that the securities in bonds or stocks are either British or Canadian, not American—6857.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6860.

On section 1—This whole railway proposition as presented to the people to-day is not the proposition of two years ago, but something radically different; some better reason for the change should be given than we have had so far—6860. What does the government pay on the $5,000,000 ?—6861.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6857.

On section 1—Would the minister (Mr. Fielding) please state what is the nature of the securities it is proposed to substitute for the cash deposit ?—6857. Is it intended that, in case of the securities depreciating during term of the guarantee, it will be possible for the government to call upon them to make up that depreciation by giving other securities—6858.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6858.

On section 1—Railway bonds and stocks are very uncertain security; in good times the securities are of high value, but when bad times come the value goes down—6858. A deposit of $5,000,000 cash is good security as far as it goes—6859. Would not compare $2,500,000 stock and $2,500,000 bonds of the Grand Trunk Railway with $5,000,000 cash or government bonds—6860.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY COMMISSION REPORT.

Attention drawn by Mr. Borden (Carleton, Ont.) to fact that report asked for had been already brought down—268.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY COMMISSION REPORT—*Con.*

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—268.

Report which was asked for and which Prime Minister had promised to bring down, is already down—268.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —268.

I am very glad—268.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY CONTRACTS.

On motion to adjourn, asks if certain National Transcontinental contracts have been awarded—969.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—696.

Have contracts for two sections of National Transcontinental been awarded?—969.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —969.

They have not been awarded—969.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY CONTRACTS.

On motion to adjourn, Mr. Borden inquires if the contracts, already referred to two or three times, have been awarded—1464.

Rumours flying around that the Railway Commission is equally divided on the question, and that the government is divided eight to six. Asks for information —1464.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —1464.

Have no doubt that the First Minister will shortly give the desired information in authoritative form—1464.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —1464.

Like the Supreme Court of the United States, eight to seven—1464.

Orders of Day, Mr. Borden repeats question regarding awarding of National Transcontinental Railway contracts—1466.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1466.

Have any of the contracts been let, and if not, when will information on the subject be given?—1466.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1467.

Is there much of a lobby ?—1467.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) 1467.

The matter will be finally dealt with on Thursday next, after which every information and all papers will be brought down—1467.

On the Orders of Day, Mr. Schell (Glengarry) asks if it is the intention of the government to lay upon the table the tenders received for the building of the two sections of the Transcontinental Railway, and other papers in relation thereto —4034.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY CONTRACTS—*Con.*

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4034.

I am not aware that there is anything that has not already been brought down—4034.

Schell, J. T. (Glengarry)—4034.

The bulk tenders were brought down, but not the details—4034.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY REPORT TO BE PRINTED.

Motion that Rule 99 be suspended, and that report be ordered to be printed forthwith.

Motion agreed to—269.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—268.

Would hon. friend accept motion that reports (last year and this) be printed at once—268.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —269.

Yes—269.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY SURVEY BETWEEN QUEBEC AND MONCTON.

Motion by Mr. Crockett for all copies of all correspondence had between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the government, or any department thereof and between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the Transcontinental Railway Commission in reference to the survey and location of the proposed Transcontinental Railway between Quebec and Moncton—1419. Adjournment of debate moved by Mr. Costigan. Motion agreed to and debate adjourned—1463.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1463.

Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Carvell) mean to say that the Commission is divided up into sections? Asks for information as to what Mr. Carvell bases his opinion upon that a grade of four-tenths would extend the line to Portland to 400 miles —1463.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—1447.

Fears that Mr. Crocket would not shed many tears if the government should never build a road at all through the province of New Brunswick—1447. Accepts the statement made by the government that the road will be build—1448. The question of grades on proposed route a very important one, and one of the reasons why the road has been lengthened—1449. The opposition might better wait another year to see what the government will do before they make these wholesale charges of bad faith on the part of the administration. Gives a list of 1 per cent grades on the Intercolonial route down the St. Lawrence—1450. When the new route is ready, it will be for all practical purposes 100 miles shorter than the Intercolonial from Quebec to Moncton. Mr.

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Crocket in all fairness should have quoted that part of Mr. Butler's report—1451. It was a mistake on the part of Mr. Crocket for him to quote the Lumsden report, which was admittedly incomplete, and will never be used, as a new survey has been ordered, which will begin about May 1—1452. The Commissioners deserve credit that they did not push the surveys through in the winter time. When these surveys are completed the report will be exactly as the circumstances demand—1453. The only grade in a distance of 137 miles is a hill of 30 feet, below Woodstock—1454. This road should be located according to the route over which the greatest amount of traffic can be carried for a given amount of money—1455. When full information is obtained it should be given to the public so that full and free discussion could be had. The object of this road is to get to Moncton, because that is the contract, and it must not be departed from one inch—1456. The prime object is not to get to Halifax or to St. John, but to carry Canadian products over Canadian territory to Canadian ports—1457. The Prime Minister furnished the information exactly as it was given to him. The re-surveys will change it to same extent—1458. Quotes the distances furnished by the Crown Lands Department of New Brunswick—1459. Believes that the carrying capacity down the St. John valley, instead of being 42 cars, as stated by Mr. Butler, would be from 75 to 100. The people of St. John have no politics except their port—1460. When, in 1900, Mr. Blair placed his back against the wall and told them he would stand by their port, they gave him a majority of 1,000; four years later, when they got afraid of the Portland howl, they gave a majority of over 1,000 to the opposition—1461. Pays a tribute to the work done by the Transcontinental Railway Commission—1462. The eastern section is looked after very largely by Mr. McIsaac. Gives reasons for placing the extending of the rail distance to Portland at 400, if the grades were reduced to four-tenths per cent—1463.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—1419.

The object is to discover the real position of affairs in regard to the Quebec-Moncton section—1419. There must have passed a great amount of correspondence which has not been brought down—1420. Refers to rumour that government have practically decided to abandon that portion of the work—1421. Quotes sec. 1, sub-sec. 7, of the Act. There has been no portion of the Quebec-Moncton section definitely located even yet—1422. Quotes Prime Minister's plea for haste in 1903. How the railway forced the government to wait—1423. The survey in New Brunswick worked for political effect—1424. Quotes Prime Minister, the Finance Minister and the Minister of

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Railways, when the Bill was going through the House, as to the route that should be adopted—1425. What has taken place with reference to the surveys cannot give much confidence to the people of Fredericton, and those along the valley of the River St. John—1426. The twelve surveying parties that were organized, and the result of their labours given—1427. The St. John River route was not treated fairly by the surveying parties—1428. Quotes the commission's interim report, p. 59, and contrasts it with the report of Sir Sandford Fleming concerning the line which he ran in 1864—1429. Quotes from St. John 'Telegraph' interview with F. B. Wade, late chairman of the commission—1434. The friends of the St. John Valley route have looked in vain in the reports from the commission for any allusion to the advantages which so impressed Mr. Wade—1435. Quotes two statements from the commission and one from Minister of Railways as to when completion of location work on eastern division might be expected—1436. Quotes commissioner's report, page 21. The people believe that these surveys were not honest, genuine surveys, made with the view to bring before government the real advantage of the river valley route—1437. While this is the condition in respect to the section from Quebec to Moncton, what has been taking place with reference to the section from Quebec to Winnipeg? Reads 10 of the amended Act, 1904, which states that the sections of the eastern division shall be constructed, as nearly as may be, simultaneously—1438. Quotes statement of Prime Minister that every pledge made by parliament should be implemented. Quotes the Minister of Railways speech on the Transcontinental Railway Bill in the session of 1903—1439. In reference to the shortening of distance quotes the Prime Minister, the Finance Minister and the Minister of Railways—1440. If I made that statement I stand corrected. Believe the people of the maritime provinces will insist that the government implement the solemn pledge given in connection with with the construction of this line—1441. Quotes the report of Mr. Lumsden, the engineer of the commission—1442. The engineer has been most unfair to the river route—1443. Quotes Mr. Butler, the present Deputy Minister of Railways. There are not a thousand people living between Tobique and Chipman—1444. The section from Quebec to Moncton would be largely dependent for its earnings on local traffic—1445. Draws attention to Mr. Lumsden's significant words, 'Will be connected with the Transcontinental Railway at a number of points,' which showed that, if constructed at all, the road would go through the central portion of the province—1446. Hopes that a short time will show that there is no substantial foundation that exists in New Brunswick in connection

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with the construction of this eastern division—1447.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —1420.

A full return to the order of the House has been brought down—1420. I have no organ—1436. There is a vast difference between that and going around by Moncton and St. John—1441.

Those were only preliminary surveys—1453.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John's Co.)—1452.

Which they intended to do the winter before last—1452. You don't suggest that the Prime Minister was not telling the truth?—1458.

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House resumed debate on proposed motion of Mr. Crocket for copies of all corespondence in reference to survey and location of proposed Transcontinental Railway between Quebec and Moncton—1711. Motion agreed to—1740.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1738.

Finance Minister not as confident of saving as he was three years ago—1738. Quotes words of Prime Minister on first discussion three years ago—1739. Finance Minister (Mr. Fielding) deprecates any discussion whatever of question which was so urgent three years ago—1740.

Costigan, Hon. John (Victoria, N.B.)—1711.

Has no intention of criticising motion, nor speech delivered by hon. member for York (Mr. Crocket); is now a question to be settled by engineers after careful examination of whole country—1711. In order to compete with Portland efforts should be directed towards securing construction of railway to nearest Canadian port. St. John, N.B., is commercial metropolis of province but cannot rely on it own resources for future—1712. Should not require same time or expense to examine valley route that it would the central route because valley route runs down valley of St. John river—1713. Elevations have been overcome by lengthening of central route, but length of route is still much shorter then that of valley route—1714. Surveys of Intercolonial by Sir Sandford Fleming were made largely with view of keeping away from frontier—1715. City of St. John will be as well served should central route be adopted as it possibly can by river route; supported National Transcontinental Railway with a good deal more confidence than construction of Canadian Pacific Railway—1716. Has confidence in commissioners appointed for eastern section; has confidence in chief engineer selected to carry out surveys—1717.

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Daniel, John W. (St. John City)—1723.

What Conservative newspaper of New Brunswick says that the Transcontinental will not be built through that province?—1723.

Congratulates member from York, N.B. (Mr. Crocket) in ability manifested in bringing matter so ably before the House; quotes declaration of preamble of Transcontinental Bill—1730. Reads remainder of preamble; line in going to city of Moncton does not carry out object of Bill as stated in preamble—1731. Quotes speech of hon. member for Carleton (Mr. Carvell); line should run from ocean to ocean. and not to an inland point—1732. Quotes section 42 of Grand Trunk Pacific Act of 1903—1733. Company will get just as much for its short haul to Portland as it will for its longer haul to Canadian ports—1734. Quotes Biddeford, Maine, 'Journal,' Boston 'Daily Advertiser' and report of Portland Board of Trade—1735. Thanks members on both sides of House for kind words to city of St. John; hopes government will build as short a line as can be built to harbour of St. John so that that port will be able to compete with Portland—1736-7.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)

Motion calls for papers relating to railway surveys; are not called upon to discuss general question of Transcontinental Railway; are dealing purely and simply with the location of road in province of New Brunswick; question is an engineering question—1737. The engineering question is one of ascertaining the shortest available line; if adequate surveys have not been obtained, let us have further surveys—1738.

Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—1727.

Settled political end of question under discussion in 1904; question to be settled is which is the better route; is in favour of the valley route—1727. If road goes by central route it will destroy very valuable assets of province—1728. Can speak without bias, as railway reaches his constituency no matter which route is chosen—1729-30.

Loggie, W. S. (Northumberland, N.B.)—1720.

Has not had pleasure of speaking on subject in House before; Conservative press in New Brunswick claimed that government were giving away a railway costing $150,000,000 to Grand Trunk Pacific—1720. In view of contracts that have been let, optimistic view taken by government of scheme has to great extent been realized —1721. Report of Railway Commission is certainly most favourable to back route; therefore that route has considerable claims on government—1722. Conservative press say that road will not be built in New Brunswick, and others say Intercolonial Railway should be used. All-rail haulage can be successfully done if low grades such as are set out in contract are available over whole line—1723.

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Quotes from chief engineer's report—1724. Reads from Railway Commission's report; hardly fair to assume that there has been a dishonest survey—1725. Everything points to advisability of government selecting back route as the direct one having light grades and curves necessary for cheap transportation—1726. When you carry grain from St. John you have to compete with Portland, New York and Boston, and anything government can do for port of St. John deserves endorsation —1727. What part of Intercolonial Railway will Grand Trunk Pacific parallel?—1729.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John County)—1717.

Does not think question of all-Canadian route is involved; member for Carleton N.B. (Mr. Carvell) proved conclusively that from point of view of commercial success the valley route should be adopted by government—1717. Quotes speech of hon. member for Carleton, N.B., from 'Hansard,' on page 1502. Who is the 'somebody' to whom uncomplimentary remarks might be made, and by whom dishonest reports have been sent in and incomplete information given government? —1718. Who made survey report, under whose direction was it made, that went into government stating that there were great engineering difficulties along St. John river route. Because city of St. John is independent in politics, is that any reason why it should be penalized in expenditure of public money—1719. Do not want a political railway in province of New Brunswick; want a commercial railway that will best subserve the interests of whole Dominion—1720.

NATIONALIZATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. W. F. Maclean gives notice that he will move that the state should proceed to nationalize one or all of the following services in this country: telegraph lines, trunk telephone lines and express companies—1855.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—1855.

Gives notice of motion relating to nationalization of public services. Refers to fact that Mr. Alcorn's Bill relating to express companies, introduced on April 3, is not yet printed; also that Mr. U. Wilson's Bill with regard to the repeal of the Act respecting anuity to Privy Councillors, has not been printed. Explains why the Bill standing in his own name has not been presented for second reading—1855.

NATURALIZATION LAWS OF COLONIES AND THE EMPIRE.

Motion for a return setting forth the various laws in the United Kingdom, and in the various dependencies and colonies in the Empire, with respect to naturalization of aliens—Mr. Borden (Carleton, Ont.)—345. Motion agreed to—346.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—346.

Returns of this character not usually asked for in this House, but not unusual in British House of Commons—345. Would like to have return brought down—346.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)

Would be exceedingly convenient to have the naturalization laws in compact form. Referring to question 63, may be able to bring down copy of treaty—346.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks whether any copies of the return brought down respecting naturalization are available?—1467.

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Are there any more of these copies available?—1467.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —1467.

Am quite sure we can supply a few copies yet; will give an answer to-morrow—1467.

NAVIGATION OF NORTHUMBERLAND STRAITS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. J. J. Hughes drew attention of Minister of Marine to questions asked by Mr. Martin concerning ice-breaking steamer for Northumberland Straits winter navigation—1256.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—1258.

Where is the new boat being built and who are the contractors?—1258.

Brodeur, L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1257.

It is intention of department to utilize boat, now being constructed in England, or the 'Montcalm,' on the winter service in the Straits of Northumberland—1257. Not the slightest doubt that 'Montcalm' will do service in most satisfactory manner—1258.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.) —1257.

What is to be done with steamers now on that route?—Why should they be withdrawn?—1257. Is it the intention to put the new boat on the Prince Edward Island route with the 'Montcalm' ?—1258.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1258.

Has hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur)—any data in his department indicating depth of ice she can break?—1258.

NEW MEMBERS.

Speaker, Mr.—3.

The Clerk of the House, during recess, received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery certificates of the election and return of the following members: William

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Chisholm, Antigonish; Fred. F. Pardee, Lambton West; Ernest D. Smith, Wentworth; Allen Bristol Aylesworth, North York, Ont.; Aylmer Byron Hunt, Compton; Arthur Norreys Worthington, Sherbrooke; George Ewan McCraney, Saskatchewan; William Erskine Knowles, Assiniboia West; Alphonse Verville, Maisonneuve—3-4.

House notified by Hon. Mr. Speaker that Alex. C. Ross has been elected for the electoral district of North Cape Breton and Victoria—889.

House notified by Hon. Mr. Speaker that Wilbert McIntyre has been elected for the electoral district of Strathcona—1840.

NORFOLK ELECTION TRIAL.

Speaker, Mr.—405.

Informs the House that the sitting member is declared to be duly elected—485.

NORTH ATLANTIC TRADING COMPANY.

On motion to adjourn, Hon. Mr. Foster gives notice that at the earliest possible opportunity he intends to move a motion in reference to the North Atlantic Trading Company—1742.

NORTH ATLANTIC TRADING COMPANY CONTRACT.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Foster brings up the question of the North Atlantic Trading Company's contract—2081.

Fielding, W. S. (Minister of Finance)—2082.

Explains how the signatures might have been removed from the copy of the contract submitted to the House—2082.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2081.

Asks the Prime Minister, as the signatures of the manager and secretary of the company have been torn off the copy brought down, if he would be good enough to bring down the original agreement with the full signatures and the seal of the company attached—2081. There might be some mistake with reference to the signatures, some impression such as the Finance Minister has stated, although I did not understand it—2082. If the contract with the signatures and the seal attached is in either of the committees that, of course fills everything—2083.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2081.

Cannot place on the table the original contract with the signatures upon it, because it is in the hands of either the Agricultural Committee or the Public Accounts Committee, and has been there for the past ten days—2082. Have just been informed that contract is in the hands of the committees—2083.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburgh)—2083.

There is no question of the original contract being on the files. It has been before the committee for the last week or two—2083.

NORTH ATLANTIC TRADING COMPANY DEBATE ADJOURNMENT.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden denies the assertion that debate on the motion in connection with the North Atlantic Trading Company was adjourned on Thursday at his request—2244.

NORTH ATLANTIC TRADING COMPANY —PRESTON'S REFUSAL TO ANSWER.

Motion by Mr. Monk that W. T. R. Preston, a witness before the Agriculture and Colonization Committee, having refused to answer certain questions—which constitutes a breach of privilege—be summoned to appear before the bar of the House on Wednesday 6th of June to answer such questions as may be put by Mr. Speaker or other members—4451. Amendment moved by Sir Wilfrid Laurier—4472. Amendment agreed to: Yeas, 95; nays, 47—4534. Motion as amended agreed to—4535.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—4521.

What position would the leader of the opposition be in if the names should turn out bogus?—4521.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General)—4478.

Mr. McGreevy was a member of the House at the time and the accusation was against him—4478. If the names are given to the leader of the opposition and accepted by him, would the confidence with which they are given be respected? Why should not the government respect a like confidence?—4492.

Barker, Sam (East Hamilton)—4485.

Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fielding) explain how it was that when Mr. Preston was reporting every detail of his negotiation and of the agreement to the minister for his approval he never said one word about the pledge of secrecy?—4485.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—4478.

There was no charge against Sir Hector Langevin in 1891; the charge was against Mr. McGreevy—4478. Did witness not swear that it was well known amongst all booking agents that Mr. Preston was engaged in that company?—4479. Does hon. minister (Mr. Fielding) speak of a contract that does not exist, or of the company incorporated on the island of Guernsey?—4482. Does it not strike my hon. friend that a good many of us do not believe a word of it, and if it is not true how can we prove that it is not true?—4486.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4472.

Can the Prime Minister point to-day to any public interest of Canada which has been injuriously affected by the publication of that document which was withheld from this House week after week on that pretence?—4473. When the facts were disclosed to the House, we found that this

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alleged company, which purported to affix its corporate seal to the agreement, was not a corporate company at all ; the names of the signatories are not those of the real persons interested ; quotes right hon. gentleman from speech made on Feb., 2, 1905—4474-5. Was that clause put in the agreement as a suggestion to the members of this company that they should proceed to violate the laws of European countries? What ground was there for giving this assurance that the agreement should not be made public?—4475. Mr. Connolly's books touched matters of public interest as well as matters not of public interest; the affairs of the North Atlantic Company concern the public interest because the only business of that company involves a contract with the government under which nearly $300,000 of the public money of Canada has been paid to individuals composing that company. If the names of the individuals composing this North Atlantic Trading Company were to be kept secret, why was not that provision embodied in the terms of the contract itself?—4476. Why was it necessary to put upon the record as persons promoting this company the names of those who say now that they do not remember anything about it and that they have absolutely no interest in the company? The Prime Minister was silent concerning the report of the committee; he disregarded that report; he rises only to propose an amendment which will have the effect of choking off all further investigation into the persons who form this company—4477. Why did government refuse to bring the agreement last year?—4481.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—4530.

A feature of this question which the ex-Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton) has failed utterly to throw light upon is the fact that by his authorization a contract was entered into with a company which did not exist. The object of this contract was to allow these booking agents to form themselves into a company so that they might enter into a bargain with the government. We should not make of Lord Strathcona such a fetish as to place him in the position of usurping the powers of the government and parliament of Canada—4530. The parliament of this country representing the people of Canada, and which votes the money of the people of Canada for the fulfilment of any contract entered into by this government, is entitled to know who the parties are with whom the government contracts—4531. If the government could not carry on its immigration work in that country without exposing these people to danger, how is it that the company could keep an open office in Amsterdam? There should be no more danger for the shareholders and the directors of that company than there is for their agent who is carrying on their active work—4532. As the document was a forgery, there is

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no point of honour that should keep us from having all the facts put before parliament—4533.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—4505.

When Mr. Preston went to England, the results of the immigration policy were not entirely satisfactory. I shall always be willing as a member of this House to believe the sworn statement of any man until we have reason to believe he has perjured himself—4506. Upon Mr. Jury's word, not even supported by an oath, the opposition have built their whole structure of attack in this matter—4507. Where we were getting hundreds of immigrants in 1899, we are getting thousands to-day; the contract, in principle, is the same as it was five years ago. What would be thought of a municipal council who before agreeing to purchase supplies from the Canadian General Electric Company should insist upon investigating and learning the names of its stockholders?—4508. Mr. Jury is not an impartial witness. We know that money has been honestly expended because we got the immigrants. What difference does it make what becomes of the money so long as no one of our officials, as no member of our government, as no member of our parliament, received any portion of that money?—4509. I know of no code of ethics, let alone any law in Canada or of any other civilized country, which would compel or even justify the giving away of these names. Quotes letter of Lord Strathcona; Lord Strathcona agreed with Mr. Preston that secrecy was a necessity. The opposition had the time when the question was before the committees, to send a cablegram to Lord Strathcona asking him to come to Canada and tell what he knew about the transaction, but they have not done so. In what better position would the members of the opposition be to-day if they had these names than they are at the present time?—4511. Jury had a grievance against Preston and therefore cannot speak without bias. The country has received value for every dollar it has paid over to company. The Prime Minister assured this House and the country that every stockholder was a respectable and responsible business man representing responsible firms in European countries—4512. It has been proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that a promise was given in 1899 on the faith of this government that they should not reveal these names—4513.

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Even if we agree that this was an unwise and improvident contract, the fact still remains that the honour of Canada is pledged not to disclose the names of these parties; parliament should not be willing to require any minister or officer of the government to violate any given pledge. In the McGreevy case there was an accu-

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sation against the minister of the Crown whereby a member of this House put in peril his own seat—4477. There is all the difference between a committee carrying on a fishing investigation, and a committee investigating a charge against a minister of the Crown; in this case we have no accusation either against a minister of the Crown or against a member of the House, and we have no practical accusation against any officer of the government—4478. Mr. Preston has sworn in the most unequivocal terms that he has no interest in the company direct or remote; there is all the difference in the world between common talk and things that are well known—4478-9. Mr. Smart swears and Mr. Preston swears that they were not members of that company, and no human being has undertaken to swear that they are members—4480. There are exceptional conditions on the continent of Europe which have to be met with exceptional arrangements. If Lord Strathcona's leter was the only evidence, that ought to be enough, because Lord Strathcona says it is necessary that the matter should be treated confidentially, and not be disclosed. The only thing as to which a man would get in trouble would be the disclosure of the names—4481. The contract has been brought down, and the names of the parties signing it are known. What man, when he engages in a business transaction, worries his soul as to who are the shareholders of the company with which he is dealing? The essential reason why the names should not be disclosed was the fact that they have regulations in almost all continental countries whereby any attempt to encourage emigration in any way is discouraged —4482. Erroneous reports have been cabled to England that some one in this House has made an acusation against Lord Strathcona; Mr. Preston did not state that Lord Strathcona was in any way responsible except that the matter was reported to him and that he was aware of what was being done—4483. The pledge of secrecy was given by the hon. member for Brandon (Mr. Sifton), then Minister of the Interior—4484. Confidential negotiations are necessary in all affairs of life, and confidential arrangements are necessary between governments and private parties—4485. Even if hon. friends opposite took the view that it was an unwise and improvident arrangement, they are as much concerned as we are in maintaining the honour and reputation of the Dominion of Canada—4486.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—4471.

It is not necessary that I should make a charge. I am authorized by this House to make inquiry as to the expenditure of money, and you prevent me doing it—4471.

The report of the Committee on Agriculture states that Mr. Preston has refused to answer certain questions put to him

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in relation to the North Atlantic Trading Company; the Public Accounts Committee rule that the witness was in duty bound to answer the questions, and report to that effect with explanations—4522. An appeal to the House would be a mere matter of absurdity, for the government have a majority in the committee as they have a majority in the House. To whom did the government pledge the honour of Canada, and in what form was this promise made?— All Lord Strathcona knows about the contract has been made public—4523. No attack can be made upon a member of the government or a member of parliament unless he is convicted of a crime, unless he has been guilty of rebellion against the Crown, or unless specific charges are made against him on the floor of the House which will vacate his seat if proven. Because a person comes before the committee and states that he is not wrongfully a beneficiary of public moneys, are we to be debarred from inquiring into the truth of his statement?—4524. There is a great difference between the secrecy involved in a secret service fund and the secrecy involved in this contract. If there was a contract which did not interfere with the laws of any country by conducting an immigration propaganda, then what is the objection to making it public; if it did interfere, then what right had the government to enter into such a contract?—4525. The man who pledged his honour to those parties in Europe was not so particular about his honour when he came to this country and received a communication from the old country giving the names of the parties who were interested in this contract. The question as to the right of the committee to make an inquiry is not disputed; the chairmen of both committees have so ruled; quotes report of Committee on Agriculture. The fact that the minister gave a pledge is not sufficient to justify the government in refusing to place the evidence before the House —4526-7.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—4479.

A witness distinctly swore that he had seen Mr. Preston's personal cheque paying some of the accounts; he also stated that Mr. Preston engaged Mr. Sallinger for the North Atlantic Trading Company—4479. Why did the government cancel the contract?—4482. For the first time within the record of parliamentary government in Canada the House bows to the mandate of a witness who can control the government and refuse to divulge names or to answer questions placed before him in committee. We have the uncontradicted evidence that Preston himself went around and organized this company. If the statements made by the hon. Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister are correct, what have they to fear from divulging these names?—4514. The first minister will not dare to say that Lord

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Strathcona directly or indirectly ever heard or knew the names of this North Atlantic Trading Company. Why does first minister allow the impression to go abroad that Lord Strathcona was consulted about this company and was a party to the contract?—4515. Why should the government seek to shield these men behind the pledge of secrecy of an ex-minister when there is now no necessity for secrecy? By what right has any minister of the Crown to give a pledge of secrecy when the expenditure of the money of the people is involved?—4516. It is proof to me that the government were connected with this deal when they ignored the points made by Lord Strathcona in his letter. The honour of parliament and the country are at stake in this matter—4517-18.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—4512.

Why does government not dismiss Jury? They dare not—4512.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—4451.

This day was set for the consideration of the motion of the hon. member for Jacques-Cartier (Mr. Monk). He may proceed now—4451.

Parliament has the power to pass in the affirmative the motion of hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) if it so wishes, but it is not advisable to do so. Mr. Preston answered categorically, honestly and without equivocation, the several questions which were put to him with the one exception of the demand that he should divulge the names of the parties with whom he had contracted, after negotiation; the sense of the committee was not in favour of forcing Mr. Preston to go back upon the word which he had given—4461. It is sound policy to treat with great respect the decisions of any committee of this House. The government, instead of employing immigration agents in Germany, Holland, Austria and other countries of Central Europe, have adopted the system of paying a bonus to booking agents upon the number of immigrants they send to this country—4462. Bonusing system was adopted because of the laws and the administration of laws in some countries in Central Europe; once an individual or a government has given its word, that word must be respected under all circumstances—4463. Quotes letter from Lord Strathcona to Mr. Sifton, dated 17 Victoria street, London, Nov. 15, 1899—4464-5-6. Quotes letter from James A Smart to Lord Strathcona, dated Ottawa, November 30, 1899—4467-8-9. Quotes 'Todd's Parliamentary Government in England,' Vol. 1, page 453—4469-70. If my hon. friend says that he is aware that there has been prevarication in regard to this contract, why does he not say so? The committee is not a fishing committee—4471. I am willing confidentially to put papers with names into the hands of the hon. leader of the opposition or of any hon. gentleman he will select; until a charge is made we are bound to respect the anonymity of these gentlemen. Moves amendment—4472.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4480.

Does the minister deny that Mr. Smart stated that this arrangement was made while he was deputy minister?—4480.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—4518.

There is not one atom of evidence before this House to prove any fact of fraud on the part of the North Atlantic Trading Company; quotes evidence of Mr. Smart before the committee—4518. No man could have any further interest in obtaining the names of the shareholders except that of mere curiosity. It is an unusual thing for any witness before the committees of this House to refuse to answer a question that is put to him; but while it is unusual, the circumstances of the case are unusual; quotes Lord Strathcona's letter to Mr. Smart dated Dec. 18th 1899—4519. Quotes Mr. Smart's letter to Lord Strathcona dated Nov. 28th 1899. Lord Strathcona was always cognizant of what was being done and he did not advise the government against entering into the contract or express any disapproval of the steps that were being taken—4520. Should be very sorry if public interest has suffered to the extent that booking agents have reason to think that the Canadian government has not kept faith with them and proved true to their pledge—4521. If hon. gentlemen opposite have not sufficient confidence in any one of their number to allow him to be custodian of the information, they cannot expect the people of Canada to have any more confidence in them than they appear to have in each other—4522.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—4451.

Quotes report by the Committee of Agriculture which gives rise to motion; quotes first edition of Bourinot page 554—4452. As far back as 1834 we have the first records in which witnesses have been brought to the bar of the House either for refusing to appear before committees, refusing to give information, or refusing to produce documents which they have been ordered to produce. Quotes page 559 of the last edition of Bourinot—4453. Quotes 'Hansard' of 1891, page 806; quotes report of the sub-committee of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of 1891—4454. Quotes questions put to witness Michael Connolly in committee and at the bar of the House—4455. Quotes motion of Sir John Thompson at page 906 of 'Hansard' ordering witness to produce the books of account. Traces the works of the Committee on Agriculture and Immigration in its investigation into continental immigration and the North Atlantic Company—4456. Quotes Mr. Smart's evidence; quotes question put to Mr. Preston—4458. Quotes letter from

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North Atlantic Trading Company to W. T. R. Preston, dated May 1st 1906; quotes Mr. Preston's answer. The refusal of the witness to answer the question constitutes a breach of the privileges of parliament and necessitates action on the part of the House in revindicating those privileges—4459. Are not the names of parties who make contracts with the government to be made known to the House and this country?—Quotes Mr. Preston in a letter from Lord Strathcona, dated Oct., 26, 1899—4460. Is it not the case that the government, within the last two weeks, received a letter from Lord Strathcona in which he goes fully into this matter? Why has not the letter been laid on the table of the House?—4485.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—4484.

Could the hon. minister tell us the date on which the promise of secrecy was made by the hon. ex-Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton)?—4484.

It is admitted that an official of the government of Canada made a certain contract on behalf of the government with somebody unknown, whereby large sums of money were to come from the pockets of the people of Canada in consideration of services to be rendered by these unknown people—4487. An official of the Crown with the assent of a minister of the Crown, very shortly after a certain binding contract was made began to vary that bargain in the interest of the unknown people and to the injury of the people of Canada—4488. I am justified in describing these unknown people as a fraudulent myth when they professed to enter into a contract with the government of Canada, as a company when there was no such company. If we on this side of the House had succeeded one year ago in obtaining the informtion we should have obtained, hundreds of thousands of dollars paid during the last year to this company would have been saved; in face of these facts the members on this side of the House insist on an investigation—4489. There is a clearly defined and distinct line of cleavage in our respective views as to the duties we owe to the people of Canada—4490. Those who know the policy of the government are not surprised to find Mr. Preston cooly refusing to give the names. When the Prime Minister speaks of an ordinary company not giving the names of its shareholders, he forgets that an ordinary company is an honest company—4491. We contend that this transaction is one between a fraudulent myth and the government of an honest people; unless the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) is prepared to pledge his word that the North Atlantic Trading Company is as honourable an association as the leader of this House is an honourable man, there is no parity between the two cases—4492. A man named Pheifel from Amsterdam, who held practically all the shares—289 shares cannot be located. Who are the men doing business with the Dominion of Canada, and what security have the government that the money they are paying out is being paid into responsible hands?—4493. It is my duty as a representative of the people to prevent them being robbed as they will be up to November 1st next in any event—4494.

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Sifton, Hon. Clifford (Brandon)—4527.

The circumstances which led up to the making of the contract was owing to the fact that immigration work upon the continent of Europe was not in a satisfactory condition. The main difficulty which existed was that we had no recognized agents upon the continent of Europe with whom we could correspond or whose duty or interest it was to specially engage in concerted effort for the purpose of promoting immigration to Canada—4527. When Mr. Preston was appointed he was instructed to look into the question of continental immigration. Shortly after his arrival he made a report to Lord Strathcona in which he recommended the establishment of some kind of colonization bureau upon the continent of Europe; quotes report which was made on October 20, 1899. This whole subject was discussed by Mr. Smart, Mr. Preston, Mr. Colmer, Lord Strathcona and the legal agent of the government—4528. The suggestion of there being any thing surreptitious or anything concealed is wholly untenable. After consultation, Mr. Preston, Lord Strathcona and Mr. Smart came to the conclusion that the only satisfactory way in which emigration work upon the continent could be carried on was by the formation of an association of booking agents. Mr. Smart said to me: 'These booking agents cannot undertake to make a bargain of this kind if their names are disclosed, because if so they will get into trouble with their governments; they propose to form a company and do business with the government in their capacity as a company—4529. By the authorization which I gave the deputy minister at that time, I was bound to withhold the publication of the names of the shareholders of the company or the persons who constituted the company—4530.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4486.

Can the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fielding) give the House one example of the expenditure of public money which is absolutely expended by the government in secret, except in regard to the secret service fund?—4486.

The motion is to bring a recalcitrant witness, who has refused to give information, to the bar of this House in order to ascertain why he refuses to give it and to vindicate the authority of parliament by compelling him to give it—4494. If this refusal is maintained by this House, we are denied information to which we have a right and are prevented from doing our duty as the representa-

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tives of the people of Canada—4495. Why did the Minister of the Interior cancel the contract as soon as it was brought to his notice? The company that was represented to us as duly incorporated, a respectable and responsible company, has no corporate seal, no incorporation—no existence; it was a bogus incorporation—4496. Why do the government defend that company to-day and the secrecy that surrounds it when we are not allowed to ascertain the names of those who compose it, what their financial standing is or what their operations have been? Which of these companies is the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) defending, the bogus company or the real company?—4498. I have been in this House for some time, but I have yet to learn that any member jeopardizes his seat by making charges whether he is able to sustain them or not; quotes late Sir John Thompson in reference to the charges that were made in 1892—4499. The opposition in this House is endeavouring to compel the government to do what Sir John Thompson did willingly; it is seeking to ascertain from these witnesses to whom money was paid, and the government is endeavouring to frustrate that object. We are now seeking to compel Mr. Preston to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, and if he refuses we ask that parliament measure out condign punishment to him—4500. There is a vast difference between the expenditure of the secret service fund and the expenditure of the vote for immigration. While a criminal before the bar may be regarded as a competent witness, though not a compellable witness, it is for the court to attach whatever importance it desires to the evidence of the criminal—4501. The party who above all others would be incriminated if he gave the evidence that we believe is capable of being brought out, would probably be the very man who has given this evidence—4502. We want the evidence of disinterested men who are not dependent on the government of the day either for their salary or their appointment. If the conduct of this man is condoned it will most surely encourage dishonesty on the part of other officials and employees of the government—4503. Into whose pockets did the money go—4504. Although Mr. Preston swore to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, yet he deliberately kept back a portion of it—4505.

NORTH SYDNEY, HARBOUR OF

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (74) respecting the harbour of North Sydney, in Nova Scotia—Hon. L. P. Brodeur. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—969.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—969.

The Harbour Commission of Nova Scotia has exhausted its borrowing power, and it

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is necessary to have an Act passed to empower them to borrow the sum of $6,000—969.

NORTHWEST LAND PATENTS.

Motion for return showing total number of land patents issued with acreage, in and for the territory included in the limits of the present provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, between July 1, 1901, and Dec. 31, 1905—Mr. Ames by Mr. Borden—2927.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—2937.

On March 14 an order was granted for a certain return. On April 7 this return was brought down in the shape of a letter from the deputy minister. Reads letter—2937. If I ask for what I asked for in the original order, I ask for too much, while if I ask for what I asked for in the second order I asked for too little—2938. I hope before this session is over to make such use of the information that has been given me as to show the minister that it has not been asked for out of idle curiosity, but that it is for a much more serious purpose—2942.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—2948.

Mr. Ames has not withdrawn his motion. I ask why members should be called upon to perform this work which should be performed by officials in the department, which is pretty well manned, and not over-worked—2948. I submit that it is our privilege to employ these clerks in order that they may assist us in bringing out the information which we require, and which the country requires—2949.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2927.

Has the minister any objection to admitting the hon. member to the files of the department in order that he may see what he wants? I do not understand why the files of the Department of the Interior, or any other department should be of such a character that they cannot be inspected by members of this House, when necessary for such a purpose—2927. Are not gentlemen on this side of the House, as well as on the other, public men entrusted with the management of public affairs?—2928. If the Minister of the Interior would use ordinary, every-day common sense and business methods, there would not be the slightest need for any complaint on his part—2929. I do not know that the department files are the private business of private individuals—2930. But this is not public business, it is private business—2931. The Minister of Marine, who is a business man and not a scold, takes a business view of his department. Why cannot a similar business-like method be pursued by the Minister of the Interior?—2932. If the information is accessible in the blue books,

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I could at once see that there is no occasion to have clerks engaged in copying it out—2933. Does the Prime Minister think that these are private documents belonging to private citizens? I said that when the Minister of the Interior found that a demand for documents involved a great deal of work, he might very well ask the member who had moved for the return, to examine the files and to point out what was wanted—2934. I did not claim as a right the privilege to examine the files—2935. I was not discussing the grounds on which the government could resist a motion—2936. I do not think the Prime Minister is in a position to throw any reflection in regard to lapses of memory upon any hon. gentleman on this side of the House—2937.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—2945.

Quotes 'Hansard,' p. 2602, 1905, with reference to Thessalon post office matter—2945. Also quotes from page 6210 of Hansard, for 1905, as to the Postmaster General's attitude. Refers to courteous treatment received from Mr. Emmerson—2945.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—2945.

Immediately after my appointment the Coughlin matter was brought to my attention, and I gave it immediate consideration. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) is mistaken entirely—2945.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—2939.

Certainly not. Nobody ever heard of such a thing—2930. No document of any kind that comes to any minister of the Crown is a private document, in the strict sense of the word—2942. There are many documents belonging to the public which it would not be in the interest of the government to make public, but the return asked for is not in that class—2943.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2934.

I did not understand that the Minister of the Interior opposed the motion, but he suggested that, in the absence of the mover, it might stand until it could be amended. I understood the hon. gentleman (Mr. Borden) to propound the doctrine that every member of parliament had the right to look at these records—2934. I dissent from the view that everything is to be produced simply because it is asked for. Quotes 'Todd.'—2934. The government has a discretion in the matter, and can properly refuse communication of the papers. When it is found impossible to produce all the papers asked for, the minister may ask the mover to particularize what he wants—2936.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—2947.

The ordinary lay mind—2946. I did not make any objection. I merely cited that as what you said—2947.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—2946.

Surely it is fair to say that these documents though public are of a private nature to the ordinary lay mind, until the seal is removed—2946. As I understand the position of the Minister of the Interior, which is accepted by the leader of the opposition and the mover (Mr. Ames) the documents which are included in the blue books will not be required—2947. If compilation is necessary it places a different aspect on the matter—2948.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—2927.

If the preparation of the return is insisted on, I am informed that its preparation will occupy the time of two clerks for two weeks. It would be impossible to carry out the business of the department if gentlemen were permitted to examine the files at pleasure—2927. My hon. friend (Mr. Borden) has seen fit to stretch his parliamentary privilege by calling for returns to the extent of an abuse—2929. The files of the department are private, and it is necessary to have an order of parliament before those files become public. The information asked for is already in the blue books except six months which will go into the next blue book—2930. I object entirely to the suggestion that my hon. friend (Mr. Borden) shall be allowed to go into the department and take off the files such documents as he may see fit, and present them to the House as his side of the case—2931. The insinuation made by Mr. Borden that the department was trying to conceal something in respect to this return is absolutely absurd—2932. Deprecates the statement made by Mr. Borden that he (Mr. Oliver) is a scold—2939. There is no doubt that the department can furnish the information, but it will take two clerks two weeks to do it, and a portion of the figures are in the blue books for publication—2940.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—2944.

This trouble arose from my asking the minister when would he bring down a return which I had moved for. Recites the case of the application for 210 coal licenses by one man—2944. It is the duty not only of members of the opposition, but of members on the other side, to assist the government in protecting the rights of the people—2945.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2940.

Of course there is always confidential correspondence in a department of government, but no member of parliament would desire to have that made public—2940. The Minister of the Interior contends that he is not justified in bringing down information that can be found in the blue books. The practice does not justify his contention—2941. It is a common practice to put a notice on the paper asking for information, notwithstanding that the figures may be contained in the blue books?—2947.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—2945.

The gentleman from Montreal stated that he was telephoned for after Mr. Foster had given notice of his motion—2945.

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Taylor, George (Leeds)—2938.

We have not moved for a great many returns, but I think the people will give the opposition credit for having saved the country a good deal of money as a result of the papers that have been asked for. Cites the Coughlin case—2938. We saved the country on the North Atlantic Trading Company contract over $1,000,000—2939. The Minister of Marine made Coughlin cough up the 5 per cent; but after that was coughed up, he coughed up $1,170—2945.

NORTHWEST REBELLION, 1885—VOLUNTEER LAND GRANTS—SECOND READING.

Second reading of Bill (177), to make further provision respecting grants of land to members of the militia force on active service in the Northwest—Mr. Oliver—4805.

Bill reported—4807.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4806.

If my hon. friend the Minister of Marine (Mr. Brodeur) has no objection to proceeding with the measure I have not—4806.

On section 1—The minister might give us some information before we adopt this section—4806.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4806.

On section 1—It has really all been issued? How many issues of scrip remain yet to be located?—4806. Before the Bill is read the third time, I think it would be well to have information as to the number still outstanding; the minister might give the number of applications also—4807.

Henderson, David (Halton)—4807.

Has the minister any means of knowing who are the present holders of the scrip?—4807.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—4805.

This is a Bill to extend the time during which military bounty scrip may be located—4805.

On section 1—The department has been informed of several instances of the scrip outstanding, which holders cannot locate under existing law; it seems reasonable that they should be permitted to locate, and this Bill provides for the extension of the time to December 31, 1908—4806. I can give the names of the applicants; and I fancy that I can furnish a statement of how many have been located—4807.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—4805.

This Bill is not printed in English. It is a very simple matter, the Minister of the Interior informs me, and perhaps there will be no objection to proceeding with it—4805.

NORTHWEST REBELLION, 1885—VOLUNTEER LAND GRANTS—THIRD READING.

Motion for third reading of Bill (177) to make further provision respecting grants of land to members of the militia force on active service in the Northwest—Mr. Oliver—4897.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read third time and passed—4898.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4897.

I thought there was some information to be given about this?—4897.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—4898.

How many of those now in the department are in the hands of the original parties entitled to them?—4898.

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Altogether 1,307 wararnts have been issued; of these 44 are not yet located—4897. My information is that application has been made from time to time since the time within which the warrant could be located expired; but, inasmuch as no action could be taken in these cases, no record was kept in the department—4898.

NORTH RENFREW, THE VACANCY IN

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Taylor asks if any action has been taken towards filling the vacancy in North Renfrew—6126.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—6126.

Mr. Speaker, the first thing is for my hon. friend (Mr. Taylor) to draw your attention to the fact that there is a vacancy—6126.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—6126.

Then, Mr. Speaker, I hope you will accept what I have said as drawing your attention to the vacancy, and that the action necessary in such case will soon be taken—6126.

OGDEN, WILLIAM EDWARD, RELIEF OF

Mr. Derbyshire moved that the order placing Bill (210) for the relief of William Edward Ogden on the order paper for second reading at next sitting of House be discharged, and that said Bill be now read a second time and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time—6075.

OPENING OF HOUSE.

Speaker, Mr.—1.

Communicates to House letter from secretary of Governor General stating that House will open on March 8, at 3 p.m.—11.

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of your honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate—1.

OTTAWA POST OFFICE.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks what is the position in reference to the Ottawa post office at the present time—1580.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1580.

Understands it has been in progress between two and three years, and that about $172,000 have been expended upon it—Refers to rumours of irregularities—1580.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—1581.

The post office building itself is practically finished. As to the alleged irregularities, an investigation was held and evidence under oath disclosed that there was nothing against the officer in question—1581.

PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC RAILWAY COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (173) respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company—Mr. Stewart—6056. Bill reported—6075.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6061.

What has occurred between the spring of 1905 and the commencement of this session which has changed the character of this work from a provincial to a Dominion character?—6061. It has been authorized by the legislature of Ontario for the last twenty years; it began to obtain charters in 1886—6062. I desire to have some reason given to me, as a member of the committee, to justify the proposed declaration, and I have heard nothing yet 6063. The real reason is that they cannot get the legislature of Ontario further to extend the time for building, and they ask this parliament to make a false declaration about it so as to obtain the desired extension—6064. What were the representations that changed the minister's (Mr. Emmerson's) opinion?—6068.

On section 1, as amended—What is the meaning of the exception?—6072. I simply say that the government are doing wrong in permitting the provisons of the British North America Act to be used for such a purpose—6073. Well, I have made my protest—6074.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—6056.

The Pacific and Atlantic Railway is a railway projected from a point near Cornwall, through the city of Ottawa, up to the town of Sault Ste. Marie—6056. The company's charter was granted by the Ontario legislature nineteen years ago, and nothing whatever has been done towards actual construction—6057. But it is not projected across the river; it ends in mid-stream—6058. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) refer to the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company?—6061. Their charter does not authorize them to construct a railway track across a river; it is confined entirely to an electric railway—6062. When did the company file plans? Whitefish Island is in the middle of the river in Canadian waters—6063. The only effort that the railway has put forth in connection with this undertaking

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is the filing of the plans—6064. I do not believe that the building of a railway, as shown on these plans is possible—6065. Does my hon. friend (Mr. Conmee) say that this company does not control the water-power adjacent to Whitefish Island?—6066. Does the minister (Mr. Emmerson) not think that a repetition of the terms contained in the Ontario Act of last year would be only fair and reasonable under the circumstances?—6067. This company comes here reciting the fact that in 1886 it was incorporated, and its charter was renewed in 1900, in 1902 and in 1905—6070.

On section 1, as amended—That amalgamation has been recognized since 1901; the financial conditions have been complete since 1901—6074.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—6057.

In coming to this parliament the company have exercised a privilege which is often exercised by railway companies having charters much more clearly within provincial jurisdiction than this one—6058. I do not think the House should treat this Bill lightly under the circumstances—6059. So far as I know, it was always the intention of this company to come to this parliament for legislation; they filed plans here in 1901—6061. The hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. McCarthy) has charge of the Bill—6062. It is no more a provincial work than any of the other charters we have renewed—a dozen or more this year. If the plans were confined to Whitefish Island, that is an evidence they intended to cross the St. Mary's river—6063. The town of Sault Ste. Marie had that water-power previously to the present company obtaining it; they sold their rights to that company—6065. This Act does not give them any powers, and this parliament cannot give them any power that belongs to the province of Ontario—6066.

On section 1, as amended—It was agreed in the Railway Committee that the branch lines should be cut out—6073. It does not cover bonds—6074.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—6067.

The real owners of this charter control the Sault industries, and operate the Algoma Central Railway, and they think they should have Dominion powers over these railways—6067. For the amalgamation they required to operate these railways together, and as the others enjoyed Dominion charters, it was important that this railway should be put upon the same basis—6068. I did not understand Mr. Code to say that the financial interest of the province of Ontario in these industries would not be improved by this legislation—6069. Is the company entitled to recognition at all? The Railway Committee decided that it is, and the only terms we impose are the terms we impose on other companies when they ask for powers—6070. If we treat these people

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with the same fairness that we treat all other applicants, I am sure there would be no objection to this Bill—6071. I think that the interests of Canada lie in having this railway under federal jurisdiction, as well as the interests of the company itself—6072. We make the exception of withdrawing their right with respect to the construction of branch lines—6073. There are many provisions necessary for this railway as a road connecting with the Algoma Central, which could only be secured by legislation of this parliament —6074.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6059.

I cannot see that sound policy will be promoted by passing this class of legislation in this parliament—6059. It is the most outrageous interference with provincial rights that has come into this House—6060. It involves an interference with questions of water-power that are entirely within the purview of the Ontario legislature—6061. Failing to carry out their bargain with the legislature, they come here within a year and ask us to say that this is a work for the general advantage of Canada—6064. The more this matter is discussed the more convinced am I that we should not interfere at all—6066. We are being asked to interfere with an integral part of the bargain between these people and the legislature—6067. The Ontario government went to the trouble of sending to the committee to protest against our interference with this arrangement—6068 Mr. Code was the representative of the Ontario government, and he protested against this Bill being passed—6069. We ought not to pass legislation on the understanding that it means something and ignore the facts. Quotes preamble—6070. I am perfectly willing that they should be treated with the same fairness as every one else, but I want them to treat the people of Canada with equal fairness—6071. The moment a railway connects with any Dominion road it comes, for all necessary purposes of traffic, under the purview of the Railway Commission—6072.

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Motion for third reading of Bill (No. 173) respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company—Mr. Stewart—6323.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—6323.

Moves amendment. The line is entirely in Ontario; it is created by provincial charter, sanctioned only by the Ontario legislature and never up to this date declared to be for the general advantage of Canada—6323. Quotes reply of Minister of Interior (Mr. Oliver) in answer to a question asked on March 14—6324. Quotes reply of Minister of Railways (Mr. Emmerson) to question; reads resolution adopted by board of trade at Sault Ste. Marie—6325. Quotes letter of J. R. Barber to Interior Department, dated November 2, 1900—6326-7.

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Speaker, Mr.—6327.

The order for private Bills being now expired, the House will resume the discussion on the Bill for the better observance of the Lord's Day—6327.

PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC RAILWAY COMPANY—THIRD READING.

Third reading of Bill (173), respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company—Mr. Stewart—6678. Mr. Boyce moves that Bill be not now read a third time, be read six months hence—6694. Amendment (Mr. Boyce) negatived on division. Bill read a third time and passed—6706.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6702.

Should the parliament of Canada by its legislation grant a further extension of time for a railway which up to the present session has been regarded as within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Ontario legislature; quotes 'Hansard'—6702. Quotes subsection 10 of section 92 of the British North America Act; if this can be shown by parliament to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, let it be shown—6703. I can conceive of no more flagrant and outrageous abuse of this provision of the constitution than that which is presented to the House to-day—6704. What occurred between May 1905 and March, 1906, to change that railway, which for twenty years had been a provincial railway, to a Dominion railway?—6705.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—6678.

In twenty-four hours the whole of the balance of the island was disposed of without consulting anybody. From 1886 down to the present day the hon. member (Mr. Conmee) was one of the incorporators, and is now a provisional director of this company—6678-9. Quotes letter brought down dated Garden River, October 16, 1902, directed from Chief Sayer to W. L. Nichols, acting Indian agent at Sault Ste. Marie—6680. Quotes letter sent from Department of Indian Affairs to Chief Sayer, dated November 20, 1902; quotes letter from Peter Kahgayosh to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, dated September 18, 1902—6681. Reads letter from Mr. Chas. Drinkwater, assistant to the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, to Jas. A. Smart, deputy Minister of Interior dated December 28, 1901. The Indians were not consulted in this transaction; they had no opportunity to arbitrate—6682. Reads resolution adopted by the International Waterways Commission on October 28, 1905—6683. Reads letter addressed by Mr. N. W. Rowell to

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Hon. J. M. Gibson, Commissioner of Crown Lands for Ontario, dated December 15, 1899—6684-5. When the promoters of this company found it impossible to get what they wanted from the Ontario government they came here—6685. Quotes memorandum made by Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick, director of Surveys, dated October 9, 1905—6686-7. Traces various transactions of company from 1889 to 1901—6688. Quotes telegram sent to Minister of Railways on December 29, 1905; reads letter received from the Minister of Railways (Mr. Emmerson) on December 30, 1905—6689. Quotes letter written to Minister of Railways (Mr. Emmerson)—6690. Quotes letter received in reply from the Department of Railways and Canals dated January 4, 1906. Quotes resolution passed by town council at Sault Ste. Marie on March 26, 1906—6691. Has no desire to obstruct or in any way interfere with the construction or operation of any railway in the district of Algoma—6692. What hopes have the towns of Sault Ste. Marie and Steelton, if this company be allowed to obtain a monopoly of every available bit of water-power that flows along the Canadian side of the river?—6693. This is an unreasonable and improvident bargain which gives to this corporation valuable public franchises contrary to the best public interest—6694. I had no desire to accuse my hon. friend (Mr. Conmee) of promoting a Bill in which he has a personal interest—6694.

Conmee, J. (Rainy River)—6679.

Rises to a point of order; this railway Bill has nothing to do with Whitefish Island; hon. friend (Mr. Boyce) should not take that sort of discussion—6679.

I have no interest in the Bill; I did have an interest in it when the charter was first granted. The country through which the line runs has needed a railway for the past fifteen years—6694. I had no idea that for the past ten years my name was connected with this company until I heard it in the House; there is no water-power on Whitefish Island—6695. No sane man would make a water-power on Whitefish Island, because it would be too expensive—6696. There is no shadow of foundation in fact for saying that this is a monopoly; it is a fact that the International water-powers Commission agreed that 50,000 horse-power might be utilized on either side of the river—6697. This government could not give a water-power, they have no power to do so—6698. If the conditions are not lived up to, the charter lapses; this is intended to be the charter under which the whole system is operated—6699. Quotes 'Hansard'—6705. This railway is just as much entitled to a renewal of its charter as any other railway that has come before this parliament this session—6706.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6699.

This charter ought never to have been asked for in this parliament—6699. This

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is a matter for the provincial legislature; the province had the power to renew the charter or to refuse to renew it—6700. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) has not attempted to give any reason why the Ontario government were wrong in sending their representatives to the Railway Committee to oppose this Bill—6701. The government are responsible for this legislation; it should not go through—6702.

PACIFIC BANK OF CANADA.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (50) respecting the Pacific Bank of Canada—Hon. Mr. Belcourt. Motion agreed to—656.

Belcourt, Hon. N. A. (Ottawa City)—656.

Am not aware of its having been introduced before—656.

Henderson, David (Halton)—656.

How many times has this charter been renewed already? It is a hardy annual—656.

PACIFIC CABLE DEFICITS.

Mr. Fielding, before adjournment gives statement of Pacific Cable deficits to the House 7692.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7692.

Yesterday Mr. Foster asked for information on the subject. I will read the figures so that they may be placed on 'Hansard'—7692.

PACIFIC AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, PETITION OF.

Motion by Mr. Belcourt that leave be granted to present petition for an Act to incorporate, notwithstanding the expiration of time for receiving such petition—1668. Motion agreed to—1668.

Belcourt, Hon. N. A. (Ottawa City)—1668.

The time was extended to 12th, but the House adjourned on the 11th, and the petition could not be presented on the 12th—1668.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1668.

What is the explanation?—1668.

PAIRS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Taylor draws the attention of the House to an error that occurred in 'Hansard' in reference to the division that took place on Monday night—3799.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General)—3800.

I find that Mr. Bergeron's name appears as being paired in the division list, which the hon. gentleman has just called attention to—3800.

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Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—3800.

What my hon. friend (Mr. Taylor) calls attention to is the fact that the pairs on one side of the House are mentioned, and on the other side they are not mentioned. The best way to correct, it is to call the attention of the public to it—3800.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3800.

It seems to be a question for the Debates Committee to investigate, and as my hon. friend (Mr. Taylor) is a member of that committee he might look into the matter—3800.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—3799.

Takes exception to the fact that in the division that took place the names of Messrs. Bergeron, Reid, Northrup and Clements are not recorded as having been paired, while that of Mr. L. G. McCarthy is recorded—3799. I do not see Mr. Bergeron's name recorded in the first division—3800.

PALMERSTON, POSTMASTER AT

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Barr calls the attention of the House to an item in the Toronto 'News' of February 8, stating that a ballot was taken by the Reform executive in the appointing of a postmaster—2326.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—2326.

Has the new Postmaster General delegated to his followers the right to make these appointments?—2326.

PARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE, USE OF

Mr. Speaker draws attention to unparliamentary language used by member for East Elgin. Quotes 'Decorum in Debate'—3067.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3067.

Would you have an objection, Mr. Speaker, to placing your ruling on the records of the House? I shall be glad to substitute other language for the objectionable word 'perjurer,' which was used. Outside of the House I will be only too happy to use the language I used in the House—3067.

Speaker, Mr.—3067.

The member for East Elgin (Mr. Ingram) referred to the member for South York (Mr. Maclean) in terms which appeared to me to be verging on what was unparliamentary. I am convinced now that the remarks were unparliamentary—3067.

PEER, JOHN ALBERT, RELIEF OF

House in committee on Bill (169) for the relief of John Albert Peer—Mr. Campbell—4950.

PEER, JOHN ALBERT, RELIEF OF—*Con.*

Motion that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. Motion agreed to and progress reported—4951.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—4950.

Even if we do recognize that we should grant divorce for certain reasons, the evidence in this case would not show any just and reasonable ground for saying that the accused party was guilty.

PEER, JOHN ALBERT, RELIEF OF—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (169) for the relief of John Albert Peer—Mr. Campbell—5447. Bill reported, and read a third time, on division—5460.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—5453.

On the preamble—While there is not direct evidence of the act of adultery, there is very strong circumstantial evidence; traces eveidence—5453-4. Quotes evidence—5455. The question is one pre-eminently for the consideration of the tribunal which has heard the evidence—5456. This is a case in which no one can say that the Senate committee ought to have refused the application—5457.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5459.

On the preamble—If parliament is to continue to deal with the subject of divorce as in the past, it would be better to provide that there should be a joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons which would conduct the inquiry. In undefended cases the Senate should appoint a King's proctor, who should see that every possible precaution is taken against the possibility of collusion—5459.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5458.

On the preamble—We have as much right to revise the procedure of the Senate committee as we have to sit in judgment upon the case; on the merits of the case, it is a clear case for divorce—5458. The legal presumption which is raised by reason of conception taking place during the time of cohabitation with the husband is destroyed by the registration of the other man as father—5459.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—5447.

On the preamble—I desire to protest against the careless and dangerous way in which these two branches of parliament are undertaking to dissolve marriage between people in this country; the allegation in the preamble of the present case, which is declared to be proved, is disproved by the evidence—5447. Under the circumstances, no matter what may be sworn against this woman, this Bill ought not to pass—5448. This woman should be given a chance to come to Ottawa and tell her own story and have the evidence

PEER, JOHN ALBERT, RELIEF OF—THIRD READING—*Con.*

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara).—*Con.*

reason why we should pass the Bill—5457. on both sides weighed before giving judgment—5449. Quotes Gemmil in his work on divorce—5450. Quotes Lord Penzance, Senator Gowan, Hon. Mr. Scott and Gladstone on divorce—5451. Nothing but harm will come to this country if marriages are dissolved upon such grounds as those upon which John Albert Peer bases his claim for divorce—5452. The people will expect us to refuse this Bill and to refuse to dissolve a marriage which these people entered into twenty years ago and to which they ought to continue loyal—5453. This divorce should not pass until this woman's story has been heard from her own lips—5456. If the procedure of the Senate is faulty that is no

PENITENTIARIES ACT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (176) respecting penitentiaries—Mr. Fitzpatrick. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—4084.

PENITENTIARY ACT AMENDMENT.

Bill (176) respecting penitentiaries—Mr. Aylesworth—read the second time, and House went into committee thereon—5387.

On section 6—Mr. Aylesworth moves to insert the word 'for' before the word 'all.' Motion agreed to—5388.

On section 36—Mr. Aylesworth moves that subsection (b) be amended by inserting word 'water.' Section as amended agreed to 5396.

On section 70—Mr. Alcorn moves that section 5 be struck out. Motion negatived and section agreed to—5406.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed —5406.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—5388.

On section 10—Would this section include a boat or car unloading at a penitentiary wharf or siding, and would boat or car for the time being be considered a portion of the penitentiary?—5388.

On section 20—Emergencies might arise in which it might not be possible to carry out these instructions; suggests different wording—5390.

On section 23—Is there a provision for the inspector taking charge during the suspension of warden?—5390.

On section 24—What is the object of the words in the fourth line, 'any person found within the precincts thereof'—5391.

On section 27—I would point out that political appointments may be made and may be very objectionable to the officers of the institution—5392.

On section 45—What would be done in case the surgeon was not there to examine the convict and give a certificate?—5397.

On section 60, subsection (b)—Is there any provision by which a supply of tobacco may be obtained by the convict?—5399.

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Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—*Con.*

On section 61—Would not an eight hour day be sufficient?—5402.

On section 63—I would think that the one penalty would be sufficient without adding the other—5403.

On section 70—If convict is discharged in the winter time an overcoat should be added. Subsection 5 is an unnecessary provision, and one that in practice would be impracticable—5404. Moves that subsection 5 of section 70 be struck out—5406.

On section 73—What is the process of holding these inquests?—5406.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —5387.

On section 1—As far as salaries are concerned, the Bill embodies the resolution, but the Bill is a revision of the existing law as to penitentiaries, the greater portion of the clauses being simply re-enactments—5387.

On section 5—That is a repetition of the former section 4 in the revised statutes, introducing the Alberta penitentiary—5387.

On section 6—That is a repetition except the reference to the Alberta penitentiary; moves to insert the word 'for' before the word 'all'—5388.

On section 10—Boats are in so many words included in that section if they are penitentiary property—5388.

On section 11—Moves to amend section by inserting certain words in the 23rd line immediately after the word 'work'—5389.

On section 13—This is the clause as it stood in the Act of 1875, with the exception left out—5389.

On section 19—The section is omitted which in the revised statutes would follow the present section 18 which provided that each of the inspectors should keep an exact record of all minutes of inspection made by him in the inspection books of the institutions—5389.

On section 20—As it appears in the revised statutes, the inspectors may make rules and regulations subject to approval of the Governor in Council; it is proposed to change that to the approval of the minister—5389.

On section 21—Under the revised statutes the report is to be made annually on or before the 1st day of September—5390.

On section 23—Subsection 1 is a repetition of the former law; subsection 2 is new 5390.

On section 24—The fourth line means any one loitering about outside perhaps with the view of assisting the convict to escape—5391.

On section 26—That is a redraft of the present section amended and the new section introduced by the Act of 1895—5391.

On section 27—This is a redraft and condensation into one section of no less than five sections of the existing law, but without any substantial variations; by this legislation the power of appointment is vested in the minister and the responsibility is upon him—5392.

On section 29—The existing law provided that the security was to be to the satis-

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Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —*Con.*

faction of the Governor in Council, this changes it to the satisfaction of the minister—5393.

On section 32—Where the work of the smaller penitentiaries would not fully occupy the whole time of a medical man or surgeon, he is allowed to continue in general practice outside—5394.

On section 34—This is an entirely new provision; the desirability or expediency of having such a provision upon the statute is a question for the consideration of the committee—5394.

On section 35, subsection 2—I wish to propose a verbal amendment, and to add after the word 'infirmity' the words 'or injury'—5394.

On section 35, subsection 5—The special object is to protect an officer, who has been promoted from loss of the gratuity which he might have earned prior to promotion —5395.

On section 36—Any officer whose duties require him to reside on the premises may be furnished with a free residence; moves that subsection (b) be amended—5396.

On section 42—This omits two classes of persons who under the revised statutes of 1886 had the right of visiting penitentiaries—5396.

On section 45—The words following the word 'unless' in the third line are introduced; they were not in the revised statute—5397.

On section 46—There is no change except that provision is made that the minister may issue a warrant directing the removal of a convict from one penitentiary to another—5398.

On section 53—This empowers the minister to issue directions regarding a ward for the insane—5398.

On section 55—This is a change from the Governor General to the minister in regard to the issuing of the warrant—5398.

On section 61—There is no change excepting an omission of two subsections which are now expunged, because they relate to the contract system of labour which is not in vogue—5399.

On section 60, subsection (b)—After consideration and consultation with the inspectors it was thought better not to make provision for cooking utensils on the face of the statute—5399.

On section 61—The words 'if possible' have been inserted in the law which, since 1886, fixed the time at full ten hours—5402.

On section 63—There is no change in substance; the revised statutes, section 55, provided a method of calculating the rate of remission which was more complicated —5402.

On section 70—There is no change in the first four subsections except that we strike out the months of November and March—5403.

On section 72—This provision has not heretofore appeared in the statute, but it has in the regulations; it is the practice in all penal institutions in the civilized world—5406.

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On section 73—We are merely repeating the old provision as it has stood in the revised statutes since 1886—5406.

On schedule 'A'—These are the figures to which the House assented by resolution on a previous date—5406.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5387.

On section 1—Does the Bill embody the resolution which we have already passed? We can run over clauses with the understanding that whenever there is any change in the existing law the hon. minister (Mr. Aylesworth) will point it out —5387.

On section 6—Would it not make it more clear if you inserted the word 'for' before the word 'all' in the 40th line?—5388.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—5397.

On section 45—Could not the prison hospital make suitable provision for cases of contagious disease?—5397.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5393.

On section 27—It would be against discipline in the penitentiary if political appointments were made, and anything which can keep that impression from gaining ground would assist discipline—5393.

On section 29—What kind of bonds?—5393.

On section 34—Is it necessary to put that practice in the law?—5394.

On section 35, subsection 5—What does this subsection mean?—5395.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John Co.)—5398.

On section 55—You (Mr. Aylesworth) have changed the Act all through so as to give to the minister power now invested in the Governor in Council—5398.

Motion that the Senate amendment to Bill (176) respecting penitentiaries be read the second time and concurred in—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth—6818. Motion agreed to—6818.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —6818.

The Senate has stricken out clause 34 and amended clause 6—6818.

PENITENTIARY EMPLOYEES—SALARIES OF

Motion, that the House at the next sitting do go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following proposed resolution: That it is expedient to amend the Penitentiary Act, and to provide that the salaries of the officers and employees shall not exceed figures stated—Mr. Fitzpatrick—3907. Motion agreed to—3909.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —3907.

Moves notice of resolution—3907. Has the authority of His Excellency the Governor General that he approves of the terms of the resolution—3909.

PENITENTIARY EMPLOYEES, SALARIES OF —IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on the resolution, that it is expedient to amend the Penitentiary Act, and to provide that the salaries of the officers and employees shall not exceed certain amounts—Mr. Fitzpatrick—4077. Resolution reported, read the first and second time and agreed to—4083.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—4083.

Have the appointments been made of the warden and deputy warden at Edmonton? —4083.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—4080.

Why has the warden of St. Vincent de Paul less salary than the warden of Kingston? Why are some given increases and some not?—4080. How many prisoners are there at Dorchester and at St. Vincent de Paul ? How is it that $2,200 is given to the warden in Dorchester and only $2,400 to the warden in St-Vincent de Paul?—4081.

Bole, D. W. (Winnipeg)—4082.

How does the Manitoba penitentiary compare with others in prison population?—4082.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4080.

Will my hon. friend (Mr. Fitzpatrick) state the cause of the increase in each case? —4080.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —4080.

In the Kingston penitentiary, the deputy matron gets an increase of $50, and the surgeon an increase of $600. I take the reports of the inspectors and abide by them. I have not heard a word of complaint —4080. The total salaries for Kingston penitentiary this year will be $69,819.88; St. Vincent de Paul, $53,202.38—4081. Dorchester penitentiary salaries, $37,222.84 ; Manitoba penitentiary salaries, $31,467.12. When the penitentiary at Edmonton is in operation the number at Stoney Mountain will decrease—4082. British Columbia pentitentiary salaries will be $27,645.98. Total for 1904-5 was $191,808.20 ; total for 1905-6, with increases, $219,338.20. This does not include Alberta—4083.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—4080.

What is the total increase at Kingston ?—4080. When the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fitzpatrick) said 'officials' he meant grades—4081. What is the approximate convict population of all these penitentiaries? That is over $160 of expenditure for each convict—4083.

PENSIONS TO EX-MINISTERS OF THE CROWN.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asked the government whether they proposed bringing down at an early date legislation respecting pensions to ex-ministers of the Crown—4536.

PENSIONS TO EX-MINISTERS OF THE CROWN—*Con.*

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4536.

When do government propose bringing down an an amendment to the legislation of last session respecting pensions to ex-ministers of the Crown?—If that measure is to be brought down, it should be brought down early enough to enable the people to understand it—4537.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4537.

It is the intention of the government to deal with the question; stated in a former debate that law could not remain as it is at present; it should be either abolished or considerably amended.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION—BOURASSA.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Bourassa makes a personal explanation in reference to a statement of his concerning 'La Presse' —4351.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—4351.

Two or three weeks ago I said the representative of 'La Presse' had failed to correct a statement it made about Mr. A. Lavergne being absent when a vote was taken in the House on a motion of Mr. Foster's. The correction was made, but as it was not published in the parliamentary column, it escaped my attention—4352.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION—PICHE.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Piché draws attention to the fact that his vote was not recorded in the amendment to the Bill on the Bell Telephone. He voted against the amendment—6555.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION—TAYLOR.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Taylor makes an explanation of a statement which he made yesterday, about Mr. Carvell in his absence—4801.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—4801.

I stated yesterday that Mr. Carvell is a member of the Orange order. He now informs that he withdrew from the order twenty-one years ago—4801.

PILOTAGE ACT AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (219) to amend the Pilotage Act—Hon. L. P. Brodeur (Minister of Marine)—6538. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—6540.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6538.

What is the present custom?—6538.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6538.

At whose request was this legislation introduced and has experience shown it to be necessary?—6538. Have the people

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

engaged in the coal trade had an opportunity of expressing their opinion on the proposed legislation?—6539.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—6538.

This Bill is to provide that between Father Point and the city of Montreal in the River St. Lawrence steamships shall be obliged to take pilots; the legislation is introduced at the request of the Shipping Federation—6538. The law to-day simply provides for pilotage dues, and the question is now whether we should not go further and provide for compulsory pilotage—6539.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6538.

What is the cost of a pilot?—6538. The owners of these vessels, with their work cannot afford to pay one cent more than is absolutely necessary for safety to the channel itself—6540.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—6539.

The proposition to make compulsory on the coasting trade in any portion of the Dominion payment of pilotage dues and the carrying of pilots is one that ought to be well considered; agrees with suggestion of leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden)—6540.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6539.

Has the hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) any data to show that accidents have happened more frequently to vessels that have not had pilots on board than to those that have?—6539.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—6538.

Are the colliers not obliged to pay fees?—6538. Does the minister (Mr. Brodeur) intend that there shall be compulsory pilotage or compulsory payment of pilotage fees?—6539.

PILOTAGE FUND—CASE OF DANIEL McLEAN.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Boyce calls the attention of the House to the administration of the pilotage fund in Sydney, N. S.—5435.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5437.

It seems a remarkable thing, if this man is guilty, that no steps have been taken against him, and that no steps have been made to make up to the pilots the money abstracted—5437.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—5435.

Upon recommendation of the Minister of Marine, dated 13th March, Daniel McLean, secretary-treasurer for the pilotage district of Sydney, N.S., was dismissed from office because he was a defaulter. Quotes telegram from deputy minister—5435. Quotes telegrams from L. A. Demers, F. Gourdeau and O. G. V. Spain. I want to inquire whether any proceedings have been taken in the prosecution of this Mr. McLean, who admis this defalcation?—5436.

PILOTAGE FUND—CASE OF DANIEL McLEAN —*Con.*

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —5437.

We shall have to bring the matter to the attention of the Minister of Marine to ascertain the facts—5437.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —5436.

Is my hon. friend (Mr. Boyce) speaking with a view to securing some information with reference to these papers?—5436. I will take a note of his inquiries and will answer later on—5437.

PORT ARTHUR AND FORT WILLIAM—DREDGING AT.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden makes inquiry as to tenders for dredging at Port Arthur and Fort William—1856.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1856.

Have tenders been received for the dredging; have the contracts been awarded, and, if so, to whom—1856.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1856.

Tenders have been received. The contracts have not been awarded—1856.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—ADDITIONAL CLERKSHIPS.

Motion by Mr. S. Barker, for a copy of the Report of the Deputy Postmaster General that additional clerkships are necessary—771. Motion agreed to—772.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General) —771.

There is no formal or written report upon the subject—771. If this House votes the money, I have no doubt the necessary report will be made—772.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—771.

No report made such as Civil Service Act calls for—771. Think that before we vote the money we are entitled to the information asked for—772.

POSTAGE ON FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Taylor calls the attention of the Postmaster General to the question of postage on foreign newspapers—5530.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—5530.

Quotes letter from Mrs. John Webster. Has the Postmaster General anything further to offer in reference to the rate he proposes to charge on that valuable paper?—5530.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES, COMPLAINTS OF

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Monk renews the question which he put to the government two or three days ago when the Postmaster General was absent—3795.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES, COMPLAINTS OF—*Con.*

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General) —3796.

All that was said in answer to the deputation was that their memorial and their representations would be carefully considered—3796.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—3795.

Some time ago a deputation of employees in the postal service came to Ottawa, and waited upon the government; the Postmaster General said that a Bill would be introduced during the present session to remove all or most of the grievances complained of—3795.

POSTAL RATES ON MAGAZINES.

On Orders of the Day Mr. Cockshutt draws attention of the House to the new postal order under which from forty to fifty American publications were withdrawn from previous postal rates—2823.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General) —2824.

There has been no advance whatever in the postal rates on Canadian or American magazines and periodicals—2824. A revision of the list and examination in detail of each publication has been going on for some months. The examination is simply a departmental one with a view to determining whether the publication is or is not a periodical whithin the meaning of the statute and is or is not entitled to cheap rate of postage—2825.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—2823.

Quotes question asked by him on p. 2347 of 'Hansard'; reads letter written by department under date April 11—2823. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Aylesworth) did not tell us what journals were exempted. If this reduced rate exists on some papers, it should apply to all of a like character. Asks hon. minister if there were any recent orders from the department withdrawing certain magazines from the favoured rate and continuing to allow others of a like kind to come in at the old rate—2824.

POSTAL RATES ON UNITED STATES' PUBLICATIONS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Taylor brings up the question of postal rates on United States' publications—5620.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Postmaster General) —5620.

I have prepared a memorandum which I will read in order that it may be placed on 'Hansard,' and in that way brought before the public. Reads memorandum—5621.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—5620.

I brought the matter up yesterday in the absence of the Postmaster General. I mentioned the matter to him last night, and he kindly said he would give me an answer to-day—5620.

POSTAL SERVICE.

On motion for Supply, Mr. Monk asks if it is the intention of government to introduce this session legislation to amend the Postal Act—3582.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —3583.

I shall have to consult the Postmaster General (Mr. Aylesworth) with regard to that matter—3583.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—3582.

I have had a large number of inquiries from Montreal, and I would like to know if it is the intention of the government to introduce legislation on the subject this session?—3583.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

On certain petitions being presented, Mr. Speaker calls attention of House to the fact that these petitions are late—828.

Speaker, Mr.—828.

These petitions are late and consent of the House will be required—828.

PRESTON, MARY EMELINE, RELIEF OF

House in committee on Bill (168) for the relief of Mary Emeline Preston—Mr. Campbell—4950. Bill reported, read third time, and passed on division—4950.

Henderson, David (Halton)—4950.

On section 2—This is a clause which should be expunged from all divorce Bills, and it should be referred back to the Senate —4950.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—4950.

On section 2—I am not in favour of passing any of these divorce Bills, but if the majority in parliament forces me to consent to their passage, I would say that that the party guilty of the offence should not have the right to marry again—4950.

Speaker, Mr. Deputy—4950.

On section 2—This section deals with the right to marry again; shall section pass? —4950.

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT, ARRIVAL OF

On motion to adjourn, Mr. Borden expresses the delight of the members of the House to know that Prince Athur of Connaught has reached the western shores of the Dominion—742.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—742.

Announces the arrival of Prince Arthur of Connaught on the western shores of the Dominion and welcomes him—742.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —742.

Had not heard the welcome announcement, but concurs in felicitations—742.

Hansard by volumes: I.—1 to 2018; II.—2019 to 4028; III.—4029 to 6128; IV.—6129 to 7704.

PRINCE ARTHUR'S RECEPTION.

Motion to adjourn, by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to enable members to present their respects to Prince Arthur. Motion agreed to—1749.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —1749.

In view of the fact that arrangements have been made to allow members to present their respects to Prince Arthur in the Senate Chamber, moves adjournment—1749.

Speaker, Mr.—1749.

Suggests that all those who desire to be presented to His Royal Highness be in Chamber at four o'clock—1749.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY, WAGES ON

Motion for a statement showing the wages paid in different departments of the Prince Edward Island Railway in the same manner as published in the Auditor General's Report with reference to the Intercolonial Railway—Mr. Clements (for Mr. Lefurgey). Motion agreed to—2951.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —2951.

I am informed by the Auditor General that he would require between two and three weeks to get this information, and he would require to engage six extra clerks to do it. There is no objection to the motion carrying, but the return cannot be made inside of the period mentioned—2951.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND WINTER NAVIGATION.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. A. Martin calls attention of Minister of Marine to reply to question regarding winter communication between Prince Edward Island and mainland—971.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)— —971.

Shall have to look up the records to see how matter stands, and will answer tomorrow—971.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.) —971.

Reply does not seem to have satisfied the people of the province. Quotes from a leading paper of the province. Hon. Mr. Préfontaine was advised not to enter into a contract—971.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.

Motion that this House will unite with Senate in a joint committee on the printing of parliament—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—169.

Motion that third report of the joint committee of both Houses on the printing be concurred in—Mr. Parmelee—5081. Motion agreed to—5081.

PRINTING COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Parmelee, Chas. (Shefford)—5081.

This is simply a report in respect to parliamentary papers in which we recommend that none of them be printed—5081.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5081.

Would like to have some explanation about the report—5081.

PRIVATE BILLS—EXTENSION OF TIME.

Motion that the time for receiving petitions for private Bills be extended to Thursday, April 12th next; and for presenting private Bills to Thursday, April 19th next. Motion agreed to—828.

Motion that all petitions for Bills presented to the House on Tuesday, the 10th inst., and Wednesday, the 11th, be read and received forthwith, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for receiving petitions for private Bills. Motion agreed to—1575.

Dyment, A. E. (East Algoma)—1575.

The time for presenting these Bills was extended to the 12th and the House adjourned on the 11th—1575.

PRIVATE BILLS—EXTENSION OF TIME.

Motion that Rule 49 be suspended in reference to the following Bills : Of the Burks' Falls and French River Railway Company; of the Trans-Niagara Bridge Company; of the Cobalt Ridge Railway Company; of the Queen's College, of Kingston —2820. Amendment moved—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Amendment carried—2823.

Calvert, W. S. (West Middlesex)—2822.

One of the Bills would have been before the committee in time but for the fact that the map or plan of the bridge referred to in the Bill was sent to the solicitor, and was not before the committee in time—2822.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—2823.

If the facts were set forth in that report the House could consider them, but we have before us only the bald recommendation of the committee, with no reasons given—2823.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2821.

No reason having been shown why these applicants did not apply within the proper time, we should adhere to the rule and, therefore, I would ask my hon. friend not to press the motion—2822. Moves in amendment that the report be sent back to the Committee on Standing Orders—2823.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—2823.

The Bills mentioned in this report are, as you might say, the ragged ends of the session's work that have been before us for some considerable time—2823.

PRIVATE BILLS—EXTENSION OF TIME—*Con.*

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2821.

It seems to me that if such a motion as this should pass, it would be better not to have any standing rule with regard to these Bills at all—2821.

Watson, R. J. (Parry Sound)—2822.

The Burk's Falls and French River Railway Bill was presented three or four weeks ago to the committee, but I was delayed in getting to Ottawa till last week, and the Bill was left over until the meeting of the committee to-day—2822.

PROROGATION.

Mr. Speaker informs the House that he has received a communication from the secretary of His Excellency the Governor General, stating that prorogation will take place in the Senate Chamber on the 12th inst., at 3 o'clock p.m.—7695.

Mr. Speaker informs the House that he has received a communication from the Secretary of His Excellency the Governor General, stating that prorogation will take place in the Senate Chamber, on Friday, the 13th inst., at 12 o'clock—7698. In the Senate Chamber—7698.

PROVINCES, THE REPRESENTATION OF

Motion that an address be presented to His Majesty, King Edward VII, praying that he may be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be submitted to the imperial parliament, for the purpose of amending the British North America Act, so that no province of Dominion shall at any time have fewer representatives in parliament than it was given when it entered confederation—Mr. J. J. Hughes—1106. Mr. Turgeon moved adjournment of debate. Mr. R. L. Borden trusts this will not end discussion. Sir Wilfrid Laurier —It will be on order paper for next Monday—1132.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—1127.

Question considered of great importance in province of New Brunswick—1127. Principle of representation by population is not something which cannot be changed and which we need have any scruples about asking the imperial parliament to change. Great difficulty arises from fact that unit has been changed, that the boundaries of the province of Quebec have been increased so largely—1128. Natural possibilities of increase in population in maritime provinces are much more circumscribed compared to those in province of Quebec—1129. Maritime provinces can, with every right and claim to justice, ask this parliament to go to imperial parliament and have wrong righted, which has resulted from British North America Act of 1867—1130.

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Hughes, J. J. (King's, P.E.I.)—1106.

Purpose of motion is to have British North America Act amended so that intention of fathers of confederation shall be carried out; quotes resolution No. 21 of the Quebec conference—1106. Subsection 4 of section 51 was plainly intended to limit application of principle of representation by population. Conditions have arisen which fathers of confederation did not and could not foresee- 1107. Quotes Hon. A. T. Galt, Hon. George Brown, Mr. Haviland and Mr. Palmer—1108. Quotes Mr. Whelan, Col. Grey, Mr. Hope and A. A. Macdonald—1109. After nine years of contention the principle for which Prince Edward Island had been struggling for was yielded—1110. Delegates from Prince Edward Island certainly thought concession would be permanent. According to interpretation given by courts time is rapidly approaching when Prince Edward Island will not have more than one or two representatives in House—1111. Quotes unit of population in German Empire Reichstag; reads provision of minimum representation in Australian Commonwealth—1112. People of Prince Edward Island were among first to conceive grand idea of a united British North America—1113. May be an important matter to larger provinces, but it is very important to people of Prince Edward Island. Submits resolution for consideration of House with confidence—1114.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—1130.

Am in entire sympathy with motion. Thinks it better if a sub-committee of House was appointed to look into matter—1130. Prince Edward Island would not have entered confederation had she not been assured that six members would be given her in perpetuity. Increased area given Quebec is 59 times as large as provinces of Prince Edward Island—1131.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—1117.

Injustice is one which does not affect merely Prince Edward Island but which also affects the other two maritime provinces more particularly. Interpretation placed by courts on Act has been due rather to consideration of letter than spirit of the law—1118. Language found in section 51 of British North America Act speaks of representation of four provinces—1119. Other provinces came into confederation under special provisions as regards representation. People of Prince Edward Island who were given six members in 1873 although they had no right to that number according to unit of population, are entitled to preserve that number of six members right through so long as confederation of Canada lasts—1120. Supreme Court of Canada decided that word 'Canada' was to be interpreted as meaning the seven provinces of Dominion as they existed in 1903, and not the four provinces which existed at confederation. Quotes section 51 and subsection 4 of British North America Act. This motion is the natural consequence

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Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—*Con.*

of the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council—1122. No province came into Dominion with the idea that it was going to have less representation at any time afterward than it had at beginning—1123.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—1114.

Pleased that hon. gentleman (Mr. J. J. Hughes) has brought forward resolution. Unit of representation at time of confederation was one representative for 17,000 population; to-day it is one representative for 25,100 of a population—1115. Besides having greater birth rate than other provinces, Quebec has largely increased her territory; would be manifestly unfair to compel other provinces to maintain same ratio in population as Quebec. When unit of representation goes up to 120,000 Prince Edward Island will have no members at all—1116. When confederation was first mooted there were two questions of paramount interest to Prince Edward Island; one was question of representation in House, the other was question of communication with mainland. People of Prince Edward Island understood that representation should consist of six members in perpetuity—1117.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—1125.

Agrees with remarks made by hon. member for St. John county (Mr. Stockton) and am of opinion that pivotal province of Quebec has been changed by reason of great increase of territory which province has acquired since 1867—1125. Quotes Mr. A. B. Aylesworth from page 601 of reports of Supreme Court—1126-7. What will be condition of Prince Edward Isle, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick 25 years from present time—1127.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—**1123.**

Hon. member (Mr. E. M. Macdonald) has presented an argument as to meaning of term 'Canada' in section 51 of British North America Act—1123. Was fairly understood by framers of Confederation Act that there should be no diminution of representation of provinces named in Act; but the pivotal province of Quebec has been changed, and as a result the principle of representation as between the different provinces has been disorganized—1124-5.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the name of Mr. Maclean (Lunenburg) be placed on the Public Accounts Committee instead of Mr. Carney (Halifax)—417.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE, REPORT OF

Mr. Northrup wishes to make a motion which can be made only by consent of the House—3904.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE, REPORT OF —*Con.*

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —3904.

I think my hon. friend (Mr. Northrup) would better give notice, say for next Tuesday—3904.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—**3904.**

Under the rules of the House, I could only move to refer that report back to the committee on the ordinary notice of motion—3904.

Motion, that the second report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be concurred in—Mr. Belcourt. Motion agreed to—4247.

Belcourt, Hon. N. A. (Ottawa)—4247.

This is the report with reference to the questions put to, and the answers given by Mr. Merwin—4247.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—4247.

Is that the report of yesterday?—4247.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Foster draws attention to a misunderstanding about calling a meeting of Public Accounts Committee—6801.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—**6802.**

There evidently has been a misunderstanding, but I suppose we can call a meeting to-day or to-morrow—6802.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—**6801.**

We are now at that stage of the session when this delay will mean a delay in prorogation by that length of time—6802.

Mr. Roche (Halifax) presented the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th reports of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. Moves concurrence. Motion agreed to—7458.

Barker, S. (Hamilton East)—7458.

Several of these reports are recommended to be printed; as there might be difficulty in getting a report from the Printing Committee at this late hour, I move that the House order the printing—7458.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7458.

The reports contain within themselves the recommendation to print, so that when we adopt them, we thereby order the printing—7458.

Roche, William (Halifax)—7458.

Moves that the 7th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 13th and 14th reports of the Public Accounts Committee be concurred in—7458.

PUBLIC LANDS, PURCHASE OF

Motion by Mr. Borden, for all correspondence and papers concerning the purchase or acquiring of public lands since 1898; also a statement giving particulars as to names

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of purchasers, offices of companies, associations, and prices paid or agreed to be paid; also a list of purchasers outside of those given above; also copy of all correspondence and papers relating to disposal of such lands—1869. Motion stands—1870.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1869.

There is no objection to that except that we will not get the return down for a couple of years—1869. Some of the transactions referred to have been discussed, and I do not want to wait indefinitely for the information. The motion had better stand then.—1870.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —1869.

There is no objection to the motion if the words, 'first of January, 1880, be substituted for 'first of January, 1898'—1869. I think if we are preparing a return it should be complete, so as to show to the House the exact number of these transactions—1870.

QU'APPELLE, LONG LAKE AND SASKATCHEWAN LAND GRANT.

Attention drawn by Mr. Borden to fact that twelfth paragraph of question 1 has not been answered—346.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—347.

Have put another question on order paper to-day so that attention may be directed to it—347.

QU'APPELLE, LONG LAKE AND SASKATCHEWAN RAILROAD AND STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

On the Orders of the Day, Hon. Frank Oliver laid on the table in reply to a motion for papers, correspondence, &c., in connection with the above company—2321.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2321.

That is about as near as you ever get—2321.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) 2321.

I was in error yesterday when I said there were ten typewriters employed preparing this report. The correct number was 56 —2321.

QU'APPELLE, LONG LAKE AND SASKATCHEWAN RAILROAD AND STEAMBOAT COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House went into committee on Bill (No. 86) respecting the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Company—Mr. Carvell—2667. Motion agreed to, and committee rose and reported progress—2668.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —2668.

Moves that Committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—2668.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2668.

Asks that Bill be left in committee—2668.

QU'APPELLE, LONG LAKE AND SASKATCHEWAN RAILROAD AND STEAMBOAT COMPANY—THIRD READING—*Con.*

House in committee on Bill (No. 86) respecting the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Company—Mr. Carvell—2703.

On section 1—Section, as amended, agreed to—2706.

On section 2—Description of stock—agreed to—2706.

On section 3—Section as amended agreed to —2706.

On section 4—Amendment by Mr. Borden, —Amendment agreed to—2709.

Bill as amended reported, read the third time and passed—2709.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—2704.

On section 1—So that stocks and bonds would not be outstanding together—2704. What they have not already issued in bonds, they can issue in these new securities—2705.

On section 4—How are you going to pledge or sell the new securities until the old ones are removed?—2707.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2704.

On section 1—What is the meaning of the amendment?—2704. If the company has not issued bonds to the full extent authorized, why do you not equally require the approval of the Governor in Council? 2704. The difficulty about the present provision seems to be this, that either it permits the former bonds to be called in without any notice, or it does not authorize them to be called in at all. Have any bonds been issued under the authority previously given?—2705.

On section 4—You cannot issue stocks 'in lieu' of bonds unless you destroy the previous issue, or do away with it in some way—2707. I should think that at least there ought to be a clause added to the Bill, or put in by way of proviso to one of these sections, that would safeguard all rights—2708. Moves amendment to section—2709.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—2703.

On section 1—Section 1 has been amended by adding proviso. Reads proviso—2703.

On section 3—This was amended in the Railway Committee by the words, 'respecting returns to be made to the Minister of Railways,' being struck out, and the word 'expenditure' substituted for the word 'expenses' in the term 'working expenses.'—2706.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —2704.

On section 1——I suggested the amendment. The object of issuing the stock is to retire the bonds. Now, having issued sufficient stock to get their bonds, they must obtain the approval of the Governor in Council with respect to the additional issue—2704. I made the suggestion and the committee instructed the secretary to draft the proviso. You can-

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Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —*Con.*

not have the bonds and the stock out at the same time—2705.

On section 3—By striking out those words, the clause covers all penalties—2706.

On section 4—The facts are that the bonds have been issued and the company have some other obligations. Unless they can get their bonds, they could make no disposition of their stock. The bondholders cannot be affected at all by this legislation—2707. It seemed to me that the Bill fulfilled everything that was sought in committee, and those interested were quite agreeable to the amendment that was made—2708.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —2705.

On section 1—As I understand it, the clause in the Bill was intended to allow the company to substitute debenture stock for the bonds which it was authorized to issue—2705.

On section 3—If the stock is intended to take the place of bonds, I do not appreciate the value of section 3, because we are giving priority to the debenture stock —2706.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—2707.

On section 4—Should there not be a clause providing that the bondholders should be consenting parties?—2707. It may be the legislation asked for, but it is the duty of this House to see to it that no legislation is passed here that may affect bondholders prejudicially—2708.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—2707.

On section 4—I do not think it was stated in the Railway Committee that any arrangement had been made—2707.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2708.

The question was raised, but the Minister of Railways explained that he was perfectly satisfied that the rights of the bondholders were safeguarded, and the committee accepted it—2708.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—2706.

On section 4—We ought to have some further explanation with regard to this Bill. We may be depriving certain bondholders of the rights they have at present—2706.

QU'APPELLE, LONG LAKE AND SASKATCHEWAN RAILWAY AND STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

Explanation in connection with a return laid on the table—Mr. Oliver—3504.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3508.

I may have to take up the file with the Minister, if he will permit me, for fifteen minutes or so—3508.

QU'APPELLE, LONG LAKE AND SASKATCHEWAN RAILROAD AND STEAMBOAT COMPANY—THIRD READING—*Con.*

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —3504.

Explains the circumstances concerning the order in council dated August 1, 1902, information of which was conveyed to Messrs. Osler, Hammond and Nanton—3504.

QUEBEC BRIDGE.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Armstrong (East Lambton) calls attention to published statement of danger to navigation in St. Lawrence River—216. Moves adjournment—219. Motion negatived—224.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—216.

Wishes to call attention of government to a very important matter—216. Quotes article in the 'Canadian Engineer' with reference to the Quebec bridge—217-8. Not only ships of 40,000 ton type but ships of 25,000 ton type, will not be able to pass under Quebec bridge; exports from Montreal in the last ten years have more than doubled; understands superstructure can be built and made higher without great expense; moves adjournment—219. Hopes parliament will take a more energetic stand with reference to development of St. Lawrence river; it is possible to make St. Lawrence navigable for largest ship—223.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—223.

No danger and no possibility that the navigation of the St. Lawrence will leave anything to be desired—223. Can assure House that work of deepening channel will be completed; convinced that work now going on will be found absolutely satisfactory to the navigation and shipping interests on the St. Lawrence; no effort will be spared to make the St. Lawrence one of the best channels that can be found—224.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—220.

Congratulates hon. friends from Ontario on being imbued with maritime spirit—220. No ground for danger; quotes Montreal 'Gazette's figures and reasons—221. Department of Railways and Canals through its engineers and in specifications have made every necessary provision; class of vessels constructed for Montreal trade within near future not likely to be barred by height of bridge—222.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—221.

Is that the height of the clear space, or is it the height from the rail to the water? —221. Does the minister mean to say that from Montreal to Batiscan or from Quebec to Batiscan there will be 30 feet? —224.

Smith, E. D. (Wentworth)—219.

Seems a matter of very serious importance and should receive careful consideration

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Smith, E. D. (Wentworth)—*Con.*

—219. Port of Montreal ought to be the outlet of greater part of traffic of Canada; must make St. Lawrence route as safe as any route across the Atlantic—220.

QUEBEC BRIDGE AND RAILWAY COMPANY.

Motion for a copy of the last financial statement and balance sheet of the Quebec Bridge and Railway Company; list of officers and directors; statement of guaranteed bonds of company; statement of all moneys paid by government—Mr. Monk—428. Motion amended. Motion as amended agreed to—429.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—428.

The government has power at any time to obtain the information asked for. Asks permission to amend—429.

QUEBEC CLIFF, DANGEROUS CONDITION OF

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Bergeron calls the attention of the Prime Minister to the condition of the Terrace at Quebec—3155.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—3155.

Understood the First Minister yesterday to say that Dr. Ami, of the Geological Survey, had been recently sent down to Quebec, to make a report. Quotes from Quebec 'Chronicle,' and warns the government that a serious accident may occur—3155.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—3155.

Dr. Ami's report was made almost twelve months ago. We have a conflict of jurisdiction with the city of Quebec. It is the intention of the government to deal with this matter during the present session—3155.

QUEBEC MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (23) to incorporate the Quebec Midland Railway Company—Mr. Bureau. Bill reported, read the third time, and passed—1297.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1297.

What is length of this road? Does it connect with any other railway?—1297.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers and St. Maurice)—1297.

This railway connects with projected line of Grand Trunk Pacific and then runs north to Lake Mattagami—1297.

QUESTIONS.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—1569.

Davidson, A. D. and associates, sale of lands to—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1569.

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Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—*Con.*

Hudson Bay Company retired servants, claims of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1568.

Railway Lands, selection of—Particulars asked for—570. Details given—571.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—1868.

Astronomical Observatory, Ahearn & Soper's contract for electric wiring—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Total amount paid, $4,284.93. No other firms were asked to submit prices; no other contractors asked to tender. The work is completed—1868.

Bonused immigration from Europe—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—830-32.

British Columbia land sales—Particulars asked for. Ans.—No.—3971.

British papers, advertisements in—Has Department of Interior any information regarding information appearing in British press, purporting to emanate from Information Bureau, Concord, near Toronto? Ans.—No—574.

Brown, H. P., grazing lease—Particulars asked for—5182. Ans.—Details given—5183.

Canadian Northern Railway, Selection of Lands by—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3739.

Canadian Northern Railway Land Subsidy—Will the Minister of the Interior bring down departmental letter dated 16th September, 1904, authorizing the company to select lands in townships 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34, in ranges 10 to 29, inclusive, west of the 3rd meridian?—3970. Ans.—Yes, on an order of the House being obtained—3971.

Chateau-Richer Breakwater — Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3969.

Chateau-Richer, Wharf Dues at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4708.

George, Edward Claudius Scotney, Sale of Land to—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1866.

Handbook of Townships in West Proposed—Has Department of Interior the matter under consideration? Ans.—The matter is under consideration of the department—583.

Intercolonial Railway, Purchase from Fundy Coal Company—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3244.

Intercolonial Railway, Purchase from Strathcona Coal Company—3244. Ans.—Details given—3245.

McLeod, Roderick Allen, Homestead Entry of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5503.

North Atlantic Trading Company—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—329.

North Atlantic Trading Company—For the fifth time I ask this question which has been on order paper since April 20—2432. Ans.—Details given—2453.

Parke, Philip, Sale of Land to—Particulars asked for—1865. Ans.—Details given—1866.

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Ames, H. B. (Montreal, St. Antoine)—*Con.*

Parliament Building, Electric Lighting—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1568.

Quebec Harbour Works—Particulars asked for—1377. Ans.—Details given—1378.

Quebec Pilots—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3970.

Ray's Creek Wharf—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2926.

Rogersville, Inspection of Ties at—Particulars asked for—2723. Ans.—Details given—2724.

Sale of Lands in British Columbia—Particiculars asked for—5752. Ans.—No—5753.

School Lands—How many acres of school lands were disposed of during six months ending Dec. 31, 1905, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and price per acre. Ans.—Details given—192.

School Lands, Sale of—What was quantity of school lands sold in Manitoba and Northwest up to June 30, 1905, and amount received?—Amount annually paid to provinces ? Estimates quantity of school lands unsold in the three provinces ?—191. Ans.—Details given—192.

Ties in New Brunswick, Purchase of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—If an order is moved for there will be no delay in bringing down the necessary information—2270.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—4704.

Butter and Cheese at Montreal, Public Weigher of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4704.

European Immigration—Particulars asked for as to investigation of steamship and railway tickets of immigrants. Details given—4703.

False Entries under British Preference—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2548

Fast Atlantic Service—Is establishment of service under consideration? When does government expect to report? Will tenders be advertised for? Ans.—A mail service contract has been passed and will be laid before House at early date—198.

Fruit Conference, Report of—Does the Minister of Agriculture intend printing a report? If so when? Ans.—Yes; copy was sent to King's Printer on May 21—5503

German Duties on Green and Dried Apples—What are the rates of discriminating duties imposed by the German government? On what date was it made?—Ans.—Details given—978.

German Surtax—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—326.

German Tariff—Is the German tariff on Canadian goods similar to that on American goods? Ans.—Government has no copy of provisions of tariff supposed to be in force since March last—989.

Immigration from Europe—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5184.

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Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—*Con.*

Indian Affairs, Department of, Number of Employees—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1097.

Indian Expenditures, Non-Treaty—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5006.

Indian Schools—Particulars asked for.—Ans.—Details given—3249.

Mail Matter shipped through Canadian and American ports—How many pounds through American ports in 1905?—Pounds received through American ports in 1905?—Pounds shipped from Canadian ports? Pounds received through Canadian ports. Ans.—Details given—198.

Ottawa Astronomical Observatory, Electric wiring of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Ahearn & Soper were asked to submit prices; their tender was thought to be reasonable, and was therefore accepted—764.

Public Works, Expenditure by Provinces—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3248.

Superintendent of Railway Mail Service, London—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Office vacant since July 10, 1905. The matter is under consideration—3405.

Yukon Indians—Particulars asked for—2271. Ans.—Would ask the hon. gentleman to move for this information in the form of a return—2272.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—1867.

Appeal to reason—What are the reasons for prohibiting the newspaper called the 'appeal to reason'? Ans.—Because its contents appear to be of an indecent, immoral, seditious, disloyal and scurrilous character—1867.

Eastern Railway Supply Company—What contracts or dealings has the company had with the government since the 1st of July, 1902? Dates and values of such contracts ? What sums, if any have been paid ? Is company incorporated and where? Names of persons forming coupany? Principal office? Names, residence and occupation of officers of company ? Ans.—Information will be brought down. Unofficially informed that company is incorporated under laws of Newfoundland. Halifax, Nova Scotia. F. Fred Pearson, Halifax, signs tenders as secretary—173.

'Galveston' Dredge—Particulars asked for 2456. Ans.—Details given—2457.

Immigration Irregularities—Particulars asked for—1672. Ans.—The information asked for can best be given in the form of a return—1673.

Intercolonial, Employees on the—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—976-7.

Intercolonial Railway, Establishment of Coal Depots—Particulars asked for. Ans.—No steps have been taken. No land has been purchased. There have been no negotiations—1863.

Intercolonial Railway—Denning's Siding at Pugwash, N.S.—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2077.

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Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—*Con.*

Intercolonial Railway—Langille's Platform on Pugwash Branch—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2078.

New Brunswick Petroleum Company, oil supplied to Intercolonial Railway—How many carloads of oil were sold to the government in 1905? What was the total quantity of oil sold and price? What quantity was shipped to the government from Memramcook? Ans.—Six carloads and 168 barrels. Monthly statements presented—172.

New Brunswick Petroleum Company—Particulars asked for—978. Ans.—Details given—999.

New Brunswick Petroleum Company—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1670.

Pugwash, Wharf at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1862.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—990.

Amaranth Township Post Office—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—990.

'Appeal to Reason, The'—Particulars asked for—5615. Ans.—Details given—5616.

Palmerston Postmaster—Has a new postmaster been appointed? What is his name and on whose recommendation was he appointed. Ans.—Mr. John Oliver, on March 17, 1906; recommended by Mr. T Martin, M.P.—2454.

Wilson, Alexander, Pugwash, N.S.—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1864.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—425.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B.—Since the appointment of Hon. A. B. Aylesworth to position of Postmaster General, how many times has he appeared as counsel before judges appointed by government? Ans.—No department of government in possession of information to answer the question.—425.

Cecebe Lake Lighthouse—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—422.

Coldwater and Lawson Mail Service—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—330.

Collingwood Dry Dock—What amount, if any, has been paid, for bounty to the company? Ans.—$30,000.

Collingwood Dry Dock—By whom was valuation made? Amount of such valuation? Ans.—Mr. Louis Coste, C.E.; $540,000—574.

Dredging in Ontario—Particulars asked for. Ans.—The information asked for is quite voluminous; the hon. gentleman will have to ask for a return—317.

Dredging at Ontario Points—Particulars asked for as to tenders and contractors 2721. Ans.—Details given—2722.

Dredging at Port Arthur and Fort William—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3503.

French River, Lighthouse at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1867.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—*Con.*

Great Lakes Fisheries—Has department a commission at present making an investigation? Who compose such board and what is the remuneration. Ans.—Details given—575.

Hope Island Timber—What amount of different kinds removed by Mr. Manley Chew? What amount paid therefor? Ans.—Details given—419.

Kettleby, Postmaster at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3405.

Lights for Navigation.—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4706.

Magnetawan River, Lighthouse on—What amounts were paid otherwise than for wages to workmen in connection with the construction of?—1677. Ans.—Details given—1678.

Mail Service, Parry Sound District—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Missionary Road is not known to the department as the name of any post office in Canada—422.

Mail Service between Midland and Vasey, Ont.—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1376.

Midland, Dredging at—Particulars asked as to number of tenders received for current season; the names of tenderers and the prices asked. Ans.—Details given—1868.

Orillia Postmastership—How long vacant? Is it intention to make an appointment? When? Ans.—Vacant since October 22, last; new appointment under consideration—329.

Port Colborne Breakwater — Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—447.

Port Arthur and Fort William, Dredging at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3243.

Postmaster's Duties—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—329.

Prendergast, H. W., Dredging at Matchedash Bay by—On what basis per hour or per yard was work performed? Ans.—Details given—2454.

Rock Hill Postmasters—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—836.

Stafford, J. A., Offer of, for Island 144 in Georgian Bay—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5007.

Transportation Commission—When will report be printed and distributed? Ans.—Am hurrying up the printers—427.

Water-power Privileges on French River—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5003.

Whitefish Indian Reserve—Has any part been sold within the past two years?—Ans.—No—2454.

Whitefish, Sale of Indian Reserve at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2724.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—585.

Accidents on the St. Lawrence River—The question does not read as I intended it; therefore I suppose my hon. friend is not in a position to answer it—585. Ans.—

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Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—*Con.*

Hon. gentleman would better let the question drop and give notice of a new one—586.

Accident on the St. Lawrence—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—768.

Accidents on St. Lawrence route—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Expect to have information on Wednesday—974.

Appointments of Members of Parliament—Particulars asked for. Ans.—A list of appointments since confederation was brought down last year. Will have a list made of the names added since—4798.

Castings, Payments for, by Department of Marine—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5007.

Islands in Lake St. Francis—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Information given—7638.

Members Appointed to Positions—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Stand; I wont forget it—5181.

Members appointed to Positions—Particulars asked for. Ans.—As soon as I get the statement I shall lay it upon the table of the House—5752.

Members of Parliament appointed to Positions under government—Particulars asked for—6085. Ans.—Details given—6086.

Military School at St. John's, Province of Quebec—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4155.

Pierreville, Yamaska, Wharf—Particulars asked for as to cost and revenue. Ans.—Expenditure, $12,181.52. Revenue, none—1746.

St. John's Barracks—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4156.

St. John's Military School, Medical Officer of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4704.

St. Lawrence, Accidents in the—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1096.

Tickets of leave—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4154.

Blain, R. (Peel)—1565.

American Silver—What amount has been collected by the banks? Ans.—$93,768—1565.

Baddeck, N.S., Wharf at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2457.

Cigarettes, Prohibition of—When will government introduce Bill contained in resolution passed in House on April 1, 1903, by a vote of 103 for and 48 against? Ans.—Two years ago, in connection with the Criminal Code amendments, provision was made but not approved of by House. May be taken into consideration this session—215.

D'Israeli Wharf—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Cost $7,250; will be completed in the beginning of summer; was thought advisable to have work done by day labour—2268.

Macleod Court House—What was the cost of building, furnishing and heating apparatus? Building, $18,308.78; furnishing, etc., $5,341.50—2035.

Ottawa Post Office Reconstruction—What is total expenditure since fire? When will it be completed, and what is estimated cost? Ans.—Details given—452

Rideau Canal Reservation—Has the government given notice for the removal of the warehouses south of Sparks street, Ottawa? Ans.—Notice not yet given; matter is engaging attention of the department—4703.

St. Alexis, Baie de Ha! Ha! Pier—Amount expended per year? Were tenders asked for material or work? Ans.—Details given—3905.

Thessalon Postmaster—Who is holding the position Ans.—Mr. James B. Dobie—2273.

Yukon Gold Output—What was the value in each year from 1897 to 1905? Ans.—Details given—2031.

Yukon Telegraph System—Particulars asked for as to cost, earnings and operation. Ans.—Details given—1865.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1746.

Intercolonial Railway, Property at Halifax—Particulars asked for. Ans.—The government has acquired all the property on the west side of Water street lying between Cornwallis and North street, Halifax—1746.

Nova Scotia Electoral Lists—Particulars asked for—2454. Ans.—Details given——2455.

Pilotage Commissioners—Do members of Board receive remuneration?—In what cases is such salary granted?—Amount allowed? Ans.—Details given—768.

Public Lands, Purchase or acquisition of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—The information can only be given satisfactorily in the form of a return—1863.

Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad Company, Land grant—R. L. Borden (Carleton, Ont.)—169. Were lands selected and under what statute? What quality? What area was reserved? Boundaries? What portion was disposed of and to whom? &c., &c. Ans.—As the question involves a great deal of labour, would like to have it stand—170.

Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Land Grant—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—317.

Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway—Was the order in council dated August 1, 1902, communicated to that company? Date? Ans.—Yes; August 15, 1902—425.

Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—Particulars asked for as to valuation of the lands. Ans.—No valuation was made—425.

Temporary Government Loans — What amount of temporary loans was outstanding on March 1, 1896? Average rate of interest thereon? Ans.—£1,400,000. Interest 3⅞ per cent per annum—171.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Wrecks on the St. Lawrence—How many have occurred during season of 1905? How many resulted in total loss? What was the cause of wreck? Value of property lost? Ans.—18; 1; standing 13, collision 5, four wrecks, $47,000; others not known —171.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—762.

Demers, Joseph, Claim of—Has he a claim? What action will be taken? When? Any compensation offered? Ans.—Yes; tower will be removed; this spring; compensation not necessary—762.

Duncan, A. C., Employment of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—424.

Echo Bay Wharf, Contract for—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2032.

Fish Hatcheries—What fish hatcheries have been established during last year on Lakes Huron and Superior? At what points are hatcheries now maintained on these Lakes? Is the intention of government to establish more hatcheries on the Lakes during the present year? Ans.—None. No hacheries are maintained by government on these Lakes. Under consideration—190.

Little Current, Postmaster at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2727.

Goodall's, J. A., Fishing License—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—6088.

Great Lakes Fisheries, Protection of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—762.

Great Northern Railway—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Information too voluminous to give in answer to a question. Will be furnished on motion for a return—2078.

Pacific and Atlantic Railway and Whitefish Island—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—833.

Post Office Boxes, Rentals of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—423.

Sale of Indian Lands in East and West Algoma—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2079.

Sault Ste. Marie, Action Against—Particulars asked for as the suit between the government and the corporation. Ans.—Details given—2071.

Sault Ste. Marie, Government Dock at—Particulars asked for—424. Ans.—Details given—425.

Sault Ste. Marie, Government Dock at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3502.

Sault Ste. Marie, Value of Farm and Garden Produce for fiscal year 1905, entered at—2078. Details given—2079.

St. Mary's River Dredging—Particulars asked for—426. Ans.—No expenditure in 1905; matter is now under consideration —427.

St. Mary's River, Dredging of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—449.

Sutherland, George M. and John D. Lamont —Wants to know if either George M. Sutherland or John D. Lamont is in the employ of government—2265. Ans.—The names do not appear on the lists—2266.

Sutherland, Geo. M., and J. D. Lamont, Employment of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—It is not possible, with the information at hand, to give any more definite answer to the question than has already been given—3246.

Thessalon, Postmaster at—Particulars asked for—2728. Ans.—Details given—2728.

Whitefish Island—Have any railways filed plans for the expropriation of Whitefish Island? When were plans filed? Have they been approved, and when? Is government aware that such action would injuriously affect Sault Ste. Marie and Steelton—190. Ans.—Details given—191.

Boyer, G. (Vaudreuil)—4705.

Canal Lockmasters, Salaries of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4705.

Harwood Estate, Vaudreuil—Is the government obliged to furnish the estate with means for taking stone from quarry? Is it obliged to build a wharf for that purpose. Ans.—No. No.

Ottawa River, Buoys on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1371.

Rigaud, Seigniory of—Has the government paid the amount due under the Seigniories Act of 1854 and its amendments? Amount paid. Ans.—Yes. $67,777 on Dec. 23, 1874. —993.

Bristol, E. (Centre Toronto)—1678.

References by Governor in Council to Supreme Court—How many times and in respect of what matters have the powers of the Governor in Council been exercised under sec. 52 of the Supreme Court Act, 1875? Ans.—Details given—1678.

Chamberlain, Dr. T. F.—Particulars as to his appointment asked for. Ans.—Details given—5004.

Carrier, L. A. (Lévis)—4705.

Lévis Dry Dock—Particulars asked for—4705. Ans.—The matter is now receiving earnest consideration—4706.

Chisholm, T. (East Huron)—5005.

Canned Meats, Fluid Beef, etc., Transportation of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5005.

International Postal Congress—Particulars asked for—2729. Ans.—Information given —2729.

Railway Commission, Resignation of Mr. J. E. Duval—Particulars asked for. Ans. —Details given—2728.

Transcontinental Railway, Construction on Western portion of—Was letter received by Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Templeman)?—3905. Particulars asked for. Ans.—The Department of Railways has no official information yet, as regards these questions—3906.

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Clements H S (West Kent)—175.

Butt and Lap Welded Piping—What is the duty on butt and lap welded tubing imported from the United States? Amount imported last year? Is it the intention of the government to make any change in the duty? Will it be increased or decreased? Ans.—1 and 2—Details given. 3 and 4—It is not usual for the government to announce intended tariff changes in advance—175.

Hog Plague—What townships in West and East Kent are under quarantine? How long have they been quarantined and how many cases are reported? What government surgeons or veterinaries are employed, and expenses involved?—173. Amount paid in past year? Ans.—Details given—174.

Leamington, Post Office at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—There is no public building at Leamington. There is an annual allowance of $180 for rent, fuel and light —588.

'Military Gazette'—Particulars asked for —582. Ans.—The 'Military Gazette' is not issued by the government, nor does the government pay any of its expenses —583.

Raw Leaf Tobacco—Is it intention of government to increase the duty on raw leaf tobacco imported? Quantity of raw leaf tobacco imported last year. Ans.— Not usual for government to announce particulars of tariff changes in advance. 14,707,457 lbs.—176.

Selkirk, John McR., and Pelee Island Cable —What amount of salary received and for how many days employed during 1905?—587. Ans.—30 days at $5 a day—$150—588.

Thames Dredging—Is the government aware of the necessity for dredging the channel of the River Thames? Has attention of government been called to it? That the city of Chatham and adjoining district is suffering great loss by reason of channel filling in?—175. Ans.—It is the intention of the Department to attend to the question of improvements during the coming season—176.

Thames River Survey—Has the River Thames been surveyed to Chatham with a view of deepening the channel to fifteen feet? When made? Result of survey? Ans.—Yes. In September, October and November, 1904. Report is dated Feb. 2, 1905—175.

Wire fencing—Is there any inspection of imported wire fencing? Does it show quality, grade, &c.? Ans.—Inspection made for valuation purposes. Inspection does not relate to quality or grade of fencing except for duty purposes—176.

Wire fencing on Boundary Lines—Is the government proposing to build any wire fencing on boundary lines between United States and Canada this year?—Ans.—No.

Cockshutt, William F. (Brantford)—339.

Brantford, Customs Revenue of—Amount of Customs duty collected each year from

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Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—*Con.*

1900 to 1905 inclusive? Yearly cost of collection? Ans.—Details given—399.

Brantford, Excise at—What amount of excise duty collected each year from 1900 to 1905, inclusive? Yearly cost of collecting? Ans.—Details given—571.

Brantford Post Office, Salaries and Wages—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—340.

Brantford, Postal Revenue of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—339.

Dominion Statistician and Statistics—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3971.

Niagara Falls—Particulars as to memorials and petitions asked for. Ans.—Details given—1101.

Postal Rates on Magazines—Particulars asked for—2270. Ans.—Details given—2271.

Crocket, Oswald S. (York, N.B.)—186.

Cavalry Depot at Fredericton, N.B.—Is it the intention of government to establish a cavalry depot at Fredericton. If not, is it intended to re-establish No. 4 Co., R.R.C.I., removed to Halifax?. Ans.—No. Not at present—186.

Cowie's Dam, Milton, Queen's County, N.B., Fish Ladder in—Particulars asked for—1867. Ans.—Details given—1868.

Intercolonial Railway, Canada Eastern Branch—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—991.

National Transcontinental Railway—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—418.

Transcontinental Surveys—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—766.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City, N.B.)—426.

Canso, Medical Staff Officer at Port of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—426.

Intercolonial Railway Pension System—Particulars asked for. Ans.—The matter is under consideration—764.

Louisburg Marine Hospital — Particulars asked for—1861. Ans.—Will try to give an answer on Wednesday—1862.

Louisburg Marine Hospital — Particulars asked for—2029. Ans.—Details given—2930.

Montreal Harbour Commissioners—Particulars asked for as to amount paid in fees for attendance at board and committee meetings during the year 1905 and the first three months of 1906. Ans.—Details given—1673.

Skeffington, Dismissal of Detective—Has Detective Skeffington been dismissed? Cause of dismissal? Was an inquiry held? Did he make a report as to malfeasance by any employee of government? Nature of such report? Has government taken action on report? Ans.—Yes. His duties were not performed in a satisfactory manner. Inquiry not considered necessary. Yes. There were irregularities which could not be brought home to individuals —183.

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Daniel, J. W. (St. John City, N.B.)—*Con.*

St. John, N.B., Drill Hall—Particulars asked for. Ans.—The matter is under consideration—427.

Elson, P. (East Middlesex)—2038.

Binder Twine from Kingston Penitentiary—Particulars asked for—2037. Ans.—Details given—2038.

Flag on Dominion Day—Why was the 'Union Jack' not hoisted on the parliament buildings? Ans.—The flag was flying on the 1st of July on central tower—7459.

Flags at Half-mast—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3906.

London Armoury—What was the cost of new armoury and site? Ans.—Armoury, $171,116.07; site, including legal expenses, $26,057.26—2037.

London Post Office—What was the cost of new addition and improvements? Ans. —$27,995.92 to date—2037.

O'Gorman, John—Is John O'Gorman in the service of the government in any capacity. Ans.—Do not know of any one named John O'Gorman in the service of the government—1099.

Thorndale Post Office, Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—989.

Wiley, Employment of Daniel—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—985.

Ethier, Joseph Arthur C. (Two Mountains)—by Mr. Bourassa—585.

Tobacco Culture, Distribution of Seed—Particulars asked for—584. Ans.—Details given—585.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—194.

Alienation of Lands in Saskatchewan and Alberta—Has any arrangement been made by the government, involving co-operation of a railway company, by which a large block of public lands in Saskatchewan and Alberta passed to private individuals—194. Ans.—No—195.

'Arctic' steamer, supplies and repairs for —Particulars asked for as to supplies and repairs. Ans.—Supplies, $118,582.60. None purchased by tender. Repairs, $29,839.75. No contracts; partly in Sorel shipyard and partly in Quebec—980.

Brooks, F. L. & Co., Montreal—What amount has been paid to firm from July 1, 1904, to December 31, 1905? How much on contract based on public tender? Ans.—$52,406.48. $9,410.

Buoys, Foreign made—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3407.

Canadian Economic Lubricant Company, Oil purchased from—Amount paid up to December 31, 1905? What proportion paid on contract based on public tender? Ans. —$32,418.11. Under contract in accordance with tenders invited—987.

Canadian Northern Railway, Lands for—Particulars asked for—1858. Ans.—Details given—1859.

Carbide, Purchase of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—986.

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Foster, Hon. George E. (North Toronto)—*Con.*

Commissioner of Dominion Lands—Who was Commissioner of Dominion Lands during the calendar years 1902, 1903 and 1904? Ans.—1902, 1903 and until Feb. 10, 1904, Mr. J. G. Turriff; from March 23, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904, Mr. J. W. Greenway—2268.

Coughlin, B. J., Payments to—What amount of money was paid for supplies from July 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1905? How much upon contracts based on public tender? Ans.—$6,628.24; no tenders or contracts—Hon. L. P. Brodeur. $13,715.70; $13,-594.94 on contracts—981.

Dominion steamers, Supplies for—What amount was paid out during the last fiscal year for supplies for Dominion steamers, and of this what was paid on contracts awarded on public tender. Ans.—Details given—981.

Fog Signals—Particulars of cost and tenders asked for. Ans.—Details given—767.

Government Vessel Service—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—994.

Government Vessel Service—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1100.

'Kestrel' Steamer, Tonnage, Work, &c.—Particulars asked for—986. Ans.—Details given—987.

Land Sales in Alberta and Saskatchewan—Particulars asked for. Ans.—No arrangement made by government since 1903.—325.

Lighthouses Constructed, wholly or in part —Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—988.

Marconi Wireless Stations—Amount paid up to Dec. 31, 1905? What stations are now being operated? What vessels are now equipped? Ans—Details given—766.

Merwin, Geo. T., Payments to—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Amount, $404,308.87. No calls for tender—767.

Nixon, Joseph—For what time, in what capacity, and at what pay has Joseph Nixon been in the employ of the government since July, 1905? Ans.—Has not been in the employ of the government—194.

Nixon, Joseph, Any further report—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—452.

Nixon, Joseph, Land Agent, Payments to—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1102-3.

Noble, W. H., Fraser, B. H., and Fraser, J. F., Employment of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—987.

Ottawa Carbide Company—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Answered that question the other day. Told by other departments that no money has been paid to the Ottawa Carbide Company—1099.

Payments for Extra Services in Department of Public Works—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—769.

Ray and Bronson Mining Concession—Particulars asked for. Details given—1744.

Saskatchewan Valley Land Company, Con-

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tract with—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2027.

Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—Particulars asked for as to date of purchase and of transfer to company of the rights in certain railway lands from Canadian Northern Railway Company. Ans.—Government is not aware of any transaction of the nature referred to—1745.

Wagner, Philip—Has he been in employ of government since 1900? In what capacity and at what pay? Did he serve a time in prison for crime? Is he still in employ of government and at what remuneration? Ans.—Details given—194.

Western Block, Addition to—What is the amount so far expended on new structure in Western Block; also total estimate to finish it? Ans.—Expended up to date, $51,330; required to complete, $47,000—194.

Woods Limited, Payments to—What amount of money has been paid for supplies for the different departments up to 31st December, 1905, and what parts of the several amounts have been paid on contracts after public tender has been called for? —979. Ans.—Total payments by Department of Public Works, $11,036.33—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth. By Department of Railways and Canals, $426.90; Transcontinental Railway Commission, $16,125.29; Purchases made from time to time without tender—Hon. H. R. Emmerson. Question allowed to stand—980.

Woods, Limited, Payments to—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1369.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—834.

Halifax Garrison, Supplies to—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1862.

Halifax, Spring Garden Road, old Drill Shed —Particulars asked for—833. Ans.—Details given—834.

Hopewell Hill, N. B., Postmaster at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given —1375.

Intercolonial Railway Illuminating Oil—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given —448.

International Railway, Joughins Car Track —Particulars asked for. Ans.—Information given—2729.

Intercolonial Railway, Location of New Shops—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1375.

Intercolonial Railway, Loss of Stamps at Moncton—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1376.

Intercolonial, Thefts of Property of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—995.

Palmers' Point, Lighthouse at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—6087.

Kings County, N.B., Mails—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1102.

Militia Saddlery and Harness—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—577.

New Brunswick Petroleum Company—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1377.

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New Brunswick vacancies in the Senate—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given —992.

Nicolet and Gaspé, Representation of—Is the Solicitor General still representing the two constituencies? Ans.—Yes—1865.

Postmasters, Duties and Remuneration of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—No.

Richibucto Breakwater, Contract and Tenders—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2031.

Robertson, Andrew C., Fishery Inspector—Particulars asked for—4155. Ans.—Details given—4156.

Sussex Rifle Range—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—577.

Ganong, G. W. (Charlotte)—1105.

Gallant, W. A., Employment of—Particulars asked for—1104. Ans.—Details given—1105.

Grand Manan Breakwater—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1105.

Leonardville, Deer Island, N.B., Wharf at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—An engineer was sent down; the cost of a wharf was estimated at $9,940; the matter is under consideration—3251.

Methyl Alcohol, Duty on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5507.

North Head Breakwater—Have tenders been called for the building of a breakwater at North Head, N.B., and when? Ans. Yes; on Feb. 4, 1905.

Smith, C. L., Postmaster at Woodstock, N.B. When was he appointed, and what was his salary? Ans.—Aug. 19, 1899; salary, &c., for 1904-5 amounted to $2,-654.39—1564.

Weir Licenses, Charlotte County—Have any been granted since Jan. 1, 1906? To whom and at what date? Ans.—No.

Wilson's Beach Breakwater—Particulars of cost asked for. Ans.—Details given—576.

Wilson's Beach Breakwater—Particulars asked for. Ans.—In reply to telegram from department resident engineer replies that no disposition has been made of tools.—761.

Woodstock, N.B., Collector of Customs at —Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3251.

Woodstock, N.B., Postmaster at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1378.

Gauvreau, Charles Arthur (Temiscouata)—454.

Intercolonial Railway, Carriage of Coal for —Particulars asked for—454. Ans.—Details given—455.

Intercolonial Railway Contracts—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—763.

I.C.R. Express Service—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5182.

Lighthouse keepers, Salaries of—Is it the the intention to grant increases this year? Ans.—Under consideration—455.

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Gervais, Honoré (St. James, Montreal)—7459.

Newfoundland Claim to Ungava Bay, Labrador—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Information given—7459.

St. Lawrence Ship Canal—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4797.

Grant, G. W. (North Ontario)—by Mr. Macpherson—581.

Severn River, Obstructions in—Has attention of government been called to it? What action taken? Ans.—Attention has been called, and an officer of department has been sent to report on the matter—587.

Gunn, B. B. (South Huron)—578.

Bayfield Harbour, Expenditure on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—578.

Clinton, Post Office at—What was the cost of building and furnishing? Ans.—$18,658.05, exclusive of site—1567.

Pickerel, the close season for—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2034.

Seaforth, Public Building at—What conclusion has been arrived at in regard to construction of? Ans.—Consideration will be given to it when further supplementary estimates are under discussion—578.

Seaforth, Public Building at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1567.

St. Joseph's Harbour—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—579.

Wingham, Public Building at—What did the public building and furnishing cost? Ans.—$13,961.51, exclusive of site—1567.

Henderson, David (Halton)—201.

Members, Daily Record of Attendance of—Is it the intention to cause a daily record to be made?—201. Ans.—Question will be taken up by the Committee on Rules of the House—202.

'Re' Insurance Reserve Fund—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—985.

Saguenay River, Piers and Booms—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1379.

Tariff Commission, Printing of Evidence—Will it be laid on the table at an early date? Will it be printed for use of members? Ans.—Yes. There are over 8,000 pages and about 300 words to the page—201.

Timber Limits in Manitoba and Northwest—Particulars asked for—5502. Ans.—Would ask the hon. gentleman to move for return in usual way—5503.

Timber Leases in Manitoba and Northwest Territories—Particulars asked for in reference to applications made between the years 1880 and 1896. Ans.—Details given—5753.

Herron, John (Alberta)—575.

Experimental Farm, Vancouver—Explanation of statement made by Minister of Inland Revenue at Victoria, B.C., on 9th inst. Asked for—575. Ans.—Statement in press as quoted in question not substantially correct. Details given—576.

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Herron, John (Alberta)—*Con.*

Homestead Entries—Particulars asked for. Ans.—I have an answer to that question, but as it is very lengthy, I would ask the hon. member if he would consent to its being laid on the table?—5003.

Indian Agencies, Cattle for—Particulars asked for as to purchase and price of. Ans.—Details given—4702.

Southeast Quarter, Section 28, Township 7, Range 2, west of 5th meridian—Has any portion been sold or leased to any person? Ans.—To Malcolm McKenzie on September 25, 1901, at the rate of $3 per acre—584.

Hughes, J. J. (King's, P.E.I.)—5321.

Insurance Commission—Will the Commission inquire into the operations of the companies doing business under the assessment plan? Ans.—Yes—5321.

Prince Edward Island Tunnel—Has an estimate been made of the cost of a tunnel under Northumberland Strait, and if so, what does the estimated cost amount to? Who were the engineers? Ans.—Matter is now engaging attention of the department—188.

Winter communication with Prince Edward Island—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Steamer now being built to run in connection with another. Will cost $215,000, and be ready for July 1 next—323.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—2034.

Annual Camp Site—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2034.

Balsam Lake, Waterways Northward from—Particulars as to cost of opening up asked for. Ans.—Details given—538.

Cannington, Postmaster at—Has the postmaster been removed recently? What cause was assigned? How many years had he been in office? Were there any complaints against him? Who has been appointed to succeed him? Upon whose recommendation was postmaster dismissed? Was the P. O. inspector favourable to change? Ans.—Details given—190.

Cannington, Postmaster at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—421.

Cannington, Postmaster at—What was the salary, gross and net, since 1903? Ans.—1902-3, $782.53; 1903-4, $934.51; 1904-5, $959.46—453.

Diseases Among Animals—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—421.

Dorset, Wharf at—Is it the intention to construct a wharf during the year? Ans.—Matter will be given consideration when the estimates are brought down—419.

Esquimalt, Defence of—Has the government taken over the defence of Esquimalt? What permanent force is in service at that place? How many officers, non-coms. and men compose that force? Number taken from Imperial garrison, Canadian permanent force and recruited? Annual cost of maintenance Will force be increased or diminished? What amount is proposed to be spent in armament at Esquimalt? Ans.—Not yet. 2, 3, 4. None.

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About $100,000 per annum. Not at present. No expenditure necessary—184.

Filed Artillery—Caretaker of 2nd Battery of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2725.

Halifax, Defence of—Has the government taken over defence of Halifax? What permanent force is at that place? How many officers, non-coms. and men? How many from Imperial Garrison, from Canadian permanent force, and recruited. Annual cost of maintenance? Will force be increased or diminished? What sum is proposed to be spent in armament at Halifax?—184. Ans.—Details given—185.

Immigration to Canada During Last Year—How many immigrants reached Canada last year, stating countries? Bonus per head? To whom were cheques payable? Has W. T. R. Preston authority to pay agents, &c.? What companies or agents have received payments during past two years? Sums disposed of by recommendation of W. T. R. Preston in three years ending 1904-5? North Atlantic Trading Company membership?—Details given—196.

Imperial Officers, Status of—Particulars asked for—4247. Ans.—Details given—4248.

Kemptville, N.S., Rifle Ranges—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1103.

Kentville Rifle Range—What is result of reference to Exchequer Court of the Nova Scotia rifle range question? Has award been made? Has award been accepted? Has range been completed? Cost up to end of 1905? Will range be used as provincial drill ground? Is range suitable for artillery firing? Ans.—Details given.

Lindsay, Rifle Range at—Is it the intention to construct a rifle range this year? Ans.—Matter is under consideration—589.

Lumb, Retirement of Capt. W. H.—Particulars asked for—1149. Ans.—Details given—1150.

McLaren's Creek Roadway, Victoria County, Ont.—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—589.

Military Schools—Particulars as to board of inquiry asked for. Ans.—No committee or board has yet been appointed—1104.

Military Bands in Street Parades—Particulars asked for as to regulations governing. Ans.—Bandsmen, when in uniform are forbidden to take place in processions for party or political purposes—1151.

Militia Camp Supplies, Prices of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2033.

Scugog River, Dam and Locks on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1859.

Sydney, Cape Breton, Riots at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1104.

Trent Canal—Has there been an official inquiry into matters and officers connected with the Trent Canal recently? The object of the inquiry? The result? By whom was inquiry conducted? Counsel

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employed? What remuneration was given to each of those employed in conducting the inquiry? Ans.—Details given—189.

Trent Canal—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—834.

Trent Canal, Break in—Particulars asked for—588. Ans.—Details given—589.

Trent Canal Inquiry—Duties of R. J. McLaughlin and D. O'Connell—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—590.

Trent Canal, Water Powers on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1379.

Trent Canal, Superintendent—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1860.

Voyageurs, Recognition of—Was recognition given by British or Canadian governments? Of what nature? Is it intention to give them scrip? Ans.—1 and 2—No. They were employed as civilians—448.

Voyageurs, Recognition of—Particulars asked for—420. Ans.—Details given—421.

Williams, Rev. George H., Letter of, *re* Treatment of Immigrants at Quebec—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5504.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—171.

Allan Line, Purchase of Coal from—Did the government buy any coal from the company? If so, at what price has the coal been sold, &c.?—Ans.—No.

Customs Receipts, Port Stanley, Port Bruce and Port Burwell—What are the receipts at Port Stanley each year since June 30, 1896? At Port Bruce? At Port Burwell? Ans.—Statements given for Port Stanley and Port Burwell. Office at Port Bruce closed—171.

Head Tax, the United States—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—323.

Keech, Hiram—Is he an employee of government? Date of appointment? His duties? Salary and travelling expenses? Who recommended his appointment?—197. Ans.—Yes; temporarily, February 1, 1906. Cordage sales agent. $100 a month and expenses. Inspectors of penitentiaries—198.

Port Stanley Harbour Works—Have all persons employed on the Port Stanley works been paid? How long has unpaid balance, if any, been due? Names and amounts? Ans.—So far as department knows all pay sheets have been paid—172.

Telephone Legislation—Repeats question previously asked. Ans.—Will get first part answered when Minister of Railways introduces Bill to amend Railway Act. On second part, details given—322.

Woods Building, Ottawa, Lease of—What portion of Woods building is occupied by Militia Department? What proportion of building does Militia Department occupy? Rental? Length of lease? Do any other government departments occupy any portion of Woods Building, and on what terms? Cost of building? Assessed value? Amount of taxes, if any. Ans.—Details given—186.

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Jackson, Wm. (West Elgin)—835.

Campeau, Michael, Employment of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Not employed—835.

Campeau, Michael—Is he employed in P.O. Department? Where and in what capacity? Is employment permanent? Ans.—No.

Deputy Ministers, What officials rank as—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—342.

Jacks, Duty on—What, if any, is the duty on jacks imported for breeding purposes? Ans.—20 per cent 'ad valorem'—836.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—1098.

Canadians in South African War—Particulars asked for—1098. Ans.—Details given 1099.

Gunboats Sunk in River Thames, Ontario—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Government now in communication with British authorities in reference to matter—333.

Railway Accidents in Canada—Particulars asked for. Details given—446.

Trade and Commerce Reports—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—581.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—5006.

Arcola and Regina, Sask., Improvement in Postal Facilities between—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5006.

Canadian Pacific Railway Land Grant—Has C.P.R. completed the selection? Have patents been issued for all the land selected? How much remains to be selected or patented? Ans.—Details given—331.

Dominion Lands—Particulars asked for. Ans.—The hon. gentleman might move for the return in the usual way—5502.

Grain Inspection Act—Particulars asked for as to communications from the West, desiring changes. Ans.—Details given—976.

Hamilton, P. J.—Particulars asked for regarding qualifications when farm instructor at Touchwood. Ans.—Details given—1674.

Indian Reserves, Opening of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—331.

John Nelson and Charles Sutherland—Is John F. Nelson in employ of government? Is Charles Sutherland in employ of government? If either of these gentlemen is not now in employ of government, when and under what circumstances did he or they leave such employment? Ans.—No; John F. Nelson, of Prince Albert, was fishery overseer for that district. Not connected with the Department. Department was notified of his resignation on February 5, 1906—188.

Manitoba 'Free Press' and 'Der Nordwester' publishing companies, Payments to—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—991.

Nelson, John F.—Particulars asked for as to employment of. Ans.—Details given—453.

Pasquah's Band, Surrender of lands of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5503.

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Saskatchewan Land Company—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—420.

Wheat Inspection at Winnipeg—Particulars asked for. Ans.—The department is getting the information ready—5004.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—by Mr. Lancaster—579.

Grand River Dredging—Particulars asked for—579. Ans.—Details given—580.

Life Assurance Commission—Is it the intention of the government that the commission investigate the financial position and investments of fraternal societies doing a life insurance business in Canada? Ans.—No special reference is made to any particular form of life insurance, but commissioners have full power to investigate fraternal insurance—189.

Port Colborne Elevator—Particulars asked for as to intended construction of. Ans.—It is intention of government to build elevator at Port Colborne, Ont. No tenders have yet been called for—579.

Welland Canal Improvements—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—580.

Welland Canal Improvements—Particulars asked for—580. Ans.—Details given—581.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—764.

Cornwall Canal Electric Power—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—764.

Dredges Under Charge of Engineer Cowie—How many are there, and what are their names? Ans.—Details given—4154.

Dredges Under Charge of Engineer Lafleur—How many are there, and what are their names? Ans.—Details given—4154.

Dismissal of Postmaster at East Romans, N.S.—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—769.

'Fielding,' the Dredge—Particulars asked for as to cost and capacity. Ans.—Details given—4700.

National Museum, Stone for—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2031.

Niagara Falls, use of Water Power—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Government not aware that any communication have been made to Imperial government by United States authorities—334.

Lanctot, Roch (Laprairie-Napierville)—2726.

Sherbrooke Military Camps at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2726.

Lapointe, Ernest (Kamouraska)—993.

Intercolonial Railway, Accommodation at St. Philippe Station—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—993.

Intercolonial Railway, Powers of F. J. Lozo—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Mr. F. J. Lozo has no power to suspend or dismiss employees for reasons adduced; but he has power to suspend employees for cause, reporting the facts to his superior officer—2547.

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Laurence, Fred A. (Colchester)—993.

Intercolonial Railway, Belmont Disaster—Particulars asked for—992. Ans.—Details given—993.

'Rembrant,' Loss of Coal Barge—Has there been an investigation Will the report be furnished to the House? Ans.—Yes. Yes.—1859.

Lavergne, A. (Montmagny)—4249.

Books, Customs Duties on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4249.

Quebec Cape—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3066.

Lavergne, Louis (Drummond and Arthabaska)—7693.

Uniforms for 80th Regiment, Nicolet—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Information given—7693.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—4156.

Bag-net and Trap-net Licenses, Queen's County, Nova Scotia—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4156.

Cascumpec, Channel in Sand Hills near—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1562.

Expenditure in Prince County, P.E.I.—Particulars asked for—2266. Ans.—Details given—2267.

Goose Harbour Buoys—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3742.

Haney, J., Claim of, from Prince Edward Island Railway—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1563.

Higgin's Shore, Prince Edward Island, Wharf at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Petition has been received. Matter is under consideration—572.

In-shore Fisheries, Jurisdiction Over—Particulars asked for—767. Ans.—Details given—768.

Loss of Government Property by Fire—Particulars asked for—581. Ans.—Details given—582.

'Matilda,' Rescue of Schooner—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2549.

Miminegash Breakwater—Are any repairs being made? Nature of repairs? Has a petition been forwarded. Ans.—Contract has been awarded for construction of extension to southern breakwater. No petition in the Department—201.

Miscouche Shoals, P.E.I. Necessity for Buoy at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—582.

Nova Scotia Butter—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5181.

Order in Council re lands in Alberta and Athabaska—Particulars asked for. Order in Council will be laid on table on an address being moved for and presented—1374.

Prince Edward Island Railway Mail Service—What are terms of contract? How much is paid annually, and for what service? Ans.—Details given—2267.

Prince Edward Island Railway News Agency—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Sydney

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Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—*Con.*

Grey, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., has the contract, at $360 a year. There were no tenders. Tenders will be called for on expiration of present contract—2266.

Prince Edward Island Railway, Proposed West Cape Branch—Particulars asked for. Ans.—There has been no survey. The matter is under consideration—582.

Prince Edward Island Railway, Rebuilding of shops—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Department is considering plans for rebuilding at Charlottetown; it is not the intention to remove from Charlottetown—2728.

Prince Edward Island Railway, Tenders for privilege of selling papers on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—6247.

Prince Edward Island Railway, Train service—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1563.

Prince Edward Island Railway, Wages on—Why was it not published in Auditor General's Report? Asks that the statements of wages be tabled—2549. Ans.—The year 1901-2 was the last year in which the details were given in the same manner as the Intercolonial Railway—2549. Make a motion for the statements—2550.

Summerside Breakwater, Tenders for—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1375.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—3252.

Aylesworth, Mr., Retainer of, in Toronto Street Railway vs. City of Toronto. Particulars asked for. Ans.—This matter is of a private nature, and I do not think it a proper subject of inquiry. Moreover, I do not think it is in order—3252.

County Courts and Judges—Particulars ask-for. Ans.—Details given—1153.

County Court Judges—Particulars asked for—2036. Ans.—Details given—2037.

Free Rural Delivery—Has Postmaster General applied to United States government for information on subject? Has he sent an officer? What steps have been taken? Ans.—No formal application has been made. Two officers were sent to Washington and were told that no statistics had been compiled—216.

Newmarket and Holland River, Proposed Canal—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1565.

Ontario County Court Judges—Asks if Secs. 5 and 6 of chap. 54 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario have been repealed or amended, and by what statute. Ans.—Have asked to have a memorandum prepared, which will be glad to furnish—1747.

Railway Clerks from North York—How many railway clerks have been appointed since 1896? Names? Ans.—Six, one of whom has since resigned. Names given—330.

Simcoe County, Proposed Military Camps in—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5508.

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Leonard, J. E. Emile (Laval)—834.

Baril, Alfred—Particulars as to employment of asked for—834. Ans.—Is accountant; salary. $1,500; had leave of absence for fifteen days, on annual holidays—835.

Jesus Rivière, Wharf on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Work will be completed. $12,-254.71 has been expended. The balance of appropriation, $1,693.19 will complete it—453.

Montmagny Postmaster—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3404.

Payette, Philias, Petition of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5321.

St. Hypolite Mail Service—Particulars asked for—2267. Ans.—Details given—2268.

St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, Salaries of Guardians—Particulars asked for. Ans. —Details given—454.

St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary—Particulars asked for in reference to increases of salaries asked for. Ans.—There have been no increases. The question is under consideration. There has been no report —2268.

Terrebonne and Ste. Therese Post Offices—Particulars asked for as to revenue and expenditure. Ans.—Details given—2721.

Terrebonne, Wharf at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—454.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—5507.

Barracks near Toronto, Erection of—Particulars asked for—5506. Ans.—Details given—5507.

National Transcontinental Railway, Purchase of Supplies—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1153.

Niagara Camp, Supply of Forage at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4800.

Old Fort at Toronto—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1370.

Port Burwell Harbour—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—982.

Port Stanley Harbour—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—984.

Rondeau Harbour Improvements—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—893.

Subsidies to Railways—Particulars asked for—2726. Ans.—It will be necessary to ask for a return—2727.

Telephone Committee Report—Does it contain any conclusions, or make any recommendations? Is it the intention of the government to appoint a committee this session? Ans.—Report is before the House, and speaks for itself. It is not the intention to appoint another select committee—979.

Theatrical Advertising Matter, Duty on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Action on this matter must remain in abeyance pending the revision of the tariff—5507.

Toronto Harbour Dredging—Particulars asked for—4800. Ans.—Details given—4801.

Toronto, New Central Postal Station at—Particulars asked for—5505. Ans.—Details given—5506.

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Maclean, W. F. (South York)—323.

Marble, undervaluation of — Particulars asked for. Ans.—A letter was received on February 24. The Minister of Customs has not yet given his decision in the matter—5321.

Marconi Wireless Telegraphy—When does government expect to have service across the Atlantic? Ans.—As soon as New English station is completed—323.

Privy Councillors, Annuities to—What were the names of privy councillors and the amounts paid to each? Ans.—Details given—2035.

Railway Act, Companies governed by—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3969.

Saskatchewan, Contested election in province of—What is the chapter and year of any law on statute book that makes provision for the trial of. Ans.—If there is such law it is in the controverted elections of the Northwest Territories, chap. 4. Consol. Ordinances—3741.

St. Mary's Post Office Site—Particulars asked for as to price and cause of purchase. Ans.—Price $2,300; the price of the other site was considered too high—4703.

Stone, E. B., Lease of lands to—What lands have been leased? What are the terms and time of lease? What are the terms of any option of purchase? Ans.—Details given—3740.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver City)—5183.

Brothier, Release of Convict—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5183.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—1676.

Calgary Land Titles Office—Particulars asked for in regard to money voted for construction of during last two sessions. Ans.—Not been expended. It was found that necessary accommodation could be had in the public building at Calgary when it was extended—1676.

Grand Forks Cattle Company—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2036.

Land grants to railways in the Northwest —Particulars asked for—2075. Ans.—Details given—2076.

Land Sales in Northwest—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—324.

Milk River Cattle Company—Particulars asked for—2035. Ans.—Details given—2036.

Mineral Springs in the Northwest—Particulars asked for—1674. Ans.—Details given —1675.

Sale of Lands, Application for—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1576.

McCool, C. A. (Nipissing)—by Mr. Ralph Smith.

Trent Canal—Particulars asked for. Ans. —Details given—836.

McIntyre, W. (Strathcona)—7371.

Gagné's, Judge, Sons—Asks if the government is going to take any action in the matter? Ans.—No.—7371.

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Charlottetown Railway Station—Particulars asked for as to tenders. Ans.—Details given—2071.

Claims on Prince Edward Island Railway—Appointment of W. A. Weeks. Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—586.

Dredging in Prince-Edward Island—Particulars asked for. Ans.—There is already a superintendent of dredging for the maritime provinces. Dredging programme now under consideration—329.

Marine and Fisheries Department, Montreal agency—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1101.

McRae, Edmund, Missing Letter Posted by—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—6930.

Mugford, John C., Claim of—Did Department receive claim? Has it been investigated? What are the intentions of government? Ans.—There is no record of such a claim being presented—585.

Pisquid Road, P.E.I., Mail Service—Has petition for daily mail service been received? What action will be taken? Ans.—Petition received. As the total annual revenue of the P.O., was only $11.05, a semi-weekly service was deemed sufficient—1565.

Prince Edward Island Railway, Purchase of Land—Particulars asked for—1864. Ans.—The matter is under consideration—1865.

Souris Fish Drier—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1373.

Steam Service between Prince Edward Island and Great Britain—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—426.

Steamer between Prince Edward Island and Mainland—Is it intention of government to call for tenders for construction of steamer? Ans.—A steamer is now being built—336.

McLennan, Angus (Inverness)—2926.

Williams, J. J., of Port Hawkesbury—Has he been dismissed from Inland Revenue service? Has he drawn salary up to date of dismissal? Ans.—His services were dispensed with. He was paid to the date of his retirement—2926.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3065.

Coffin, David D., Postmaster at Head of Hillsborough, P.E.I.—Particulars asked for as to dismissal of. Ans.—Details given—3065.

Dredge (new) for Prince Edward Island—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Dredge completed, but trial tests not made. Dredging programme for 1906 now under consideration—332.

Experimental Farm Stations—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—974.

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Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—*Con.*

Mount Vernon, P.E.I., Mail Service—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Petition received; matter under consideration—1567.

Newfoundland and British West Indies—Has government taken any steps towards uniting them with Canada? If not, why not? Ans.—Details given—333.

Pinette Harbour, P.E.I., Dredging—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Government has received petition. Examination been made, but no decision has been come to—333.

Prince Edward Island Railway, Branch from Montague to Cardigan—Particulars asked for—1866. Ans.—Details given—1867.

Prince Edward Island Winter Communication—What is the total expenditure for maintaining communication between 1900 and 1905, inclusive? Ans.—$742,972.89—835.

Railway Facilities in Prince Edward Island—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—444.

Redemption of Worn Silver Coin—Does government intend to redeem it? Would re-coinage entail serious loss? Ans.—Details given—333.

Savage Harbour, P.E.I., Payments—Who are the persons to whom eleven payments were made? Ans.—Details given—3066.

Steamship service, Prince Edward Island—Has government considered necessity of establishing steamship communication between the north side of Prince Edward Island, and Miramichi, the Magdalen Islands and Sydney? Is it intended to call for tenders? Ans.—Yes. No—445.

Stock Farm, Prince Edward Island—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—575.

Wood Island, P.E.I., Breakwater—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Report has been received from resident engineer and is now receiving consideration—332.

Martin, Thos. (North Wellington)—419.

Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company—Particulars asked for—419. Ans.—Details given—420.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1151.

Anse aux Griffons, Works at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Amount spent to date, $7,116.24. No contract. Work done by day labour under supervision of departmental officers—1151.

Barracks at Montreal—Has government obtained a site? What site chosen? If not chosen what is cause of delay? Ans.—Details given—334.

D'Israeli, Quebec, Wharf at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Wharf not yet completed. Expenditure, $6,504.81—1377.

Fox River Breakwater—What was the total amount expended. For what purpose is breakwater used? Ans.—$42,554.24. Intended for protection and wharf purposes combined—1151.

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Gallin, Dr. A., Claim of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—6087.

Georgian Bay Canal Survey, Goods Supplied by Woods Company—What is total amount up to March 1, 1906? Were tenders called for. Ans.—$8,279.26; goods were purchased at different times in the usual way of purchasing supplies—423.

Grande Vallee des Monts, Wharf at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1150.

Grande Vallee des Monts, Wharf at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1370.

Grande Vallee, Wharf at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Total cost, $57,488.13. No income derived; wharf completed in the spring of 1905—341.

Immigrant Hospital, Quebec—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—334-5.

Laprairie Ice Pier—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Government gave contract to Messrs. Amiot & Lemay. Amount of contract, $13,500. Tenders were called for —763.

Montreal Post Office, Absence and Overtime. Are employees paid extra for overtime and at what rate? Are deductions made for absence through sickness or other justifiable cause? Ans.—Details given—340.

Montreal Post Office Improvements—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Nothing done yet. Department waiting to see what effect postal stations will have on central post office—335.

Pointe à la Frégate, Breakwater at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—There is no report in the department in relation to this work—1151.

Quebec Bridge Company, Directors—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Messrs Laliberté, Narcisse Rioux and Dumoulin, manager of Molson's Bank, represent the government. Do not know names of other directors. Mr. Parent is president—339.

Quebec Bridge, Construction of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—338.

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Supreme Court Judges—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1103.

Transcontinental Railway Commissioners, Expropriation of Lands for Eastern Division—Particulars asked for. Ans.—No lands expropriated within the province of Quebec—446.

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Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—*Con.*

Woods Limited, Payments to—Particulars asked for as to rent of buildings, flags and awnings purchased, and name of president. Ans.—Rent, $16,340; flags, &c., $3,873.90; J. W. Woods signs as president 422.

Woods Limited Company, Payments to—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—449.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—3245.

Cullers at Quebec, Supervision of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3245.

Employees on Intercolonial—How many of all kinds for years 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905? Ans.—5,037 in 1899; 5,601 in 1900; 7,251 in 1901; 7,013 in 1902; 6,962 in 1903; 7,160 in 1904; 8,540 in 1905—216.

National Transcontinental Railway—Asks for amount of construction contract from Quebec West, Ans.—There is no contract for the construction of a new transcontinental line, or any portion of it, as yet entered into—1745.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—4798.

Ahearn & Soper, Payments to—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Will prepare it in the shape of a return, and will bring it down as soon as it is ready—4798.

'Maisonneuve,' cost of steamer—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1566.

Merwin, Geo. F., and Brooks & Company—Particulars asked for as to amounts paid to and amounts due. Ans.—Paid to Geo. F. Merwin, $104,521.16; unpaid $362.43. F. L. Brooks & Company—Paid, $64,613.70; unpaid, $32,062—3411.

Woods, James W. Limited — Particulars asked for as to Properties of and rentals. Ans.—Details given—4701.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—452.

North Atlantic Trading Company Contract —Particulars asked for. Ans.—The question is under consideration—452.

Paquet, Eugène (L'Islet)—4707.

Dionne, Louis, Harbour Master and Custom's Collector at Montmagny—What is his salary as customs and revenue collector and as harbour master? Ans.—Details given—4707.

Elgin Road Station, L'Islet County—Particulars as to traffic facilities on Intercolonial Railway asked for. Ans.—Details given—583.

Lévis, Intercolonial Station at—Particulars asked for as to expense on asphalt pavement. Ans.—No asphalt pavement laid; the concrete platform cost $7,232.48 from 1904 to 1906—4708.

Lévis Quarantine—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4707.

L'Ile aux Grues, Passage at—Is government aware that there is only 27 feet of water at low tide? Does government intend to have channels deepened and widened? Ans.—Government aware of condition of

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Paquet, Eugène (L'Islet)—*Con.*

passage. It is intended to have channel deepened during present season—200.

Montmagnay Cigar Factory, Suspension of —Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2269.

Quarantine Inspector of Public Works—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given 2269.

Quebec Deep Water Wharfs—Is it the intention of government to build them? Ans. —The subject is now under consideration —583.

St. Aubert and St. Pamphile Mail Contract —Particulars asked for. Ans.—Contract expires December 31, next. The question will then have consideration. Ste. Perpetue post office has now a daily service —2266.

St. Jean Port Joli—Levis Traffic Rates—Particulars asked for—583. Ans.—Details given—584.

Parent, George (Montmorency)—575.

French Translation—Is it intention of government to have translated into French the lectures given before the Standing Committee of Agriculture and Colonization last year. Ans.—Matter is entirely under control of House of Commons—575.

Parmelee, Chas. H. (Shefford)—195.

Provincial Subsidies—Has government received request from provincial governments for a conference to present claims for readjustment? Is it the intention to hold such conference? Ans.—Yes. It is the intention to hold such conference—195.

Perley, G. H. (Argenteuil)—993.

Saguenay River, Piers and Booms above Chicoutimi—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—993.

St. Maurice River Booms—Particulars asked for as to outway and revenue. Ans.—Details given—1100.

Victoria Memorial Museum—Change of Plans—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1152.

Victoria Memorial Museum, Contract—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1152.

Piche, Camille (St. Mary's, Montreal)—2724.

Chateauguay and Beauharnois, Buoying the channel between—Is it the intention of government to buoy the channels for the present season? Ans.—The matter is receiving consideration—2724.

Lake St. Louis Hydrographic Surveys—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Plans must be ready for delivery on May 1, 1907. Surveys will be completed about July 1, next. Maps will be delivered during season of 1907—330.

Lake of Two Mountains Hydrographic Surveys—Is it the intention of government to have plans made? When will the work be commenced and how long will it take to complete it? Ans.—Yes. Next season;

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Piché, Camille (St. Mary's, Montreal)—*Con.*

it will take two seasons to complete—331.

Naval School of Instruction—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2726.

Pontiac County, Geology of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1673.

Porter, E. Guss (West Hasings)—201.

Bell's Rapids Post Office—When was post office established? Who is postmaster? Upon whose recommendation was post office established? Any other recommendations for establishment of post office. Ans.—Details given—201.

Trent Valley Canal—What steps taken to determine route? Any report since 1904? Any choice of routes? Any investigation into cause of breakage of banks of lift locks? Estimated repairs? Any proceedings to repair damages? Ans.—Details given—202.

Trent River Waters—Are waters under control of Federal government? How was such control obtained? Extent of control? Are waters available to private individuals? Is it intention of government to retain control ? Estimated power that may be developed? In what manner does government propose to relieve situation? Ans.—Details given—199.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—6088.

Inspector of Railway Accidents—Particulars asked for—6087. Ans.—Details given —6088.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—1677.

Farran's Point, Acetylene Plant at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1677.

Tate Dry Dock, Montreal, Lease of—Who is the lessee? What annual rental is received by government? Ans.—The estate of Pierre Lentendre. $1,000 per year—1374.

Williamsburg Canal—Particulars of expenditure asked for. Ans.—Details given—982.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—5006.

Aylmer, F. W., appointment of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5006.

Birnie District, Postal Facilities—Particulars asked for. Ans.—A petition was received to-day; under consideration—5006.

Canadian Northern Railway, Selection of Lands by the—Particulars asked for. Ans. —Would ask the hon. gentleman to move for a return—2725.

Canadian Pacific Railway Lands—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—765.

Keewatin, District of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—325.

Land Grants to Railways in the Northwest—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—769.

Manitoba Boundary Extension—Has conference been held in reference to extension of boundaries of Manitoba?—198. If not, when will such conference be held?—199. Ans.—No conference held yet. A

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conference will be held during recess with provincial governments to discuss various questions—199.

Militia Department, Purchase of Coal in Winnipeg by—Particulars asked for. Ans. Details given—2080.

Prince Albert Mail Service—Particulars asked for—1745. Ans.—Three tenders were received and are under consideration. No contract has yet been entered upon—1746.

Riding Mountain Timber Reserve—Has any change been made in the boundaries since January 1, 1904? What are the changes? Ans.—Details given—765.

Riding Mountain Timber Reserve, Settlers on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—It is intention of government to prohibit. The question will be carefully considered with a view to a decision being arrived at without unavoidable delay—996.

Shellmouth, Man., Bridge—Particulars of contract asked for. Ans.—Contract has not been awarded; it is not thought advisable to make names of tenderers and amounts of tenders known—2270.

Telephone Lines in Manitoba, Expropriation of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3250.

Winnipeg-Selkirk Mail Service—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Geo. S. Dickinson has the contract. Following tenders were received: Geo. S. Dickinson, $1,300; Milridge Bros., $14,500; W. R. Sinclair, $2,028—3405.

Schaffner, F. L. (Souris)—4705.

Beef Cattle Industry—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4705.

Bounties on Iron, Steel and Binder Twine, &c.—What has been the total amount of bounty paid since 1896? Ans.—Details given—7371.

St. Andrew's Locks, Red River—Particulars asked for—1375. Ans.—Expenditure since 1896, $115,745.55. Government intends to prosecute work forthwith—1376.

Winnipeg 'Free Press'—Particulars asked for as to amounts paid by the government to the 'Free Press' during the year 1904-5. Ans.—It is impossible to answer except by a return; I now lay upon the table a report for each financial year since 1900—5752.

Winnipeg 'Free Press'—What amount of money has been paid to it for all purposes for 1904 and 1905. Ans.—This question was asked and answered on April 2, last, and the full answer will be found on page 991 of revised 'Hansard'—3969.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—448.

Intercolonial, Freight charges—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—448.

Montreal Harbour—Particulars asked for—2729. Ans.—Details given—2730.

Post Office Savings Bank—New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1101.

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Sloan, Wm. (Comox-Atlin)—5321.

Seymour Narrows, Survey of—Particulars asked for—5321. Ans.—Details given—5322.

Stoney Creek Armoury—Is government aware that damage was done by fire, that nothing has been done to remedy it, and that stores are liable to be damaged—327. Ans.—Details given—328.

Ventilation on Steamboats — Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—569.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—3407.

Canadian Labour Bureau—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Mr. Leopold's lease of the premises was taken over by the department by purchase, September, 1905—3407.

Immigration Regulations—Particulars asked for with regard to the demands of organized labour. Ans.—Details given—3406.

Labourers on Grand Trunk Pacific, Protection of—Has any provision been made for securing to workingmen fair wages on contracts awarded or to be awarded? Any provision for protection of labour?—336. Ans.—Details given—337.

Plasterer's Labourers at Winnipeg—Particulars asked for as to complaints received at Labour Department. Ans.—Details given—1372.

Wrecks on Pacific Coast—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Information asked for is voluminous, and is now being prepared—338.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—183.

Embargo on Canadian Cattle—Have any representations been made since Jan. 1, 1906, to Imperial government, asking for repeal of embargo on Canadian cattle? Nature of such representations? Ans.—No representations have been made—183.

Expenditure on Immigration—What was the amount spent on immigration work during 1901-5 distinguishing between United States, and European and Continental immigration? What assistance, if any, is given to institutions bringing immigrants to Canada, and what difference in amount paid for adults and children? Ans.—Details given—176.

Hogs Imported and Slaughtered for Export—What was the number of hogs brought to Canada from United States to be slaugthered for exportation from 1901 to 1905, inclusive? Number of pounds of meat imported for home consumption and export, fresh and cured?—176. Ans.—Details given—173.

Immigration in Last Five Years—How many immigrants have been deported in 1903-4-5, owing to physical or mental infirmity? The number of immigrants who arrived and settled in Canada during 1901-2-3-4-5, specifying nationalities?—Ans.—Details given—180.

Judges Participating in Business—Has attention of government been directed to published statements that statutory provisions prohibiting judges from engaging in business is being disregarded? Have steps been taken to ascertain correctness of statements? What opinion has government on subject? Ans.—Yes. Government

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is considering expediency of introducing further legislation. Government is of opinion that judges ought to obey the Act of parliament—183.

Land Sales in Blocks—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Would the hon. gentleman move for a return?—569.

Mallein Tests for Glanders—How many mallein tests have been made for glanders in horses during the year 1905? Number destroyed; if any have been paid for? Does department consider test reliable? Ans.—Details given—179.

McRae, Hector, Purchase of Land in British Columbia by—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—6245.

Members of Parliament, Appointment of—How many members have been appointed to places of emolument under the Crown since 1896? What are the names and salaries? Ans—Answer given last year. Since then Sir William Mulock and Mr. McKenzie have been appointed to the Bench and Mr. Peter Talbot to the Senate—214.

Patent Medicines, Sale of—Has the government considered the question of preventing or controlling the advertising and sale of patent medicines? Will it deal with the question? Ans.—It is under consideration—183.

Senate and House of Commons, Employees of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Particulars asked for too voluminous to give in shape of answer; hon. gentleman might move for a return—1672.

Waterways Lighting, Changing System of—On Orders of the Day reminds Minister of Marine of his promise to bring down information. Ans.—Shall bring down the documents—6545.

Wood Inquiry conducted by Mr. McInnis, Report of—Asks if Minister of the Interior has brought down report; also, if he has heard anything of Hatfield and the dome? —Ans.—I have not neglected it, but have not been able to get it so far—6546.

Staples, William D. (Macdonald)—341.

Flour Supplied to Penitentiaries—Particulars asked. Ans.—Details given—341.

Galops Canal, Cardinal Section—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—989.

Glanders, Protection against—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Would take two or three extra clerks from one to two months to prepare data asked for—336.

Swamp Lands—Particulars asked for. Ans. —Details given—447.

Yukon Gold Royalty—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—5004.

Stewart Robert (Ottawa)—7060.

Employees at Printing Bureau receiving less than twelve dollars a week—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—7060.

Ottawa Post Office, Men employed who receive less than $12 per week—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—6245.

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Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—189.

Atlantic Mail Service—Has government recently entered into any contract or contracts for carriage of mails across the Atlantic? When? The contractors in each case? Which were let after public advertisement and tender? Amount of each contract? Rate of speed or time limit provided? Is provision made for carrying mail by faster steamer in case such should be placed on the route during term of said contract? If provision not made, why not? If contracts were let without public advertisement, why? Ans.—A contract has been entered into which will be laid on table at early date. All information will be given. Let the question stand—189.

Atlantic Mail Service—Has the government recently entered into any contract? When, and who are the contractors? Any public advertisements or tender? Amount of each contract? Any provision for change if faster service were placed on route. Ans.—Details given—215.

Grain Elevator, St. John, N.B.—Particulars asked for as to cost and capacity. Ans.—Details given—2272.

Tyner's Head Fog Alarm, Cost of and care of—Particulars asked for—2269. Ans.—Details given—2270.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—3250.

Acadia Steamship Company Subsidy—Particulars asked for. Ans.—No application has been made by such a company this year for a subsidy—3250.

Acetylene Gas Buoys—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—982.

Alien Labour Act—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Government has no information upon this subject. Mr. Borden—Government should have information because it is in appeal. Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick—Appeal ought to be heard before 1st of July —343.

Bonding Bituminous Coal—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1860.

Brockville Cheese Curing Room—What has been total expenditure? Total revenue? Ans.—$18,661.34 to March 1, 1906. $6,568.33 to March 1, 1906—585.

Buildings leased in Ottawa—What buildings, rooms or apartments are leased by each department of government in the city of Ottawa? What rental does each department pay? To whom are the rentals payable? The terms of each lease? Assessed value and estimated value of each leased building so occupied? Are taxes paid to city of Ottawa? If taxes are not paid, what effect is given to this consideration? Ans.—Details given—187.

Canadian Press Association — Particulars asked for—1369. Ans.—Details given—1370.

Central Experimental Farm, Expenditures of —Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2264.

Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.—What has been total expenditure for each year, from 1890 to 1905, inclusive? Total

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revenue for same years. Ans.—Details given—761.

Cheese Curing Rooms, total expenditure—Particulars asked for—586. Ans.—Expenditure to March 1, 1906, $107,886.14. Revenue to March 1, 1906, $32,451.51—587.

Daly and Hanman Dredges—Particulars asked for. Ans.—None were employed by Public Works Department; will ask Railway Department—572.

Dickenson's Landing Lighthouse—Particulars on acetylene gas installation and maintenance of lighthouse asked —981. Ans.—Not installed; $125—982.

Jack Straw, Red Horse and Gananoque Lights—What was the cost of changing the light to acetylene ? Cost of maintenance for 1905 ? Ans.—$7,270.71 ; 6 lights. $1,090.19; 6 lights—584.

Letter Carrier Uniforms—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1747.

McDonald Iron Company and Leslie & Company, Payments made to — Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—7059.

Naturalization Laws—Has the government any information to give upon the report of C. V. C. Van Dusen, special examiner of the Department of Justice, of the United States, relative to naturalization? —417. Ans.—The government has no information on the subject—418.

Naturalization of United States Citizens in Western Canada—Particulars asked for—343. Ans.—This is the question as to which the government has no information —344.

Newspapers Advertising Tenders for Flour Supply to Penitentiaries — Particulars asked for—450. Ans.—Details given—451.

Poultry Stations, Expenditure and Revenue —Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—587.

Prescott, Windmill Lighthouse—Cost of installing acetylene gas system? Cost of maintenance for 1905 ? Ans.—$2,096.25 (double storeholders). $110.10—981.

Rideau Canal, Leases for Water Power on —Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3742.

Sauvalle, Marc—Is he in the employ of the Department of the Interior, in connection with French immigration work? Ans. —No—3245.

St. Lawrence, Cost of Lighting on the—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Shall have to get the information from Prescott—1151.

United States Dredges, Employment of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Particulars given—761.

Whitefish Reserve Timber Sale—Particulars asked for—3405. Ans.—Details given—3406.

Williams Head Quarantine Station, B.C., Employees at—Particulars asked for. Ans. —Details given—5506.

Woods, James W., and the Woods Company, Limited, Payments to—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1857-8.

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Tobin, E. M. (Richmond and Wolfe)—328.

Sherbrooke Camp—What are the intentions of government regarding military camp at Sherbrooke this year? Ans.—Question under consideration. Officer commanding Quebec has been in Sherbrooke inspecting a site and advising local authorities —328.

Verville, Alphonse (Maisonneuve)—572.

English Printers' Complaint—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—572.

Lethbridge, Coal Strike at—Particulars asked for—573. Ans.—Details given—574.

Winnipeg Immigration Agents and Miners—Has government any information that agents are supplying miners to mine owners? If so, how many? Ans.—No—995.

Winnipeg Printers, Complaints of—What action, if any, has been taken by the government? Ans.—Details given—1378.

Walsh, Robert Nelson (Huntingdon)—455.

Civil Servants and Outside Employment—Particulars asked for regarding position of civil servants. Ans.—Details given—455.

Civil Servants—Particulars asked for. Ans. —Details given—327.

Murray Canal, Wooden Piers at Entrance of —Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—6930.

St. Anicet Wharf—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—1566.

Waterway in St. Anicet and Ste. Barbe—If the government has had a report from engineer, what is the estimated cost? Ans.—$88,000—7371.

Ward, Henry Alfred (Durham)—448.

Trent Valley Canal—Particulars asked for as to surveys and damages by break. Ans.—Details given—448.

Wilmot, R. D. (Sunbury and Queens)—864.

Hetherington, Thomas P.—Particulars asked for as to employment of. Ans—Employed in Immigration Department since Nov. 7, 1904; salary $100 per month; number of emigrants brought in to April 30, 1906, 864—5502.

Official Cars, Cost of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—984.

Washedemoak River, N.B., Deepening of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Matter is under consideration. Survey of river has been ordered—584.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox and Addington)—835.

Galligher, L. L., Dismissal of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—835.

Halifax Trachoma Hospital—Particulars asked for—1746. Ans.—Details given—1747.

Immigration Agents in United Kingdom, Charges Against—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Whatever information is in the department will be brought down without delay, if asked for in the form of a return—1864.

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Wilson, Uriah (Lennox and Addington)—*Con.*

Immigration, House Rental of Commissioner of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3906.

Preston, W. T. R.—Did Mr. W. T. R. Preston visit Canada in December, 1905, or January, 1906, on official business? Did government send for him? Did he ask leave to visit Canada? Is he a subordinate of the High Commissioner in London? Ans.—Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.

Salvation Army Immigrants—How many immigrants did Salvation Army bring to Canada in year ending June 30, 1905, and from July 1, 1905 to March 1, 1906, respectively? Where located? What sum paid to head of Salvation Army? What arrangements have been made with Salvation Army for bringing out immigrants? Ans.—Details given—185.

Victoria, N.S., Indian Population and Medical Doctor—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—2455.

Worthington, A. N. (Sherbrooke)—4799.

Doull, Captain, Appointment to Royal Canadian Regiment of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4799.

Magog, Post Office at—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—341.

Powell, Captain, Appointment to Permanent Force of—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4798.

Quebec Drill Hall—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3251.

Rifles, Inspection of Canadian—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—423.

Ross Rifle Company—Particulars asked for. Ans—Details given—1372.

Ross Rifles—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3246.

Ross Rifle—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—3408.

Ross Rifle, Sutherland Combination Back Sights on—Particulars asked for. Ans.—Details given—4703.

South African War, Cost of Contingents—Particulars asked for. Details given—1564.

Wright, W. (Muskoka)—490.

D'Escousse, Wharf at—Particulars of expenditure asked for. Ans.—Details given—490.

Huntsville, Baysville and Bracebridge, Wharfs at—What are the names of government officials, if any, having charge?—1868. Ans.—Wharfs still under charge of department through the resident engineer—1869.

Huntsville, Baysville and Bracebridge, Wharfs at—Who are the engineer and officers in charge? Ans.—Engineer J. G. Sing, resident engineer, Toronto; wharfinger not yet appointed—2453.

Lamont, J. H., Prince Albert—Particulars asked for as to item in Auditor General's Report, 1905, vol. 2, page (M—4). Ans.—Details given—979.

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On Orders of the Day, Mr. Sproule called attention to the inaccuracy of an answer to a question which was asked in his absence—350.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—351.

The name of Calvin F. McIsaac omitted from the list of names. The answers to be of value ought to be correct—350. The answer to Mr. Walsh's question in regard to civil servants only partly given—351.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. AYLESWORTH.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Aylesworth rises to a question of privilege—7369.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—7367.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege, and, in doing so, I apologize to you and to hon. members for taking up the time of the House with such a matter—7367. Quotes the newspaper controlled by the member for South York (Mr. Maclean) in which wilful misrepresentations of his statements on public ownership were published—7368. If an opportunity occurs without too much wasting the time of the House I shall be very happy to pay my respects to the member for South York—7369.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7369.

I convey to the hon. gentleman (Mr. Aylesworth) my most hearty sympathies—7369.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. BERGERON.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Bergeron rises to a question of privilege, in the matter of allotments of land in the Northwest some fifteen years ago—4249.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—4249.

The whole public was invited to take lots, but the regulations were found to be so severe and the conditions made by government so hard, that I for one did not go any further with my application. I never got one foot of the land—4249. The government of Canada never lost one cent by reason of any of these applications that were made at the time the hon. gentleman mentioned yesterday—4250.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. BORDEN.

Before the Speaker leaves the chair, Mr. Borden rises to a question of privilege, and claims that he has been misreported in 'Hansard.' Reads letter from Mr. Horton, chief reporter, stating that the reporter found that he had made a mistake—6608.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Bourassa corrects statement made yesterday in reference to amount of indemnity drawn by Senator George A. Cox—3153.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. BOURASSA.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—3152.

I stated that Senator Cox, who had been present in parliament only three or seven days, drew something like $1,700 from the treasury of this country. I have ascertained that the hon. senator was present eight days and drew $2,140—3152.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—HON. MR. EMMERSON.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Emmerson calls the attention of the House to a paragraph in the 'Globe,' imputing to him a statement which he never made—3153.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —3153.

Quotes from 'Globe' and denies that he ever made such statement—3153. Did state that the matter of jurisdiction with respect to railways would probably be discussed, but did not say what was imputed in the 'Globe'—3154.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—HON. MR. FOSTER

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Foster rises to a question of privilege, and directs the attention of the House to attacks which have been made upon him in the columns of 'La Presse' and 'Le Canada'—4030.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4030.

It has been reserved for two French papers, published in the Province of Quebec, to publish matter which, for ingenuity, brutality and falsehood combined, it will be difficult to rival—4030. Quotes the article from 'La Presse'—4031. Gives a running translation of the article in English—4032. Although 'La Presse' is the chief sinner, it is not far in advance of 'Le Canada.' The Temperance Colonization Company was formed, launched, and had its existence before I was in the House—4033. I give notice that to-morrow, or the first convenient day afterwards, I shall have a motion to move with reference to this matter—4034.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—HON. MR. FOSTER

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Foster rises to a question of privilege and quotes an article which appeared in 'La Presse' newspaper—4708.

Motion that Mr. Cinq-Mars be brought before the bar of House—Mr. Foster—4711. Motion agreed to—4734.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4715.

Quotes telegram to Hon. P. A. Choquette from Wilfrid Laurier and answer to Wilfrid Laurier from P. A. Choquette—4715. Quotes an extract from 'Le Soleil' of May 31, 1906. The Prime Minister of Canada (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) occupies exactly the same position in the Orange Order as I do—4716. The Orangemen in Carleton are as fair minded, as liberal-minded and as broad-minded a set of men as inhabit any constituency in Canada to-day. Any man who cannot endure the severest possible criticism that can be passed upon his acts and conduct as a public man had better get out of public life at once; when deliberate misrepresentation and lying is indulged in, the line should be drawn—4717. If utterances such as those which have been read by the hon. member from North Toronto are permitted to pass unchecked and unchallenged, that unity of feeling, harmony and good-fellowship which should exist between people of different races and creeds will not be advanced—4718. So far as the hon. gentleman's (Mr. A. Lavergne) remarks have reference to myself there is not a word of truth in them—4729.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance) —4718.

No exception has been taken to the motion; hon. member from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) was quite within his right in taking the action he has done; many of the English-written journals of Canada are just as open to censure as the journal quoted to-day—4718-9. There is no paper in Halifax that can be called mine, and I have not written a line in a paper in Halifax for twenty years.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4708.

Hands to the clerk of the House an article entitled 'Le Parlement Fédéral,' appearing on the editorial page of 'La Presse' of Montreal, on May 26, 1906, and signed 'Blaise,' which is the pseudonym of Mr. Cinq-Mars, editorial correspondent for that paper—4708. Quotes translation of article in question—4709-10. There have been very few occasions in which I have risen to a question of privilege; in so far as papers outside have confined themselves to personal matters, and to criticism of my political acts I have found no fault with them; it is altogether outside the record that I should be represented as the constant and incessant purveyor of slanders against French Canadians, against Catholics and against the Catholic clergy—4710. Not necessary to quote from Todd or Bourinot as to procedure; have followed the procedure as it has been established in several cases. Moves motion—4711. I introduced nothing into this discussion of a partisan, religious or sectarian nature; quotes page 293 of 'The Decisions of Rt. Hon. Charles Shaw Lefebvre,' Speaker of the House of Commons, on Points of Order, Rules of Debate and General Practice of House—4733-4.

Hughes, J. J. (King's, P.E.I.)—4732.

Was very much pleased to hear the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule) declare that the Orange Order desired to promote harmony and good will among the different nationalities and religions of the country; quotes speech of the Grand Master of Prince Edward Island—4732-3.

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Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Ministed) —4711.

Hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) is within his rights and motion ought to be assented to—4711. I have no personal organ in the city of Quebec or anywhere else—4713. Translates article from 'L'Evénement' of March 1, 1906—4714. If accusations of a personal character are made against a member there would be some justification for having recourse to the rules of parliament—4715.

Lavergne, A. (Montmagny)—4724.

The greatest cause of discord in this country and division between its different races and religions is the Orange Order; this order is useless in this country, since its only object is the destruction of the Catholic religion and the French language in Canada; quotes Dr. T. S. Sproule, M.P., at a meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of America—4724. Had there been no Orange Order in this country we should have ceased long ago to call ourselves English Canadians and French Canadians, and to have called ourselves simply Canadians. So long as the alliance exists between my hon. friend the leader of the opposition and the Orange Order, I cannot understand how any French Canadian or Catholic can be a member of the Conservative party—4726. If the whole aim and ambition of the Orange Order were not the destruction of Romanism and the French language in this country, we would not object—4727. Does my hon. friend deny that the Orange Order is a political organization? — 4729. Quotes speech of the Grand Master in 'The Orange Sentinel'—4729.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—4730.

I do not belong to the Orange Order—4730.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—4733.

Could the hon. gentleman (Mr. J. J. Hughes) tell me the name of the gentleman who made that address?—4733.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—4731.

We have wasted a very large part of this afternoon with a discussion that ought never to have taken place in this House; this is not the time and it is not the place to either support or oppose the Orange Order. If some new member of the House were to object to something said in the press regarding him I would not be surprised, but an old parliamentarian ought to be able to read almost anything without taking the action that has been taken to-day; one French paper, published in the province of Quebec, recently referred to me as a Baptist preacher—4732.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—4711.

Members of this House generally will approve the step taken by hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster). Those who write in our newspapers are free to write anything they like, except what a jury of twelve of their fellow citizens find to be criminal or constituting a tort; those who represent the press in this House are in a different position—4711. What takes place in the House should be reported in the newspapers with truth; when that rule is infringed it behooves every member of this House to bring that infraction of the rule to the notice of the House. On account of an attitude which I assumed in reference to marine supply, I was attacked in a Quebec newspaper as being an enemy of the Roman Catholics, as being a Judas towards my fellow citizens in Quebec—4713. Quotes article; it becomes necessary from time to time for a member subject to these attacks to deny the truth of them because otherwise he might by his silence, in certain quarters be construed as acquiescing in these malicious statements. Correspondents are at liberty to make any comment they like as to facts; but they are bound to give a substantially accurate account of what transpires here —4713.

Ross, Duncan (Yale-Cariboo)—4719.

Would hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) include in his motion the name of the newspaper man who called hon. members of this House, hooligans?—4719.

Speaker, Mr.—4728.

I think the discussion has gone far enough. Hon. member (Mr. Lavergne) has the right to go on—4728.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4719.

Glad to know Orange Order has so many friends in the House—4719. As head of the Orange Order I have not the slightest ill-feeling or ill-will against any nationality or creed. More than once when a Catholic Church has been burned down, the Orangemen have been generous enough to offer the use of their hall to the priest to say mass in—4720. There is no ill-feeling against Roman Catholics or French Canadians on the part of Orangemen. If there is one thing more than another for which we stand, it is freedom of conscience and respect for religious convictions; the Princess Ena has as much right to change her religion as I would have to change my politics—4721. I am called in by Roman Catholics in case of severe illness in preference to any other man in my county. Orangemen and Roman Catholics often vote together—4722. Orangemen believe in the golden rule: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. Half the Orangemen in Nova Scotia are Reformers. My greatest regret is that our Conservative friends around me suffer on account of my presence in this House, and because I happen to be for the time being, at the head of the Orange Association—4723. Have the Roman Catholics no federations among themselves?—4725. Quotes the constitution of the Orange Order—4727-8.

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Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—4729.

Every row back of the Prime Minister contains one or more Orangemen. There is not one word of truth in the statement that the Orange Order is the sworn enemy of the Roman Catholics—4730-1.

E. E. Cinq-Mars attends at the bar of the House to be examined regarding the allegations contained in an article published in 'La Presse,' newspaper of Montreal—4792.

Motion by Mr. Foster that the journals of the House of the 6th of June be read. Deputy clerk reads journals—4792.

Motion by Mr. Foster, that the article which was read yesterday be read in the presence of the gentleman at the bar. Motion agreed to. Deputy clerk reads article—4792.

Motion by Mr. Jackson that the article be read in English—4794.

Amendment moved by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that reading the article be postponed until we have heard from the gentleman at the bar. Amendment agreed to—4796.

Mr. Foster moves that question be put to Mr. Cinq-Mars. Motion agreed to—4796.

Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that Mr. Cinq-Mars be discharged, and ordered to appear again this day week. Motion agreed to—4797.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—4795.

If this proceeding were a civil action for libel, it would be the right of the defendant, as well as of every juryman and of course the judge who was trying the case, to direct that the whole article or letter should be read—4795.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4795.

It is quite proper that whole article should be read if it contains anything in mitigation of the portions complained of—4795.

Cinq-Mars, E. E.—4796.

My name is Joseph Ernest Eugène Cinq-Mars, journalist—4796. Mr. Speaker, I am ready to answer that question, but before doing so I wish to procure counsel and prepare my defence, and for that purpose ask an adjournment for a week—4797.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4792.

I think the clerk is reading the first part of the article, which does not affect the question at issue at all—4792. If the House desires to have the whole article read in one or two languages, and so orders, it must be done; my case rests upon that part of the English translation which I gave, and as it appears in 'Hansard'—4795.

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Henderson, D. (Halton)—4795.

What the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) asked to have read was simply the portion which he read to the House the other day, and not the entire article—4795.

Jackson, S. J. (Selkirk)—4794.

Asks that matter be translated by the proper officers and read to the House; not prepared to take action until question is read in English—4794.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—4793.

The full article should be read; it should be read in English—4795.

Sergeant-at-Arms, The.—4792.

Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to report that Ernest Eugene Cinq-Mars is now in attendance at the Bar of this honourable House—4792.

Speaker, Mr.—4793.

It would be better if all motions were in writing, so that we could see exactly what was meant—4793. The House itself has directed now that the whole article be read; informs hon. member (Mr. S. J. Jackson), who moved the motion, that there is no English translation of this article available—4794. Submits questions to Mr. Cinq-Mars—4796.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4794.

Is it competent for the House to go beyond what was read in the House as the offensive portion of the article?—4794.

Tisdale, Hon. D. (Norfolk)—4796.

Suggests to Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth), who refers to the proceedings of a court, that he cannot ask the party who is making the charge to read it; that is done by the defence—4796.

On Orders of Day, Mr. Foster wishes to make a few observations on the question of privilege—5085. Mr. Foster moves adjournment—5092. Motion negatived—5093.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5085.

Although this House of parliament has divested itself of a great many of its powers by delegation, it continues to be the custodian and vindicator of its own privileges; we are part of a great council, and should therefore conduct ourselves with the decorum and dignity which is appropriate to members of such a body—5085. The privileges which attach to parliament attach to the individual members of parliament; when a member complains of a breach of parliament it is to parliament he must go. As an individual member, feeling aggrieved by a breach of privilege committed against him, I come in a constitutional and regular way before this House to plead my case—5086. Quotes case of the 'Globe' newspaper of London, England *re* Mr. John Redmond on

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August 15, 1901; quotes article complained of by Mr. Redmond; quotes motion of Mr. Redmond made in English House of Commons—5087. Quotes motion of censure made by First Lord of Treasury, Mr. Arthur J. Balfour: quotes language of Mr. Speaker and defendant—5088-9. Quotes address of Mr. Speaker to defendants—5089. Contrasts dignity of English House House of Commons on this occasion with the dignity of this House on a past occasion—5090. What effect does it have on the law-breaker himself when the judge and jury, led by foreman, breaks into sympathetic applause for the criminal at the Bar?—5091. It would be a deplorable thing if in cases of this kind we had no care for our own dignity and we showed an open sympathy with a breach of those privileges of parliament which are of old time, and which ought to be conserved; moves adjournment—5092.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —5090.

If there is a rule that supports my hon. friend (Mr. Foster), there is also a rule under which it is out of order, to refer to past debate—5090.

This is not the time or the occasion to discuss at all the occurrences of the seventh day of June—5092. I do not think my duty to the House goes so far as to attempt restraint upon the personal liberty of any man. The judgment which shall be given by the House on this question shall be a judicial one, and one dictated by the sole law of parliament and by no other consideration—5093.

Ross, D. (Yale-Cariboo)—5090.

Rises to a point of order; would like to know how the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) can anticipate what this House is going to do by discussing this subject a day in advance, and in the absence of the gentleman accused and his counsel?—5090.

Speaker, Mr.—5090.

I do not think the hon. member (Mr. Foster) is discussing the case; he is discussing the attitude of the House—5090.

E. E. Cinq-Mars attends at the bar of the House to be examined regarding the allegations contained in an article published in 'La Presse' newspaper of Montreal. Translated article read by assistand clerk —5266-7.

Mr. Foster moves that certain questions be put to Mr. Cinq-Mars—5268.

Mr. Lavergne moves that certain questions be put in French—5268.

Mr. Aylesworth moves that the words which confine the question to the present session of the House be struck out—5269. House divided on amendment (Mr. Aylesworth). Yeas, 82; Nays, 47—5288. Motion as amended agreed to—5290.

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier moves that Mr. Cinq-Mars be discharged from attendance at the bar. Motion agreed to—5301.

Mr. D. Ross moves that this House do now proceed to the Orders of the Day—5310.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moves in amendment that article complained of passes the bounds of reasonable criticism and that the writer of the article should be censured—5314. Amendment (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) agreed to. Motion as amended agreed to—5320.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved that Mr. Cinq-Mars be now called to the bar. Motion agreed to—5320.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved that Mr. Cinq-Mars be now discharged from further attendance. Motion agreed to, and Mr. Cinq-Mars withdrew—5320.

Alcorn, Geo. O. (Prince Edward)—5282.

It is perfectly competent to any member of this House to move at any stage of these proceedings that any question be put through Mr. Speaker; it is quite competent for any hon. member, after the hon. member from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) has exhausted his questions, to request any further and broader questions as may seem proper to be put to the witness—5282-3.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —5269.

Asks if motion made by hon. friend (Mr. Foster) is open for debate? Moves, by way of amendment, that the words which confine the question to the present session of the House be struck out—5269. It has pleased the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) instead of taking his case to the constituted courts of the country, to bring it rather before a court of which he himself the accuser, shall be a member—5275. Quotes articles, explains sections—5276. Do not these words demonstrate that the writer was not speaking of any particular occasion, but was speaking of what was, according to his contention, the habitual course of conduct of the man he was criticising. My submission is that it would be entirely unjust that the accuser here should be permitted to limit his question to the short period of this particular session—5277.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5278.

Congratulates hon. friend the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) upon the eminently judicial character of the speech he has just delivered in the House. If the mode of speech attributed to the hon. member (Mr. Foster) had not been practised during the present session, the gentleman at the bar would have no excuse for having falsely stated that it had been constantly used during the session —5278. Expressions apply to present session because the writer is using the pre-

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sent tense and is giving a reason for his own course of action during the present session; he also contrasts an occurrence of this session with an occurrence of last session—5279. My hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) has properly desired to ask that the witness be asked to place on record here, if he be able to do so, the utterances of the hon. member for North Toronto which justify the charges made in this article—5280.

Concurs with Prime Minister the views of hon. member from Yale-Cariboo (Mr. D. Ross) were entirely unfounded—5314. In 'May' and 'Bourinot' it is most distinctly laid down that a libel upon members of the House is properly a matter for consideration of the House; quotes 10th edition of 'May,' pages 79, 80; quotes resolution moved by Sir Charles Russell in the imperial parliament—5315. Instances case of Mr. Herbert Gladstone in England in 1883 and numerous cases in Canada since 1873—5316. It is distinctly recognized that the legislature of Nova Scotia, under its constitution, has an absolute right to punish any man who publishes a libel against any one of its members. In this country, where there are delicate questions of race and religion, to accuse any man in public life of hatred against or insults to the race or religion of any citizen should be regarded as particularly odious—5317. The defence which was read at the bar of the House did not afford the slightest justification for the writing of the article—5318. Quotes article. I support very heartily the amendment of the Prime Minister; he has taken a proper and dignified course on this occasion—5319-20.

Cinq-Mars, E. E.—5290.

Quotes and gives reasons by actions, conduct and expressions upon which he based the statements contained in the article under discussion; reads memorandum in French and English—5290-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-300.

Demers, L. P. (St. John and Iberville)—5286.

This is a matter with which this House ought not to intervene. We have not pronounced any definitive judgment until we have heard the accused; no case has been made out—5286.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5268.

The first question as to name and the second was as to the authorship of the article; moves questions—5268. Traces machinery of motion as far as it has gone—5269. The passage complained of as a breach of privilege had regard to my action, or conduct, or expressions as a member in this House during this present session; quotes article—5270. Quotes article—5271-2-3. I stand here as a member of parliament, with the privileges of a member of parliament, and I appeal to parliament to protect me and every member of parliament, and itself, against

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any possible allegations such as these complained of—5273. Neither at Renfrew nor at any other place did I ever use any such word or words having any such meaning, as those Mr. Cinq-Mars has attributed to me—5301.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—5288.

The question is whether the hon. member has a right to ask the question; if he has that right, he has the right to ask it in his own way—5288.

German, W. M. (Welland)—5283.

The gentleman at the bar of the House has practically pleaded guilty to the charge, and he has now the right to make his statement in his own justification or in mitigation of any penalty this House may have the right to impose upon him—5283.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5266.

This will be the time for the reading of that article in English which was postponed from the last sitting—5266. The gentleman at the bar should certainly be accommodated with a seat at the bar, but he should not go out of the House while this question is being discussed—5278. It ought to be our first duty to proceed judicially; the matter has been discussed technically—5281. The man on trial should have unlimited liberty to make his own defence as he conceives it in his mind; the gentleman who has written this article has a right to give to the House the reason why he wrote that article—5282. Moves that Mr. Cinq-Mars be discharged from attendance at the Bar, but be ordered to remain at the call of the chair—5301. While I recognize that the press should have the most ample liberty in criticising, advocating, censuring, expressing its opinions in every possible way, at the same time we must maintain the doctrine that the press, like everybody else, is amenable to the jurisdiction of this parliament. Anything which is publicly said or written derogatory to the House as a body or of some of its members, is an invasion of the privileges of the House; quotes 'May' 9th edition, at page 95—5310-1-2. Whenever a charge of this kind has been brought to the attention of the House, the House has never refused to deal with it, but on the contrary has always asserted its jurisdiction; instances case of Mr. Gorman, a member of the press gallery in 1892 or 3—5312. The rule may be antiquated, but it is there and we cannot do anything else than apply it here—5313. Moves amendment of censure; quotes article; one passage passes the bounds of reasonable criticism—5314.

Lavergne, A. (Montmagny)—5267.

Would ask that question be put in French, as otherwise prejudice might be caused the prisoner?—5267.

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Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5283.

The offended party has the absolute right to point out what it is he complains of—5283. Neither the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) nor any one else has the right to say that he (Mr. Foster) shall enlarge the scope of his question if he does not see fit to do so; the question is a relevant one and does not preclude the asking of any other questions—5284.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—5274.

Rises to a question of privilege. Thinks House might reasonably give Mr. Cinq-Mars a seat—5274.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—5286.

It is a matter for fair argument what the paragraph complained of may refer to—5286. It is not fair for the hon. gentleman to seek to ask the question which he now moves; if the hon. gentleman's (Mr. Foster) privilege has been assailed it is in the power of this House to protect his privilege; if the accused undertakes to justify the article let us hear what he has to say—5287.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—5284.

I would suggest that the hon. member from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) should have a little friendly conference with the gentleman at the bar and settle between them amicably what particular incidents in the past he would like to avoid—5284.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—5284.

This is a question which directly affects every member of this House precisely to the same extent as it affects the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster)—5284. The only possible ground on which any one can be brought before parliament for a breach of privilege, is on account of some reflections made on a member of this House regarding the discharge of his duties in this House; quotes last edition of Bourinot, page 15—5285. The amendment is not entitled to the consideration of the House, as it relates to a matter with which we have nothing to do—5286.

Paterson, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Customs)—5280.

If the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) would recall the reasons he gave the House for the motion he made, I think he would not take exception to the amendment which has been moved by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth); quotes speech of hon. member from North Toronto—5280-1.

Ross, Duncan (Yale-Cariboo)—5278.

The British practice is that while a discussion is taking place the gentleman at the Bar is not supposed to be present; he is here only for the purpose of answering such questions as may be put to him—5278.

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Ross, Duncan (Yale-Cariboo)—*Con.*

Protests against the House of Commons placing itself in the position of censor of the newspapers of this country—5301. Quotes May's 'Constitutional History,' volume II., page 103; in 1830, the only case we have on record when a newspaper man was called before the Bar of the Commons arose out of an article imputing personal corruption to the Lord Chancellor—5302. There cannot be found a single precedent in the history of the imperial parliament since 1819 which can be cited in justification of the action taken by the hon. member from North Toronto—5303. Quotes Mr. Balfour from imperial 'Hansard,' volume 99, August 15, 1901—5304-5. The right of parliament to punish for a breach of the privilege of parliament has never been questioned. The parliament of Canada would not go further than the imperial parliament and consider cases that the imperial parliament would not consider—5306. Quotes Mr. Asquith and Sir Henry James at page 969 of volume 99 of the imperial 'Hansard'—5307. The hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) has the same recourse that any other citizen of this country has to protect himself against unfair or harsh criticism; quotes May, volume I., page 407, and volume 2, page 213, 'Constitutional History of England.' The House would not be paying due regard to its dignity and would be doing violence to its privileges were it to take action in a case such as this—5308. We are not here to protect the hon. member from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) against criticism of the kind he himself launches out against members of House and those outside who have no means of defending themselves. The press of this country will accept no censorship of this kind from the parliament of Canada—5309. Moves that House do now proceed to Orders of the Day—5310.

Sergeant-at-Arms, The—5266.

Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to report that Ernest Eugène Cinq-Mars is now in attendance at the Bar of this honourable House—5266.

Speaker, Mr.—5267

Are you now a writer or correspondent of 'La Presse' newspaper of Montreal or have you been since the opening of the present session of parliament?—5267. Quote Votes and Proceedings; What is the next question? Did you (Mr. Cinq-Mars) write the article in 'La Presse,' of May 26, 1906, signed 'Blaise' which has been read at the table of the House? Reads second question—5268, 5274. Mr. Cinq-Mars upon what actions, conduct or expressions of the member for North Toronto did you base the statements contained in the article under consideration? Quotes article—5290. There is no motion before the House on which a general discussion is relevant—5301. Reads motion of censure—5320.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5288.

When the question of privilege was brought up, it was the duty of the House to decide whether the extracts were in violation of the privileges of the House or not; the House decided in the affirmative and it is now the duty of the House to administer the penalty—5288. It is usually the case for the Speaker to reprimand the culprit—5320.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. INGRAM.

On the motion to adjourn, Mr. Ingram rises to a question of privilege—2622.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2621.

Reads paragraph from Toronto 'World' which stated that the whips on both sides of the House endeavoured to 'steer the discussion so as to save the indemnity.' Denounces the statement in the 'World' as being absolutely false and untrue—2621.

Logan, H. J. (Cumberland)—2621.

Denies the statement published in the 'World'—2621.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—2621.

There were no negotiations, and the article published in the 'World' is without foundation of any kind—2621.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Ingram, asks that Mr. Maclean (South York) the editor of the Toronto 'World,' withdraw a statement referring to the whips of the House, which he knows to be a deliberate falsehood—3070.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3070.

Quotes the statement published in the 'World,' and asks that Mr. Maclean rise in his place and withdraw it—3070. I did not do what is here charged—3071.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—3071.

The question is one of some moment and requires consideration. The remedy of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Ingram) is against the reporter—3071.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. A. LAVERGNE.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Armand Lavergne rises to a question of privilege—2622.

Lavergne, Armand (Montmagny)—2622.

Reads item from 'La Presse' which said, 'he was prepared to speak in favour of Mr. Foster's motion, but was absent at the last moment. Denies the statement of 'La Presse,' and explains why he was absent—2622.

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Lavergne, Louis (Drummond and Arthabaska)—2622.

As whip for the province of Quebec, did not pair the hon. member for Montmagny. When he left Ottawa he told me did not know how he would vote until he heard the answer of the Prime Minister.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. LENNOX.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Haughton Lennox rises to a question of privilege—1750.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1751.

Reads in parliamentary column of Toronto 'Star,' wants it to be understood that every word of the article applies to the member for South Simcoe and not to the member for East Simcoe—1751.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. MACDONALD.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. E M. Macdonald rises to a question of privilege—7637.

Lavergne, Armand (Montmagny)—7637.

I do not think the 'Star' reports correctly what I said—7637. Quotes Mr. Macdonald's speech in 'Hansard' page 6583. Quotes his (Mr. Lavergne's) remarks in reply in the debate. I was under the impression that he did not want the opinion of Quebec to count in this House—I accept his statement with pleasure—7638.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—7637.

Quotes statement of Mr. A Lavergne at Montreal public meeting, from Montreal 'Star' of June 30, 1906. No such words as those attributed by him were ever uttered by me in this House, or anywhere else; they do not express my sentiments—7637.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. MACPHERSON.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Macpherson rises to a question of privilege—3068.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3072.

There undoubtedly is too much confusion sometimes when hon. members are addressing the House—3072. Had noticed at times that talking in loud and audible tones was indulged in by Messrs. Macpherson, Ross and Finlay. Also had seen the trooping out of the House when gentlemen on this side began to speak—3073. I said, I did not know what term hon. gentlemen opposite would desire to have applied to those who, when a member on this side rose to speak, took occasion to troop out in a body—3074.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—3069.

This question should not be treated with too much levity—3069. The other day Mr. A. Lavergne rose in his place and denied the statement made by the correspondent of 'La Presse' that he had shirked a

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vote, yet no publicity was given to the denial by the correspondent. When things like this occur, the correspondent should either apologize or be expelled from the gallery—3070.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—3071.

My impression was that Mr. Macpherson was in the House and that he continued the conversation after he had been asked by the chair to desist—3071. I think we owe something to the press for drawing attention to the interruptions which so frequently occur—3072.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—3068.

Quotes article headed, 'The Hooligans called to Order'—3068. Denies that there is one jot or tittle of truth in the statement of the 'News,' so far as he is concerned, as he was not in the chamber during the address of Mr. Lennox—3069. Repudiates the assertion of the leader of the opposition and does not propose to take it from anybody in the House or out of it—3074.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—3069.

Outside of a brief portion of the statement of the Postmaster General the only part of the discussion that I did hear was the division bell. Thinks it a cruel thing to call a Scotch thoroughbred a 'Hooligan'—3069. Denies that he is in the habit, as alleged by the leader of the opposition, of disturbing members who address the House. Refers to the leader of the opposition as the 'most professional interrupter'—3075.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. THOS. MARTIN.

On the Orders of the Day Mr. Martin (North Wellington) rises to a question of privilege.

Martin, T. (North Wellington)—5082.

In the Montreal 'Star' of the 9th instant I am misquoted; quotes 'Star.' After reading the resolution of the Farmers' Association referred to, I stated that I agreed with the views therein expressed, as will be seen by reference to 'Hansard'—5082.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. MONK.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Monk rises to a question of privilege, and to make a personal explanation—3796.

Lemieux, Rodolphe (Solicitor General)—3798.

Does my hon. friend (Mr. Monk) mean to say that I have anything to say as to the direction of 'Le Canada' or that I have inspired that article? When I have something to say I say it frankly and openly; I have never made any racial or religious appeals before my countrymen or before any one else—3798. I was just going to state, so that my hon. friend may learn it from my own words, that I object entirely to that style of discussion. There is a letter published in

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yesterday's issue of 'Le Canada' which says that the steamer stops every trip at the Grande Vallee wharf. As we were speaking of the Grande Vallee wharf, I thought I could refer to this correspondence—3799.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—3796.

Quotes article from 'Le Canada' of May 19—3796. Nothing was said in the discussion of the Grande Vallee wharf that could possibly create the impression that this paper endeavours to convey. Quotes 'Le Canada' of May 22nd, where all manner of offence is imputed to him—3797. It has been said, and truly said, that these racial and religious appeals are the last resort of those who, as a rule, have their arms steeped up to the elbows in the public chest. The paper has been falsely inspired—3798. I would ask my hon. friend (Mr. Lemieux) if he approves the tone of this article? Does he think it conforms to the truth. I said the steamer did not stop when I was on it—3799.

Speaker, Mr.—3799.

I think this is outside of the question of privilege—3799.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. PICHE.

On the Orders of the Day Mr. Piché draws the attention of the House to a paragraph appearing in 'La Patrie' newspaper of Saturday last—6818.

Bourassa, H. (Labelle)—6824.

I claim it is my right to address my fellow citizens of Montreal—6824. It was agreed that the member for St. Mary's (Mr. Piché) should move his amendment and I would move mine, and that another amendment would be moved by another member who was present there—6825. The last word I had with the hon. member for St. Mary's (Mr. Piché) was that he would keep me posted as to what was going on—6826. The resolution adopted has been published in the papers and it will be read in this House—6827. I need not go to Montreal to get a little cheap popularity; I am here and I am going to stay here—6828.

Piché, Camille (St. Mary's, Montreal)—(Translation)—6818.

Quotes 'La Patrie'—6819. Whenever circumstances require that I should enter into any agreement with the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) I shall require the services of a notary—6821.

Rivet, L. A. (Hochelaga)—6821.

There has never been any such compact or agreement as has been stated by the hon. member for Labelle—6822. The member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) has no right to go to Montreal and base upon false accusation of treason any violent, passionate appeal to the electors of the

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metropolis; the hon. member has no exclusive mandate to speak for his own province—6823.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—MR. PROULX.

On the Orders of the Day Mr. Edmond Proulx rose to a question of privilege relating to the omission of his name from one of the votes of Friday night last—7565.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—7565.

Calls attention to the record of the vote on Friday last on motion of the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa): The vote should have been credited to the hon. member for Dorchester (Mr. Morin), my name apparently having been substituted for his through error—7565.

Proulx, E. (Prescott)—7565.

There was a vote Friday last on a motion of the leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) and my name was omitted from the record both in the Votes and Proceedings and in 'Hansard.' I voted on the motion of the leader of the opposition and gave my vote for the negative—7565.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE — HON. MR. SIFTON.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Sifton desires, with permission of the House, to say a few words on a question of privilege—2457.

Sifton, Hon. Clifford (Brandon)—2457.

I have never held any relations with the North Atlantic Trading Company except as such relations appear in the contract that has been officially entered into; nor has any person on my behalf, directly or indirectly in any shape, form or manner. If there is any more sweeping, comprehensive form which any member of the House can suggest in which this denial can be put, I desire to be understood as using those terms—2458. I stand ready to meet any charge that any person may make at any time in regard to any part of my official conduct while Minister of the Crown—2459.

RAILWAY ACT 1903—AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (No. 62) to amend the Railway Act, 1903.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson—744. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—760.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—758.

Board of Railway Commissioners should be given same control over freight and passenger rates on Intercolonial as they are given on other railways—758.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—751.

The latter clause would probably be more effective if it stood without the first—751.

An annual report from the Railway Commission would give suggestions from time to time as to improvements in the Act—757. There seems to be as much reason

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for the regulation of telephones as for the regulation of railways, and perhaps more reason—758.

Is the provision retroactive in the sense that it applies to contracts already made? —759.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —744.

Probably the most important sections of the Bill are those which deal with telephone companies. The Bill provides for the protection of patrons—744. Subsection 2 relates to the acceptance of evidence. The third section repeals section 91, and makes it possible for directors to declare dividends. The 4th section leals with section 122 of the Railway Act—745. Subsection substituted for subsection 1 of section 123, which is repealed subsection 1 of section 139 is repealed, and greater powers are given to railways to take necessary lands. Subsection added to section 139, section 171 amended, subsection 2, of section 212 repealed and a subsection substituted—746. Section 10 repeals section 235 of 1903 anl substitutes it. Section 10 relates to the movements of trains. Section 12 repeals subsection 4 of section 203, and substitutes it. Section 13 relates to telephones—647. Section 14 makes no change; it is simply more comprehensive. Section 15 provides for regulation of telephone tolls by Board. Section 16 provides for the connection of municipal or corporate telephone systems with any other telephone system. Section 17 deals with question of joint tariffs. Section 19 deals with contracts between companies—648.

Doubts have arisen with respect to approval of a portion of the line without approving of the whole of it—750. There will be other amendments—757.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —749.

The minister can only touch the line, in so far as it deviates from the line laid down in the Act of incorporation. Clause 122 of old Act not touched at all—749. Only change made is to give minister power to approve of new maps in sections. Will hon. gentleman (Hon. Mr. Haggart) read subsection 3 in that section (page 6)—750. Intention is to give board such control over telephone tolls as they now have over freight and passenger rates on railways—751. Objects that hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Macleanl is not in order —754.

It is intention that Railway Commissioners shall make an annual report to parliament. The telephone clauses go as far as they possibly can in the direction of public ownership; it applies to all contracts in existence at present time—759. Provision is made for the complete and effective control of telephone rates—760.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—749.

The principal feature relates to the form of procedure before the Commission; also, the minister may virtually locate the line.

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The law changed in that respect—749. There can be no objection to board having power to award damages. The Act does not give board power to fix telephone tolls—750.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—757.

No provison made to compel the Railway Commission to furnish a report to parliament—757.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—751.

The government doesn't deserve congratulations on its telephone amendment. $17,000 spent on a special committee, and nothing to show for it—751. The former Postmaster General posed as one who favoured public ownership—the present Postmaser General said, before the committee, that public ownership was an unmitigated nuisance—752. At last it is admitted that the great railways of this country did an injustice to independent telephone lines when they refused them access to their stations—753. A Bill to entrench the Bell Telephone Company has been introduced with the object of increasing the capital stock to $50,000,000. Allowing railways to go into the telegraph business makes them censors of the newspapers of the country—754. The late Postmaster General moved along the lines of public ownership. Quotes 'Everybody's Magazine' on public ownership—755. Everything is done by present government to strengthen the hands of monopolies—756. Public rights are assailed in all directions by great corporations—757.

Speaker, Mr.—755.

The practice is not to enter into a general debate upon the introduction of a Bill—755.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—760.

You cannot reduce rates, but you can refuse to approve of a new schedule—760.

RAILWAY ACT, 1903, AMENDMENT—SECOND READING—IN COMMITTEE.

Bill (62) to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Mr. Emmerson—read the second time, and the House went into committee thereon—1584.

On section 1—Section as amended agreed to—1584.

On sections 4 and 5—Allowed to stand—1619.

Motion by Mr. Emmerson, that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—1634. Motion carried—1635.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—1596.

On section 4—Has my hon. friend (Mr Emmerson) any case in view which makes it necessary to amend the Railway Act?—1596. By subsection 3 it can be changed again with the approval of the Minister of Railways—1600. Would the board give permission to build in a place which is impracticable?—1606.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1584.

On section 1—Should think it would improve the wording of the section if you would insert the word 'upon' before the word 'notice.'—1584.

On section 2—The matters dealt with are more particularly matters which might be provided for by rules made by the commissioners—1585. Giving evidence upon affidavit without opportunity for cross-examination would be very undesirable—1586.

On section 4—It is not the executive to which the matter (the power to fix location) should be submitted, but the Railway Commission—1595. If the railway committee makes any determination with regard to the route it should be expressed in the statute—1598. If there is to be a judicial determination for the purpose of protecting any town, village or other locality along the route, that protection could be better afforded by the independent tribunal than by the gentleman who, for the time being, may be the Minister of Railways—1599. Cites a case—1601. The Minister of Railways says he deals with the questions not from a political but from a judicial standpoint—1601. The provision reserving this power to the minister seems to have been an exception to the general policy of that legislation, and what Mr. Haggart suggests is that the policy should not be continued—1610. The anomaly (appeal from minister's decision to Railway Board) should be corrected. It bears out the argument of Mr. Haggart that the Railway Commissioners in the end may override the minister—1613.

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On section 1—The only change is the substitution of 'and notice to the parties and the board and hearing such of them as appear and desire to be heard,' for the words 'and hearing the parties and the board,' which appear in subsection 3 of section 44 of the Railway Act, 1903—1584.

On section 2—It provides that the board may accept evidence upon affidavits or written affirmation; also, provides who may administer oaths, and what documents may be accepted as prima facie evidence—1584. This amendment will remove any doubt and is on the recommendation of the commissioners—1585. The chairman of the board states that he was led to suggest this legislation in the interest of speedy dealing with often times trivial matters, and the minimizing of cost—1586. There are large powers of appeal under section 44—1587.

On section 3—This is to allow dividends to be declared without the sanction of the shareholders being first obtained—1589. The action of the C.P.R., in selling at par to shareholders stock that could be sold at a premium is not any violation of the principles which govern all corporations—1589. Explains wherein the argument of Mr. W. F. Maclean is faulty—1590. The premiums belong to the shareholders; they have invested their capital

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and they are entitled to the accretions—1591. The freight rates on the C.P.R., over a great portion of their line, are not subject to the order and direction of the Railway Commission—1592.

On section 4—This amendment is proposed in order to give the minister power to approve of a portion of the route—1594. The map which is filed before the railway committee should be the governing map—1595. A railway may not be prepared to go on with the immediate construction of the entire road, but may not want to be delayed in the construction of a very necessary portion—1596. Explains his interpretation of the section—1597. I deal with it as a question of policy in carrying out the wishes of parliament; but I hold it should be dealt with by the Minister of Railways as a judicial Act—1602. In addition to the map there must be a statement showing and explaining the localities through which the railway will pass—1605. After the matter has passed through the hands of the Minister of Railways the question of details is for the consideration of the Board of Railway Commissioners—1606. We do not require even an order in council for branches under six miles in length—1616. Have a number of amendments in mind, and they might be referred to the special committee which has to deal with amendments to the Railway Act—1617. The regulations of the department require that all applications for approval of a route map should furnish the original map or copies thereof—1618. All parties and interests, so far as they are known, have notice of the day of hearing and of the application—1619.

On section 6—Wants to make some verbal changes in the section—1619. Section 139 of the Railway Act is amplified and made more definite. In all cases where diversion or substitution has been ordered by the board the railway company may expropriate the land—1620. Discusses the powers given to the board and to the Minister of Railways—1621.

On section 7—The words 'payment into court' substituted for the words 'by deposit in a chartered bank designated by him, to the credit of the company and such person or party jointly'—1621.

On section 8—This section is to meet the changed conditions which have arisen in the country with respect to the transmission of power. It will not conflict with municipal drainage laws nor with farmers draining under a railway—1622.

On section 9—The only change is adding the words, 'accommodation and comfort' in the last line but one from the bottom —1623.

On section 10—The change is simply to strike out the word 'serious' as it appears in the original section—1623. The amendments here proposed give the board larger powers with regard to investigations—1624. Messrs Duval and Lalonde were the two gentlemen appointed, and they have held investigations in different parts of the Dominion—1625. The railway companies are interested in holding investigations, and the public interest is thereby safeguarded—1626.

On section 11—This amendment simply adds to the number of officials who should be subject to the penalty. The penalty is ten years—1627. Representation is made on the part of employees of the railways and perhaps it is worthy of consideration —1628.

On section 12—The Department has under consideration improvements in the character of the statistics which the railways shall be required to furnish, and asks power to change the forms from time to time—1628. The power is asked so that the information may be more complete. A Minister of Railways would never require information for other than statistical purposes—1629. The information required is only for the information of parliament and in the interest of the public—1630. Even when the law is conformed to, the information is not as full and comprehensive as it might be; no complaint is made against the great railway corporations in complying with the forms sent out—1631. We want better subdivisions as to the character of the expenditures, and all details respecting the operation of a railway—1632. Quotes what he wants to propose as the 13th section of the Bill—1633. The commissioners not under the Act required to make any report. The annual report would include decisions made by the board. Moves that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again —1634. Intends to move that the telephone clauses be referred to a special committee—1635.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —1599.

On section 4—This section in effect puts upon the Minister of Railways the obligation to see that the instructions of parliament with respect to the location of the line are carried out—1599. The amendment now proposed is intended to meet a difficulty which has arisen by reason of the literal construction which may be placed upon section 122—1600. The general location has to be determined by the Minister as an Act of policy, but after that all the details must be approved by the commissioners—1601. The Minister exercises political control in the sense that he acts as the man responsible to parliament for the execution of the will of parliament—1603. Quotes the Act showing that the Minister should exercise control—1604. If the Minister of Railways does an injustice to a railway company, there is an appeal to the railway commissioners; their power is absolute, subject to appeal—1612. If the sections are taken altogether, not one or two at a time, it works out all right —1613.

On section 6—It practically provides additional cases where land may be taken—

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1620. Assuming that action was taken, the question arises as to whether or not that certificate, having been given by the Minister at a time when the Act was in operation, can be altered, varied or changed—1621.

On section 7—When the money is in court it is under the control of the judge who can order payment—1622.

On section 12—Subsection (c) provides for such other matters as the Governor in Council directs—1634.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—**1603.**

On section 4—Understands the contention of minister to be that he shall have the power to deflect the railway between the points named by parliament, according as he may deem best—1603. How often does it happen that what is best for the road gets a little twist into what is best for the party?—1604.—Is mystified because of divergence of opinion between the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Railways—1606. When the minister arrogates to himself the power to deflect the road, it becomes either a change from engineering considerations or a change from party and political considerations—1607.

On section 11—Why not strike out all the names and make it apply to everybody? —1627.

On section 12—Has the minister the schedule of the information he proposes to ask for?—1629. Does not like the idea of authority in this matter getting out of the hands of parliament—1630.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—**1588.**

On section 2—Have the commission asked for this amendment?—1588.

On section 3—What do you mean by the words 'at and after?'—1589.

On section 4—The power to locate the route is a power that should be vested, not in the executive, but in parliament alone—1594. Objects to giving the general power of location to the minister—1596. Power to prevent a company from holding up a town or village, if not given the right of way ought to the sufficient for the minister—1597. Under the Act of 1903, although the minister had the general approval of the location, it was held by the Minister of Justice that he had not the right of altering the location—1605. If that power is necessary it should be vested in the Railway Commission—1610. The first thing the company does it furnishes the plans, profiles, &c.—1613. Cites the case of an application to shorten the route of the Canadian Pacific between Toronto and Ottawa—1614. Understands that the public may have a right to give evidence before the minister, and that inquiry will be made before any changes are made in the route map—1619.

On section 6—The parties to the expropriation proceedings would have to have notice—1619. Are all the suggestions of the Railway Committee embodied in the Bill?—1621.

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Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—*Con.*

On section 9—Why do you provide that the engines shall use coal instead of wood?—1622. In some sections the purchase of wood may help the settlers—1623.

On section 12—What power have you of compelling them to furnish the statistics? —1631. Would you not require the board to furnish any information which might be asked for from time to time—1634. The minister proposes to refer different clauses of the Bill to two special commissions—1635.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—**1611.**

On section 4—Points out instances of how the present system worked at Battleford and Dauphin—1611.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1625.

On section 10—Our Act does not provide that the Railway Commission should report to the government, so that we might know whether they had investigated the people or not—1625.

On section 11—Thinks the punishment should be graded. It is inconsistent to punish the employee so severely when compared with that given to others—1627.

On section 12—It would be a very incomplete report if the decisions given by the Board were not published or submitted to parliament—1634.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—1620.

On section 6—Asks for instances in which the Railway Commission have come up against difficulties in dealing with matters of this kind—1620.

On section 10—Has the government taken into consideration recently the appointment of a proper official to inquire into railway accidents? Quotes a question made by the late Mr. E. F. Clarke—1623. Quotes figures of killed and injured for the years ending June 30, 1904 and 1905—1624. The Minister of Railways claimed in 1903 that under the new Railway Act the commission had ample power to make full inquiry. Quotes portion of question asked on March 22—1625. Would the Minister of Railways make inquiries regarding the question of accidents we have brought up and find out what the Railway Commission have done?—1626.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —1607.

On section 4—When the very statute which created the Railway Commission was under consideration the exercise of this power was entrusted to the Minister of Railways—1607. If the power be given to the commissioners there is no appeal, but if he left it in the hands of the minister there is behind him the powerful lever of public opinion—1608. The minister has to deal fairly between the company and the public, and he must consider his liability to censure if he does wrong—1609. Understood Mr. Haggart to say that the company should be left to carry out the intention of parliament, without revision by the Board of Commissioners or the Minister of Railways—1610.

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Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1585.

On section 2—It would be well to consider whether it is advisable to give power to the board to accept evidence upon affidavit in cases where objection is made by the other side—1585. Would pointedly call the attention of the minister to the fact that the board exercises very great powers, and its findings have a very decisive effect—1586. It will be the railway company that will produce the affidavit much more frequently than the individual —1587.

On section 4—Section 5 in substitution for section 123 provides that there shall be no deviation by the board of more than a mile from that located by the minister—1612. A provision should be in the Act to compel a railway company seeking incorporation to define specially what they propose to do and to be clearly bound to do only what is authorized by parliament —1615. There might well be a provision that the minister may alter the location only in detail. Objects to omission of words that were in the original section—1616. Thinks section requires a verbal alteration. Suggests that Minister of Railways furnish a copy of proposed amendments to leader of opposition and some others—1617. There is no provision in the Act that the map which goes before the Railway Committee should be retained in the custody of the department—1618. Wants a guarantee that the map should be in the department—1619.

On section 6—Does that mean that the land can be taken by expropriation proceedings in the ordinary way?—1619. What change is being made from the former section—1620. Is the Railway Act of 1888 still in force?—1621.

On section 7—Does the amendment say that the payment into court is to be to the credit of any particular party?—1622.

On section 8—Will it conflict with municipal drainage laws? It seems to be a beneficial amendment—1622.

On section 9—It is optional for the board to make the order or not, and if the people of the neighbourhood did not want it, it would not be made—1623.

On section 10—That is a very good change —1623.

On section 11—At present the punishment applies only to engineers and conductors—1627. The penalty of $50 for selling liquor to a man on duty, knowingly or unknowingly, was pretty severe—1628.

On section 12—It seems to me that the old section is better than the one the Minister proposes to substitute for it—1629. Have all the companies been making returns? —1631.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—1589.

On section 3—Asks for information concerning the Canadian Pacific Railway making application for an increase of capital, their object being to give stock at par to their shareholders instead of selling it at a premium—1589. It will not do to allow the Canadian Pacific Railway, or any other great corporation to give stock to shareholders for less than it will really bring on the market—1590. It is nothing but stock watering—1591. The Canadian Pacific Railway, and all railways, should be compelled by a general Act to utilize their stock in such a way as to reduce the burdens of the public—1593.

On section 4—Believes that the power to deflect the line should rest with the Minister who is responsible for the administration of the Railway Department— 1610.

On section 8—The telephone people have had a lot of trouble getting their wires across railway lines, and there should be some provision made for that—1622.

On section 12—Will the Minister of Railways say when he will take up the telephone clauses? Does he intend to bring in a government measure for the regulation of the tolls of express companies? —1635.

McIntyre, Gilbert H. (South Perth)—1626.

On section 10—Gives an instance of remissness on the part of railway officials that might have caused serious results; no report ever reached the commission—1626.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—1631.

On section 12—Thinks it would be better that a schedule should be prepared and attached to the Act—1631. The present amendment leaves the whole matter in the hands of the Minister of Railways to abolish, vary, or do what he pleases with the schedules—1632. Under the present Act pretty full power is given to the Minister in regard to all the information he may require—1633.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1621.

On section 6—It gives power to expropriate the highway regardless of the wishes of the municipal authorities—1621.

On section 12—What is the meaning of the words, 'The company shall furnish such other information and returns as are, from time to time required by the Minister?'—1629. Have you any reason to believe that if this proposed modification was made, the information would be more easily obtained?—1631.

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House in Committee on Bill (No. 62) to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Mr. Emmerson—2566.

On section 4—Approval of map and location —2571.

On section 5—Subsection 1 of section 123 of the Act is repealed and a substitute provided—2571.

On section 11—Subsection 1 of section 295 of the Act is repealed and a substitute provided — 2572. Section as amended agreed to—2582.

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On section 23—Section 23 of the Act is repealed and section is substituted in lieu thereof—2583.

On new section 21—Subsection 3, of section 175 of said Act is repealed, and subsection is substituted in lieu thereof—2585.

On new section 22—Subsections 1, 2 and 3 of section 106 of the said Act are repealed, and subsections substituted in lieu thereof—2585.

On new section 23—Section 177 of the said Act is repealed, and a section substituted in lieu thereof—2587. Section agreed to—2590.

Amendment to section 178—Section 178 of said Act is repealed, and a section substituted in lieu thereof—2590. Section agreed to—2591.

Amendment to section 114—Subsection 4 of section 114 of said Act is repealed, and a section substituted in lieu thereof—2591.

On section 26—Section 214 of said Act is further amended by adding a subsection as subsection 5—2592.

Amendment to section 253—Section 253 of said Act is amended by adding two subsections thereto—2597.

Amendment to section 303—Subsection 3 of section 103 is repealed, and a section is substituted in lieu thereof—2599.

Progress reported—2601.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—2582.

On section 11—Would it not be better to strike out the words 'conductor and locomotive engineer,' and simply say, 'officer or employee?'—2582.

On section 23—Would it not be well to put these interjected sections the minister is now bringing in immediately after section 13—2587.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—2569.

On section 4—The minister has never yet given a reason in my hearing why the Intercolonial should not be under the control of the Board of Railway Commissioners to the same extent as other railways—2569. Why should any particular section or railway be removed from their jurisdiction? Is the minister more competent to settle questions than the Board of Railway Commissioners?—2570. Members of the cabinet are no more competent to deal with the rate question than the directors of railway companies, probably a great deal less—2571.

On section 11—Why 'knowingly' or 'wilfully'?—2574.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—2600.

I think there should be some provision in the Railway Act under which rural telephone lines may be allowed to cross a railway track without the difficulty which

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they often experience at the present time —2600.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—2567.

On section 4—Has the minister considered the question of amending the Railway Act so as to bring the rates on the Intercolonial Railway under the control of the Railway Commission?—2567. If that is not included in the amendments, it would be only fair to the House that he would give his opinion on that question—2568.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2567.

On section 4—The reference to the committee must be formal or the committee will have no jurisdiction to make inquiry and report—2567. Perhaps if the minister would read the amendments they would be available to us all—2568.

On section 5—Why did this stand over? I presume it was left over for the purpose of enabling the government to take into consideration whether they would not be inclined to adopt the arguments put forth by this side of the House—2572.

On proposed amendments—Are these amendments which have been suggested by the board itself?—2582.

Broder, Andrew (Dundas)—2592.

On amendments to section 114—It ought to be remembered that when they are on time they connect, but if one train is a few minutes late there is no connection —2592.

On amendment to section 214—I have had the same experience in Ottawa. I offered them the money for the berth and they would not take it—2595.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—2568.

Is the statement made by Mr. Blain correct, that the rates on the Intercolonial are half those on other railways?—2568.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—2578.

On section 11—Reads the amendment—2578.

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On section 4—It was my intention to dispose of clauses referring to railway matters and then to send the telephone clauses to a special committee—2566. It is my intention to refer to this special committee the consideration of the Bill introduced by Mr. Alcorn. I do not know exactly what machinery is required, but we will find some—2567. I have a list of the amendments which I propose submitting and a copy of which I have sent to Mr. Haggart. The rates on the Intercolonial were low, but they have been increased recently—2568. I have not the report of the railway accidents; it has been overlooked—2569. The Intercolonial Railway is regulated by the Governor in Council 2570. Approval of map and location was suggested to remove doubt as to whether Minister of Railways could approve a

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portion of the route without approving the whole—2571.

On section 5—There has been quite a number of misprehensions with respect to the power possessed by the Board, and as to how far the route map may be deviated from—2572.

On section 11—Reads section 296 of Railway Act. Under that section, an employee can be punished for violation of a regulation which the Board have power to make. Reads the proposed amendment—2573. On the Intercolonial we have as high a class of men as it is possible to get, but occasionally there are those among them who are weak—2576. In the amendment I have sought to name those who are brought directly in contract with the movement of trains. The superintendent and general manager are not in charge of trains—2577. Under the amendment the offence can be the doing of something that might lead to injury—2578. While this section names certain employees who are recognized to be directly in charge of the trains, it says, 'or other persons'—2579. To remove any possible doubt, I would ask that in the second line of this amendment the words, 'or any other person,' be inserted, so that every official will be included—2581. I have placed in your hands, Mr. Chairman, copies of some amendments. I propose to amend section 23 of the Railway Act by an amendment which has been suggested by the Chairman of the Commission—2582.

On repeal of section 23—Quotes the amendment—2583. Should a railway come into the hands of a receiver such control would only be in accord with the Railway Act—2584. I agree that the words, 'and in all courts,' should be added to the section—2585.

On new section 21—Reads proposed section. This relates to the power of the company to build branch lines not exceeding six miles in length—2585.

On new section 22—Reads proposed section —2585. This provision would enable any one who was being discriminated against in the matter of railway facilities to apply to the Railway Commission to have the matter adjudicated—2586.

On new section 23—Reads amendment to section 177, which is repealed—2587.

On repeal of section 177 and substitution therefor—The Act now provides that anybody or any interest may make application not left to the company to move at pleasure—2588. The Chairman of the Commission has given the matter some thought and I have adopted the view presented by him—2589. I think that in the business interest of every section of Canada this is certainly very wise legislation—2590.

On repeal of section 178 and substitution therefor—This is altered to agree with section 177—2950. I think it is within the power of the Board to make regulations—2591.

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On repeal of subsection 4, of section 114—substitute therefor. This section gives greater power to the board to control the accommodation on trains, in line with the suggestion of Mr. W. F. Maclean—2591. I have a section that will meet the difficulty of trains failing to wait for passengers—2591.

On section 26—Is it not the case on a sleeping car of first come first served?—2593. There is a difference between having a berth reserved and purchasing a ticket 2594. The company could not legally refuse a lower berth to a member travelling on a pass—2595. If the complaint is well founded, it is in the hands of parliament to deal with it—2597.

An amendment to section 253—This is new and is intended to provide reasonable facilities and accommodation in connection with the private sidings and private branch lines—2598. We may remove some grievance by this legislation, but there will be some left for the hon. member for York (Mr. Maclean) to talk about—2599.

On repeal of subsection 3 of section 303 and substitution therefor—This has reference to the statistical returns. In view of the change to be made in the fiscal year, it will be necessary to make this amendment—2599. The scope of legislation proposed in reference to telephones and telegraphs will be found in the sections between 13 and 19, inclusive. That the peoples's rights will not be unduly invaded is provided for measurably under sections 194 and 195 of the Railway Act —2600. I have given you a few amendments to digest. I do not think of any others at the present moment—2601.

Henderson, David (Halton)—2594.

On section 214, amended—I have always been treated with greatest courtesy, and have never been obliged to go 'upstairs' in the past five years, although I have travelled over the different lines many times—2594.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2578.

On section 11—Section 296 is simply a dead letter, because there is not a railway company operated in Canada which does not violate the by-laws and rules of the company—2578. I think perhaps the amendment moved by the minister will meet the views of the representatives of the raiway men—2582.

On new section 21—Would this in any way affect the notice to be given in the case of application to parliament for legislation?—2585.

On substitute for section 178—This amendment is not to compel trains to come to a stop, but for the purpose of allowing them to continue—2591.

On substitute for subsection 4 of section 114—Would not subsection 4 of the old Act cover the case?

On new section 26—The common practice of railways which parallel each other is not merely to transfer passengers, under cir-

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cumstances of delay, but to carry the whole train—2593.

On substitute for subsection 3 of section 303—Has the minister exhausted all the amendments he proposes to make to this Bill—2601.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—2569.

On section 4—Has the minister a report from the secretary of the Railway Commission of the investigation into the causes of accidents on railways in Canada? I suppose we can have the promise of the minister that before the Bill is disposed of we shall have this report—2569.

On section 214, amendment to—I have been refused myself when I wanted to purchase a berth before six o'clock—2595.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—2594.

On section 214, amendment to—I was told in Montreal that I could not have a berth reserved for me if I was travelling on a pass—2594. Am nearly sure that I wanted to purchase a berth at the time—2595.

On section 253, amendment to—Suggests an amendment in reference to the maintenance and operation of stations at points designated by the Railway Commission under clause 204. Instances the case of McTaggart, Saskatchewan—2598.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—**2574.**

On section 11—I do not think that the railway accidents of this country are greatly caused by the drunkenness of any of these classes of employees—2574. I would go for the people who make the money, who insist on undermanning the system, and who make a man work more hours a day than he ought to work—2575. If the evil is there, the man guilty of it should be punished, no matter what grade he occupies in the service—2576. I think the minister told us they had some particular case in mind, and were making a general law based upon a particular case—2577. It is not fair to specially penalize the men who are named in this section when others who are not named may be the really guilty ones—2579. If the law was not as well drawn as it ought to have been in 1903, there is no reason why we should not improve it—2580.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—2595.

On section 26—I wish to corroborate what has been said in regard to the reserving berths on trains—2595.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—2596.

On amendment to section 214—Let me say, for the benefit of the railway companies, that I would like them to try it on with me, because I would have a writ out against them before the expiration of an hour—2596.

On amendment to section 303—There should be a provision that municipalities should have something to say as to telephones and telegraphs passing through and along

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highways—2599. My object is to prevent telephone and telegraph companies from expropriating the reasonable rights of people over their own highways—2600.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—2569.

On section 4—Why should the Intercolonial be under control of the Railway Commissioners? Is Mr. Barker's object to have the Intercolonial put under the Railway Commission so that the freight and passenger rates may be increased?—2569. If you would be good enough, Mr. Chairman, to let the discussion go far enough to allow the hon. member (Mr. Barker) to enlighten the House, that is all I desire—2571.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—2566.

On section 4—Will the Minister say that he will also consign the consideration of telegraph tolls to this committee, and also the regulation of the express companies?—2566. Why not put these three great public services under the control of the Railway Commission now?—2567.

On section 5—As a matter of fact these difficulties of deviation have been worked out—2572.

On section 11—The complaints were made by the railway companies, I suppose?—2573. Suggests that the clause stand for a day or two to enable a conference to be had with some one representing the labour organizations—2581.

On new section 22—I think there ought to be a provision compelling the railways to give anybody or any interest a switch on those terms—2586. I can give a number of specific instances of switching charges—2587.

On repeal of section 178—What provision is made in the Railway Act, when one railway crosses another, to compel it to stop and accommodate passengers on the other line?—2590.

On repeal of subsection 4 of section 114—If a passenger has a ticket on one line of railway and it is not able to deliver him on schedule time, owing to accident or otherwise, his ticket should be good on any other line to the same destination, and the company from which he originally purchased his ticket should stand for the cost—2592. The solution of the sleeping car difficulty is to compel the companies to charge less for the upper than for the lower berth—2597.

On repeal of subsection 3 of section 303—I would renew the suggestion I made that this Bill be immediately printed in its present form—2601.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—2580.

On section 11—I do not see why this particular class of railway employees should be selected for stringent and severe legislation, such as that proposed. I believe them to be as sober and industrious a class of men as are to be found in any employment in this country—2580.

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Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—2591.

On section 114, amendment to—cites the case of a railway train not waiting to connect with a train of another line when the latter is delayed for a few minutes beyond schedule time—2591.

On section 214, amendment—Complains that members travelling on a pass cannot get a lower berth at certain times—2593. A Liberal member said he had discussed it with a railway solicitor who told him that was the order and that parliament would not cancel it—2594. The whole tendency of the railway people is to pack as many people as they can into a car, regardless whether that causes inconvenience to the travelling public or not—2596.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—2581.

On section 11—The men on the railways would all the more unanimously support legislation of this description if it included every influence that would lead to the object aimed at—2581.

Spr[illegible]le, T. S. (East Grey)—2590.

On section 178—When two railways cross on the same level, do you compel them by this amendment to come to a standstill and allow passengers to get on and off?—2590.

On section 214—An idea broached here some few years ago, would help to remedy the evil with regard to sleeping cars, and that is there should be a difference in the charge for an upper and a lower berth—2596.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—2582.

On proposed amendments—From the experience which he (the Chairman of Railway Board) has had?—2582. Before one or more commissioners?—2583.

On section 23—I think your legislation is right, but what would be the effect of the conflict?—2584. I think it would be well to introduce the words 'and in all courts'—2585.

On section 177—Our Railway Act applies to Dominion authority and the amendments proposed would apply to provincial authority—2588. The Railway Act is limited expressly to a railway company under the authority of the parliament of Canada—2588.

House in committee on Bill (62) to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Mr. Emmerson—4068. Amendment made to be inserted as section 7 (a), and subsection 1 of section 137 of the said Act is repealed—4068.

Section 29—Moved by Mr. Emmerson—4076.

Motion that the committee rise and report progress, and ask leave to sit again—Mr. Emmerson. Motion agreed to—4077. Motion that Bill (No. 62) be discharged; and that clauses 22 to 29, inclusive of Bill (No. 62) be referred to a special committee. Motion agreed to—4077.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4071.

It seems to me the Bill uses very comprehensive language, amounting almost to the power of expropriating. Quotes Bill—4071. This proposal may not go further than existing legislation, but I would like it to stand until we could consider it—4072.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—4068.

Subsection 1 of section 137 of the said Act is repealed, and a subsection substituted in lieu thereof, and to be inserted as section 7 (a). Quotes subsection. This is proposed with the express object of authorizing the Board of Railway Commissioners to give running powers to one railway over the tracks of another—4068. It is to the advantage not only of the public, but of the railways themselves that this power should be granted—4069. I do not see how you could frame it otherwise and enable the board to deal with the difficulty—4070. The law clerk of the department conferred with the Chairman of the Railway Commission, and the section is framed by him or under his direction—4071. This seems to be necessary legislation suggested by the experience of the Railway Commission in connection with the settlement of difficulties between railways—4072. I purpose reading an amendment which I will propose in connection with the telephone business, and then the Bill can be referred to a special committee. Quotes the proposed 29th section—4076. I propose that the clause 7 (a) be carried and that the Bill be then referred to the commission—4077.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles—(Minister of Justice)—4069.

This would allow one company to use the tracks of another, to the extent determined by the Railway Commission; it would give the Board power to allow the Canadian Pacific Railway to use the tracks of the Grand Trunk Railway from Toronto to Montreal—4069.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—4069.

Is there no limit? Power might be given a company to run from end to end of another road—4069.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—4070.

Is this change made at the request of the commissioners? It may be necessary to make regulations that will enable several railways to use one track to get to a river, but there is no need of any such power as the minister proposes—4070.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—4071.

The present section seems to contemplate a case where, although the company would not want to make use of the track for its own reasons, the Board might, of their own volition, think it ought to be done, and order it to be done without application—4071. I would like to know some reason why we should give this

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Board power to compel railways to give running rights on the tracks of another railway—4071. Under this section a great injustice might be done, not only to certain railways but to the people—4073. The Railway Commission do not know where railways are wanted as well as members of parliament do. The Minister of Railways ought to put in some words to limit the provision to the case which he has stated—4074. Suggests that the Minister of Railways will change the wording so that, while meeting what he has in mind, it will delegate to the Railway Commission administrative powers only, and not legislative powers—4075. We will go into committee on this Bill again, after it comes back from the special committee—4077.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—4069.

Would this allow the Canadian Northern to ask for running rights over the Canadian Pacific instead of building a new line around the north shore of Lake Superior?—4069. This opens the door for meeting cases where railways are actually throwing money away by building rival lines through certain portions of the country, whereas they might join and have common use of a road already in existence—4071. Put in good, broad terms—4072. It seems to me that this clause has been well thought out by the government, and that it is preparing a way for a change in their policy in regard to the Transcontinental Railway. Instances where benefit of public Bills and Orders Nos. 31 and 34—to the same committee?—4077.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—4072.

You are making a general Act to fit one particular case. It is an extraordinarily wide provision—4072.

House in committee on Bill (62) to amend the Railway Act—Mr. Emmerson—6088.

On section 22—Section stands—6098.

On section 24—Section agreed to—6099.

On section 25, subsection 1—Mr. Emmerson moves that committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again. Motion agreed to, and progress reported—6119.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6098.

On section 24—There is no harm in their giving free telephones; the harm comes in when competition is killed and the victorious company begins to charge—6098. Force the company to give a service for nothing for three years—6099.

On section 25, subsection 1—Why do they not do it now?—6109.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6093.

On section 22—Has the Minister of Railways taken the opinion of the Minister of Justice regarding the drafting of this section?—6093. If the intention is to give all companies access to the station, that might be stated in plainer words than are found in section 193, as now amended

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—6094. One competent person, sitting down with the section by himself, could do more in fifteen minutes than this committee could do in two hours—6095.

Bristol, Edmund (Centre Toronto)—6093.

On section 22—Leave out the words regarding compensation, and leave it subject to such terms as the board may think proper—6093. I would suggest that the words in section 193 referring to compensation should be struck out, and have it read, 'upon such terms as the board deem just and expedient'—6097. It is only to make 193 what I understand the government wish to make it—6098.

On section 24—They tried free telephones in Toronto for a time—6099.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—6106.

On section 25, subsection 1—How will they get your quarter when they deal with another company?—6106. Suppose, instead of twenty 'phones, you have a thousand to serve with the same trunk line, what will you do?—6109. You must take the system of a company in its entirety, it has not only its trunk lines, but its local lines as well—6111. It is not fair that a company that assumes no responsibility whatever, takes no risk and has made no investment, should get the benefit of other people's work—6112. The amendment provides that, when the new company seeks connection, if the first company there are, in the opinion of the board, giving a good service, the second company ought not to get the connection—6113. Do you give credit to the Bell Company to know enough about their business to go to places where there is money?—6114.

Campbell, Archibald (Centre York)—6104.

On section 25, subsection 1—Do you propose that no other company shall have connection with the Bell at all?—6104. We are legislating for the public and we ought to make this Bill as good in the interest of the public as we possibly can—6106. We should not say that because the Bell Company has a line in this town or that village, therefore it shall not give connection to the other independent telephone companies—6107. Quotes clause 25. It provides the modus operandi by which the connection shall be made—6117. There is no object in putting in clause 25, and then putting in an amendment that will merely make it inoperative—6118.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—6090.

On section 22—I do not think this protects Port Arthur and Fort William at all—6090. If this Bill gives the necessary protection, I would not wish to go any further—6091. I cannot understand from that clause that the question of damages is eliminated—6092. Why should there be compensation?—6098. I should be quite content if he will simply leave it to the board without any condition—6096.

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On section 24—Could a company only charge such prices as the commission might fix? —6098.

On section 25, subsection 1—It seems to me that subsection 2 of section 25 gives the Bell Company all the protection that they ought to have—6110. Any other company would do the same—6116.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —6089.

On section 22—Quotes section 193 of the Railway Act. Nothing under the subsection enables them to make such a claim even when there has been an agreement granting an exclusive privilege—6089. Not allowing anything for compensation in any other respect—6090. The question of damages is eliminated—6092. This section was drawn by the former Minister of Justice—6093. To bring any number of telephones to a station would involve having somebody to answer the calls—6094. The larger company could not expect to have the same terms as the smaller one—6095. We leave the question of compensation to the board—6096. I would have to prepare the amendment outside and bring it back here.

On section 25, subsection 1—Moves to amend—6099.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —6105.

On section 25, subsection 1—Was the Bell Company there?—6105.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —6100.

On section 25, subsection 1—In Sherbrooke and vicinity there is a local telephone company which operates in a large number of villages where there is no Bell connection—6100. The case of the telegraph is quite different from the telephone—6102. It is a well understood fact that when a telephone company has a large number of subscribers the service is more expensive—6103. It is not only a matter for the company, but a matter for the subscribers as well—6104. That was not my argument—6114.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6090.

But leaving out entirely all consideration of an exclusive privilege?—6090.

On section 25, subsection 1—It is not necessary that every one of these companies should be put to the expense of making its own trunk line to get from city to city—6108. When the pressure becomes too great then other trunk lines will be built to supply the demand—6109. The demand brings into existence companies that are able to fulfil that demand—6110.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—6096.

On section 22—Simply leave it to the board —6096.

On section 25, subsection 1—Would not these other lines be rather branches en-

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titled to the connection?—6106. That is all right so far as the long distance is concerned, but it is a different matter with regard to the short distance lines—6107. I can see there is a good deal to be said in favour of carrying to its destination a long-distance message—6110. It pays no money and takes no risk with regard to anything that extends beyond its own line—6112. Would he not switch and take the other company at $10 if he gets all that?—6115.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6100.

On section 25, subsection 1—That was not your (Mr. W. F. Maclean's) question—6100. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) think it would be fair that the company charging $10 a year should be able to go to the larger company and demand connection with all its subscribers?—6101. You are not saying in the Bill that the twenty-five cents shall be paid—6102. Quotes amendment made in committee. The amendment, which is proposed to-night, does not go to the extent of the report of the committee—6118.

Johnston, Alexander (Cape Breton)—6105.

On section 25, subsection 1—The committee itself, at considerable expense, brought an expert who gave testimony which was not in line with what the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) states—6105.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6094.

On section 22—It might come in after 'board,' in the second line—6094.

On section 25, subsection 1—What does a rake-off mean?—6112. How do they destroy the Bell company's business if they pay for it?—6113.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6089.

On section 22—Does the hon. Minister (Mr. Emmerson) think that this provision will really allow independent lines into the railway station at a merely nominal expense?—6089. But only such compensation as actual damage entailed by putting the wire in?—6090. Every railway should be compelled to let all its customers have access to its stations on equal terms—6092. Reconstruct this clause, 193, leaving out the whole question of compensation—6093. The board were compelled, under the existing law, to refuse the right—6095. Why not make a declaration here more to the point?—6096.

On section 24—I had a clause drafted in one of the Telephone Bills I presented to this House some years ago where that grievance was met—6098.

On section 25, subsection 1—Does that carry out what clause 25 is supposed to give? —6099. The whole intention of the amendment that was put in by the government was killed by the committee, and this modifies the killing—6100. Why not compel an interchange of business without putting a clause in, which withdraws the connection?—6101. We say on such terms

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as the board may decide—6102. Then you want to prohibit the Bell Company from giving connection with any one?—6104. Quotes Alpheus Hoover, Green River—6105. Each company keeps the tolls it collects on behalf of the other—6106. A man is a subscriber of the Bell Telephone Company because of the connections they give him—6111. Then the wires make money—6112. A man does not get a long-distance service without paying for it—6113. If it is the wish of the government not to compel the companies to interchange business, why are they pretending to give it, and not give it?—6114. The whole thing is covered there—6117.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—6097.

On section 22—I think, as the section stands, it should remain permissive with the board to say what company should be permitted to have connection with the station—6097.

Schell, M. S. (South Oxford)—6107.

On section 25 subsection 1—I should like to call attention to the condition of things in Ingersoll—6107. I hope the committee will be very careful before passing this legislation, and in no way tie up the rural companies which may possibly come before the board to apply for connections with the larger companies—6108.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6089.

On section 22—I would like to ask the hon. minister (Mr. Emmerson) where he considers that there would be any prior claim for compensation?—6089. There ought to be an amendment to the Bell Telephone Company's Bill—6091. I think you should provide that all lines should have equal rights and facilities in the station—6092. Let the board order the company to provide such connection upon equal terms to all companies applying for it—6093. I have sometimes thought that people who draw statutes purposely frame them so that litigation may result—6095. The object is to allow them to come in on equal terms—6097.

On section 25, subsection 1—It does not make any difference to the large or the small company so long as they get their share of the amount in the proper proportion—6102. It does not say paralleling—6106. How could a company build a line without expending money or taking a risk?—6112. It was stated that the larger the number of telephones on the Bell line increased the value of its telephons to the individual—6114. If the business increases would they not simply increase the number of their wires, and would they not derive an increased profit from each of these wires?—6115.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—6115.

Mr. Sise, in his evidence, stated that he was willing to give connection with independent companies provided they were properly standardized, and also where

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there was no competition. Quotes evidence of Mr. Winfield—6115. I trust that this Bill will not permit the Bell Company to enter municipalities without the consent of the municipalities—6116.

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On section 21 (a)—Mr. Emmerson moves section 21 (a) relating to express companies—6183. Mr. Emmerson moves to amend—6187, 6188. Section as amended agreed to—6194.

Section 10—Mr. Galliher suggests amendment. Amendment agreed to. Section as amended agreed to—6195.

On section 15—Mr. Knowles moves to amend 6197.

On section 16 (reconsidered)—Mr. Emmerson moves to amend section 137 of the original Act. Amendment agreed to—6200.

On new section 21—Mr. Emmerson moves new section—6200. Section agreed to—6201. Mr. Emmerson moves to amend section 229 of the Railway Act—6201. Amendment agreed to—6202. Mr. Emmerson moves to amend section 276 of Railway Act. Motion agreed to—6202.

On section 22—Mr. Emmerson moves to amend section 193 of the original Act—6203. Section agreed to—6204.

On section 25—Mr. Emmerson moves to amend—6205. Mr. Maclean moves amendment—6233. Amendment (Mr. Maclean) negatived; amendment (Mr. Emmerson) agreed to—6240. Subsection 2 agreed to—6240. Mr. Alcorn moves to amend—6240. Amendment negatived: yeas, 21; nays, 36—6243.

Mr. Emmerson moves that committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again. Motion agreed to, and progress reported—6243.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—6184.

On section 21—These are the clauses by which the Minister of Railways has seen fit to expropriate my Bill with reference to express companies—6184. I asked to have the words put in to make it plain that goods carried by water should come within the purview of the Bill—6185. I thought that water carriage was sufficiently important to make it abundantly clear that it was included in any case—6187. The remarks I made with regard to the other amendment equally apply to those—6188. The minister said that the company was the railway company, and

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there was no necessity to define the term 'express company'—6189. The definition of 'company' in the general Act will not apply to the amendments he now submits—6190. I do not think the minister's Bill is more far-reaching as to the business it effects than the original Bill was—6191. On section 25—Am I correct in understanding that the motion as made, I believe by the Minister of Railways, is to substitute the contents of his motion for subsection 1 of section 25?—6239. I propose an amendment with reference to the proprietors of rural telephone systems—6240. I am not distinguishing between long distance and local—6241. A local company was compelled, in order to secure connection with the Bell, to agree to confine their operations to two townships—6242. Each person who takes a telephone is not a proprietor; the company is initiated by and belongs to one or two individuals—6243.

Aylesworth, A. B. (Minister of Justice)—6240.

On section 25—I was born on a farm, and I learned on the farm that the farmer's best friend is not the man who makes pretentions, and after the loudest fashion proclaims his friendship—6240.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—6184.

On section 21—Mr. Alcorn may justly accuse the Minister of Railways of stealing his thunder and, I am afraid, that in the theft the minister has lessened the effect—6184.

On section 25—What would be the result in this country if we only had one company?—6226. The telephone service is of the greatest possible importance to the agricultural community—6227.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6229.

On section 25—If any one of 60 or 75 companies would be entitled to use the long-distance line, I say we are making bad legislation—6229. The telephone system is the essense of monopoly in the good sense of the word—6230. The Bill before us provides that the telephone service shall be controlled by the Railway Commission—6231. My hon. friend (Mr. Bourassa) spoke about the way the mails are carried; he can do the same thing in the case of the telephone companies—6233. Did you hear any one calling the Bell company a bugaboo?—6234. We have in Montreal the Merchants and the Bell—two good systems—6235. I can telephone from my office in Montreal for the connection with Ottawa and it will be given to me before it will be given to the pay station—6236. Would that mean that if half a dozen farmers had a little telephone between themselves they could tap the long distance system?—6241. Then, how can they connect? Would they carry a line to the next station?—6242.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6185.

On section 21—When were these words which you propose to omit put in?—6185.

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Does not the Railway Act cover the case of goods conveyed partly by rail and partly by water?—6186. What is the meaning of the word 'company' in the first clause of section 1?—6188. I am afraid that the use of the word 'company' in this way will bring about a good deal of confusion—6189. Do you say that it is express if it goes by one particular train, and it is not express if it goes by another train—6192. The minister permits only one express company to carry on business on the I. C. R.—at least that statement is made, and I do not recollect that it was denied—6193.

On section 16 (reconsidered)—No Railway Commissioner in his senses would ask you to pass a section of that kind—6198. Is not the board as good a tribunal as an arbitrator?—6199.

On section 229 of Railway Act—They may be unnecessarily interfering with traffic, although within the five minutes' limit, and this is to enable the board to prevent them from doing that—6201.

On section 22—That is a question for the board—6203. The minister's argument is that the board would not permit the descrimination if under the Act it could take place—6204.

On section 25—The argument was: A company having trunk lines may operate these trunk lines at a loss, but operate the whole system at a profit—6237. The point I intended will be covered by inserting the words, 'incorporated company' in the first section—6241. If they were joint proprietors in the undertaking the word 'person' would cover it—6243.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—6231.

On section 25—The people who founded the Bell Company showed considerable business spirit, and they have made money—6231. There is no doubt that telephones as well as telegraphs will have to be controlled by the state before many years pass—6232. The Bell Company's objections against connections were entirely futile, as they discovered when forced to make the connections—6233. The moment there is a transmission by the Bell Company of the messages of another company, do not the Bell Company get a share of that price?—6234.

Campbell, Archibald (Centre York)—6221.

On section 25—The amendment of the Minister of Railways is going to be a great advantage to the public by reason of the independent lines getting connection with the trunk lines—6221. The people of this country will not allow the Bell Company to refuse connection with their lines—6222. It would be an advantage to every telephone company to have connection with the subscribers of another company in the same locality—6223.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—6202.

On section 22—The board can fix the terms, but the clause as drawn was on the assumption that the telephone company

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would be compelled to pay the railway company—6203. I cannot see that the original section 193 gains any force by the minister's amendment—6204.

On section 25—How much does the independent company charge?—6222. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Galliher) mean that there must never be any competition in telephones in British Columbia?—6225. I have not heard any good reason for this amendment advanced—6234. The Bell Company get the worst of it; they had their Canadian patents disallowed—6235. I cannot see how any railway, telegraph or telephone system can possibly be injured by being given more customers, more business and more money—6236. How is that long-distance line going to be injured by having other subscribers to use it and to pay tolls for the use of it?—6237. I think the committee ought to have some reasonable time to consider this Bill—6238.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—6183.

On section 21—Moves section 21 (a) relating to express companies—6183. We do not undertake to control rates on steamers. Suggests an amendment—6182. Quotes a proposed subsection—6185. Assuming that the Railway Commission has jurisdiction, we are providing for that in this section with respect to express rates—6186. It was not the intention to control express rates where the transportation was wholly by water or by teams, but only when it was by water, rail and teams or otherwise—6187. Moves amendment—6187. Moves that clauses 10 and 11 be added—6188. We wanted to leave the general definition of 'company' as it is in the Railway Act—6189. We hold the railway company responsible for the express company that does business over that railway—6190. We can regulate all the express traffic. Mr. Alcorn's Bill only regulated interprovincial traffic. Quotes Alcorn Bill—6191. If that section is agreed to, I would like to go back to subsection 6, as I have an amendment to make. Quotes amendment—6192. Both companies do business on the Intercolonial Railway; the Dominion Company carries goods from St. John to Halifax—6193. Certain sections of the Intercolonial Railway are served by the Canadian Express Company exclusively, for economic reasons, but another portion of the road is open to both companies—6194. Moves to insert the word 'tunnel' after the word 'canal'—6195.

On section 15—On the Intercolonial Railway a man must spend a term of years as fireman before he is promoted to be an engineer. The brakemen are promoted in the same way—6196. Moves to amend section—6197.

On section 16 (reconsidered)—Suggests an amendment—6197. The Railway Commission suggested the amendment in the interest of public safety. Quotes amendment submitted—6198. They could not expropriate, but if they acquire the property with his consent, they may build their siding. Another question is the rights of municipalities—6199. Proposes new section 21. Moves to amend section 137 of the original Act—6200. Proposes to amend section 229 of the Railway Act—6201. Moves that section 276 of said Act be repealed and section substituted in lieu thereof—6202.

On section 22—Proposes amendment to section 193 of original Act—6203. The case of each station is determined on its merits—6204.

On section 25—Proposes change in section. This limits the telephone connection to long distance—6205. The moment you have a connection made each company is in a position to avail itself of the lines of the other company—6227. You call up the connecting point and the two lines are brought in contact, and you ask for some one along that line of service and you talk to him—6228. The power will have the power to fix the terms—6229. The second subsection of section 25 limits the connection to companies of equal standing—6239. Moves that committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again—6243.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6241.

On section 25—If they could obtain all these privileges by obtaining an Act of incorporation would they not do it?—6241. Whether wisely or not we have settled that, and confined them to long distance telephones—6242.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—6193.

Section 21 (a)—It is always billed as express—6193. Draws attention to section 10 in the reprinted Bill and suggests amendment—6194.

On section 25—Let them stand on their own feet—6223. What will be the position of our telephone system in British Columbia if this is given—6224. It is a new principle in legislation to force a company share its facilities with another company that does not pay for it—6225. The people do not suffer any disadvantage, because they can go and get that service—6226.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—6185.

On section 21—You do not take into consideration the delivery—6185.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6200.

On new section 21 (a)—I think this section is possibly intended to meet a case in the city of London, although its application will be general—6200. I think it exactly fits that case—6201.

On section 25—This matter was very fully discussed last evening both with regard to the full connection and the long dis-

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tance connection—6207. It settles for all time to come the question of long distance telephone connection—6208. If they desire to interchange there is no law to prevent them—6209. The main motion is section 25; the amendment is moved by the Minister of Railways, and the amendment to the amendment by the member for South York (Mr. Maclean)—6239. This does not use the word 'company,' but 'corporation'—6242. All that is requisite is to have authority to construct and operate—6243.

Johnston, Alexander (Cape Breton)—6210.

On section 25—Would the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) mention the instances to which he refers?—6210.

Knowles, W. E. (Assiniboia West)—6195.

On section 15—The railway brotherhoods have asked the Railway Commissioners to make certain regulations and the Commissioners say that they have no power to deal with them—6195. I would ask the minister to consent to amend this section so as to give the necessary power—6196.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6199.

On section 16 (reconsidered)—What is the meaning of the words, 'on terms to be fixed by the Board'?—6199.

On section 229 Railway Act—Why should we not enact it without the opinion of the Board?—6202.

On section 22—Is it not possible the company would claim compensation and say it is outside the terms?—6203.

On section 25—If the Board of Railway Commissioners order a proper toll where is the harm?—6215. If these facts, if they be facts, were presented to the Railway Commission, there would be ample justification for ordering an increased rate—6216.

On section 25—You have been doing it for half a century by taking the farmers' land away from them—6225.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—6236.

On section 25—That is not the argument; it is only the hon. gentleman's (Mr. Conmee) assumption of the argument—6236. The Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) has done better than to say 'a word' for farmers; he has done something for farmers—6240.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6184.

On section 21—I think under clause 7 the board will have the power to define what is express matter—6184. In the committee, the way the minister proposed to approach the question was by taking jurisdiction over express tolls—6190. So far as I can see the minister is dealing with the matter in the right way—6191. Would not section 7 cover that?—6193. That was all fought out years ago, and it ended disastrously for the rival of the country that was doing the express business—6194.

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On section 15—For what official brotherhoods is my hon. friend (Mr. Emmerson) speaking?—6196.

On section 16 (reconsidered)—Would that cover the regulation of devices for the protection of the public at railway crossings?—6198. Not against the other man's rights—6199. Will the minister please explain that?—6200. There ought to be some regulation to compel one road to give to another road switching and siding connections, and the whole carriage should be charged as one proposition—6201.

On section 22—It pays the company to have these telephones—6203.

On section 25—The promise was made that the government would compel the interchange of telephone service of all kinds between one company and another—6205. In some mysterious way this government is always changing its mind with regard to the Bell Company—6206. If it is the determination of the government to limit this interchange to long distance business, it certainly does not meet the views of the public—6207. The Minister of Railways has not yet dealt with a number of amendments that he has prepared—6208. Is it here provided that any local company may use the Bell long distance system?—6209. Local companies declared they had been refused communication because they did not come to terms with the Bell company—6210. It has never been shown that reciprocal relations between telephone companies is a damage to either—6211. The Board will regulate the tolls—6214. Can a non-subscriber go into an office and get the use of that service by paying toll?—6215. It is a good Liberal doctrine to trust the people all the time, but you seem to forget it—6216. There are many farmers' lines in the county of York. Quotes testimony of Mr. Oughtred—6223. The Board has power to regulate only in respect to long distance telephones—6228. Moves to amend by striking out the words 'long distance' in two places—6233. I would like to ask the minister if he will not print this whole Bill before the third reading?—6243.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—6238.

On section 25—The hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) cannot assume that he is the only gentleman of the committee—6238.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—6225.

On section 25—It is surprising to be told that additional business will destroy a company. Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Galliher) explain by what process that will come about—6225.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—6239.

On section 25—I would suggest that the amendment be so changed as to include systems owned by a province, a municipality, a corporation, a person or persons—6239. 'Person or persons' would do it better—6241. Why insist on incorporation?—6242.

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Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6233.

On section 25—My hon. friend from Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) loses sight completely of the principle of compensation—6233. The way to carry out the idea of Mr. Bourassa would be to expropriate the company and give it compensation—6234.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—6218.

On section 25—The amendment as proposed by the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Hyman) is one the principle of which was not supported in the committee—6218. There is a growing feeling against considering the interests of invested capital; it is a feeling that should not be encouraged—6219. A long-distance line goes to enormous expense; there is no reason why it should be asked to lease the line it has built to rival—6220. We could well let this matter stand for the present, and probably deal with it next session—6221.

On section 25—Is it desirable that this power should be given to an aggregation of individuals who are not incorporated—6241.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—6211.

On section 25—He (Mr. W. F. Maclean) will find nothing in the evidence of all the experts who were brought here that will justify his position. Quotes evidence of Mr. A. S. Tetu—6211. The evidence of all the experts disproves the statements he is now making—6212. The amendment proposed by the government practically leaves the decision with the Board of Railway Commissioners—6213. I am prepared to admit that if you increased the number of your local exchanges they would be feeders to your trunk system—6214. In the case of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company, they are today carrying messages over their trunk lines at a less rate than they can possibly do the business at—6215. If this amendment declares that the board must do certain things it is still a dangerous power to give them—6216. I said that lines built over the mountains without any intervening population for twenty-five or thirty miles, connecting towns, did not pay—6217.

Schell, M. S. (South Oxford)—6227.

On section 25—Suppose that one company should refuse to reciprocate, will it be compelled to do so?—6227. Will the Bell Company be compelled to transmit business over the rural lines to offset the business that comes from these rural lines to the Bell Company?—6228. I would like to put in the words 'an interchange of business that is transmitted from one line to the other'—6229.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6184.

On section 21—It seems to me you ought to include the land carriage by stages as well—6184.

On section 15—I have often thought that it would also be desirable that there should

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be uniformity in the operation of electric railways—6197.

On section 16 (reconsidered)—If you grant that right, you take away the power of the Commission to prevent discrimination—6199.

On section 229 of Railway Act—Could the Board give them a longer period than five minutes?—6201.

On section 22—I think you should go further and say there shall be no discrimination—6202.

On section 25—What about connection with the local service?—6205. Are they running it at a loss because there is not enough business over the trunk line?—6214. Under this amendment there is no provision that the Railway Commission can compel the connection of these two lines—6216. The people of the country know what they want, and they know that this will not meet the requirement—6217. At Stouffville during the election in which the Minister of Justice was successful, his friends contended that he would act in the interest of the farmers—6239. I leave it to them to settle with their member when he gets back—6240. You do not bring them within this Act then, because the Act does not provide for local companies getting interchange with one another—6241. Could they not act as a company?—6243.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—6238.

On section 25—The minister who has charge of this Bill has locked up his papers and gone home, and I think it is time the rest of us did so, too—6238.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—6238.

On section 25—If the Bell Company are willing to accept this amendment, there is no harm done—6238. The arrangement has been made on a mutual basis that is satisfactory to all concerned—6239.

House in committee on Bill (62) to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Mr. Emmerson—7065. Mr. Lancaster moved to amend—7065. Amendment agreed to—7069.

On section 18—Mr. McCraney's motion to amend. Motion agreed to—7069. Mr. Lancaster moves to amend. Motion agreed to—7070. Mr. Lancaster moves to amend—7079. Mr. Emmerson moves subamendment 7082. Subamendment of Mr. Emmerson agreed to: Yeas, 56; nays, 23—7092. Mr. Lancaster's amendment negatived: Yeas, 27; nays, 61. Section as amended agreed to—7092.

On section 20 (reconsidered)—Mr. Staples moves to amend—7093. Amendment negatived—7105.

Mr. W. F. Maclean moves to amend. Amendment negatived: Yeas, 81; nays, 105—7114.

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Mr. Sproule moves that Bill (62) be referred back. Amendment negatived: Yeas, 21; nays, 86—7115.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—7079.

On section 18—It seems to me that the definition given of the word 'municipality' in section 25 is quite sufficient for the protection of all interests—7089.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7067.

Would the minister (Mr. Emmerson) be good enough to explain the word 'qualifications' in section 18, line 31?—7067.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) 7098.

On section 20 (reconsidered)—I do not think public ownership is a practical question in this country. A proposition of this kind, if it became law, would in all human probability be promptly disallowed in Great Britain—7098. I see no difference between the works and the property of the Bell Telephone Company and the works and property of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company—7099. I did not say anything about hoping in regard to the day when public ownership might come to be a practical question—7100.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—7091.

On section 18—I think every person in this House must admit that class legislation is bad—7091. I am prepared to vote to place the municipalities in the same positions as the cities, towns and villages—7092.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7065.

Would the train through Westmount have to go at the rate of only twelve miles an hour?—7065. How is the law now?—7066. I think the object of this motion is to force a company owning a trunk line to concede the interchange of messages locally, and not only in regard to long distance service, as passed in the committee—7115.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—7075.

On section 18—Is there protection in the Bill for villages that are not incorporatted? I did not so understand it—7075. Might I ask the hon. gentleman (Mr. Kemp) how a non-incorporated village could speak unless through the council of the municipality?—7077. The suggestion which has been made by the Minister of Railways assists the case very much—7085. If this matter had been threshed out on the floor of the House we would have had it all settled in a much shorter time—7086. Why not send it to some of the general committees where a large number of the members of the House have an opportunity of hearing the discussion?—7087.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7067.

Is this in substitution of subsection 10 of section 27 of the Bill as printed?—7067.

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I am not discussing the principle, but simply stating what the law would mean as embodied in this section—7080. I dont know what the statute may be in Ontario, but apart from the statute, a municipality is not liable for malfeasance—7083.

On clause 20 (reconsidered)—It is the conferring of a power which can be recalled at any moment—7103. I have known the imperial government to invoke the expropriation powers which are vested in the Minister of Militia, for the purpose of expropriating land in Halifax—7104.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—7088.

On section 18—It may be said the people are protected because if the company does damage to any of those properties, the owners may proceed against it—7088. The line must be drawn between local government and no local government—7089. At the same time I do not think we should make any distinction between rural municipalities and villages and towns—7090.

Bristol, Edmund (Centre Toronto)—7080.

On section 18—It would be safer to put in the word incorporated—7080.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—7073.

On section 18—This is not only for Ontario but for the Dominion—7073. Why not use the word 'hamlet,' which will cover the whole ground?—7078. You could not build a long distance telephone if you have to go to every municipality beforehand—7081.

Cochrane, Edward (East Northumberland)—7072.

On section 18—It will give full protection to an incorporated city, town or village, but I would like to impress upon the committee the necessity of guarding the rights of municipalities other than these—7072. The word 'scattered' is not in it—7073. You are not protecting municipalities other than incorporated cities, town and villages—7074.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—7078.

On section 18—There cannot be such a thing as village that is not incorporated; it has no organization and it could not be heard—7078. Even though technically the word 'village' might have a certain meaning, you might have to take a suit at law to determine what it meant—7080. Before the Bill is reported, I would draw attention to the fact that subsection 2 of section 22 of the Bill, as first printed, has been omitted in the second print—7092.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —7065.

As I understand the matter, every section in the second reprint of this Bill, as amended in Committee of the Whole, has been passed upon and approved by this committee—7065. I would suggest that, in the subsection, instead of fixing the date the 1st of July, 1907, we allow the date to

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be fixed by the Board of Railway Commissioners. Wants to add to section 27—7066. It is only to provide for giving the companies time. It is practically a matter between the Board and the companies engaged in the express business—7067. The law does not come into effect on the 1st of November next, unless the companies go before the Board and make application for an extension of time, and show good cause therefor—7068.

On section 18—I am quite willing that the suggestion of Mr. McCraney should be accepted, and that we strike out these words, 'and the qualifications or time service required'—7069. I am in accord with the suggestion of Mr. Lancaster on subsection 2, but it seems to me we might put in the word 'such' after the word 'any'—7070. I suggest that we strike out the words 'within the limits of any city, town or village.' What does the word 'municipality' mean?—7071. Would it meet the views of the hon. member (Mr. Lancaster) to insert after the word 'village' the words 'incorporated or otherwise'?—7079. Moves to amend—7082. The authority given to the company does not carry with it the authority to act in a negligent manner—7083. In New Brunswick they only have semi-annual meetings—January and July—7084. The object of the reference to the special committee is to give all parties and interests an opportunity of hearing and being heard—7087. There is a provision with respect to that—7088. I wish simply to call the attention of the committee to the effect of the proposed amendment moved by my hon. friend from Lincoln (Mr. Lancaster)—7092. You will find that in section 17 of the reprinted Bill—7093. The two-cent rate is not on the Maine system and not all over Michigan—7106. Passenger rates must be governed very largely by population and the extent of travel. In the States the railway systems are divided into zones—7107. On the Intercolonial the rate was two cents by mileage book, and we have on the Intercolonial to-day a second-class rate of two cents—7108. Will my hon. friend (Mr. Herron) tell me the name of the railway company that charges five cents a mile—7111.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—7077.

On section 18—It seems to me we have gone a long way when we provide that incorporated cities, towns and villages have to be consulted before a telephone company can set up its poles—7077.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—7069.

It is better that a definite time should be fixed for the termination of these contracts—7069.

Herron, John (Alberta)—7110.

I brought the attention of the Minister of Railways (Mr. Emmerson) last year to the enormous charges of some of our

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western roads—7110. The Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company charges five cents a mile. The chartered roads have a monopoly, and when they have that advantage they use it—7111.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7109.

I can speak for Victoria County. The people do not want this two-cent agitation—7109. With our present advantages we cannot afford to indulge in the fads which this hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) wishes to impose upon the people—7110. How is the fare on the Erie?—7112. I have the honour of using the word 'faddist' in reference to the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean). I have seen no reason to change my mind—7115.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7077.

On section 18—In the committee the word 'incorporated' was struck out in order that the legislation might apply to any village—7077. Why not put in the words 'village, incorporated or otherwise'? I am going to vote for the Bill as it stands—7078.

Lalor, F. R. (Halidmand)—7081.

On section 18—We cannot prevent the telephone lines from being built through a municipality, but I think the municipal authorities should be consulted as to where the poles should be placed—7081. The line between Ottercliffe and Dunnville is a menace to people using the highway, dangerous because horses running away may run into it—7082. I am in sympathy with the resolution of the hon. member for South York (Mr. Maclean). I believe a two-cent rate would be as great an advantage to the railway as to the public—7112. The railways probably find it necessary to reduce the freight rates on account of the increased revenue which they would receive from passenger traffic—7113.

Lancaster, A. E. (Lincoln and Niagara)—7065.

Moves to amend 20a. This is the result of the deliberations of the special committee to which was referred Bill (8), commonly known as my amendment, in regard to level crossings—7065. The effect of this is that the company has to get an order from the Board to regulate the speed and protection. Would suggest as an alternative that we make the date the 1st of January, 1908—7066.

On section 18—In section 35 there is clearly a critical error. Quotes subsection 2. The reason for protecting the one must apply to the other—7070. That would be all right if you would strike out these words, 'city, town or village,' and insert 'municipality'—7071. It would not destroy the line, because the council could be brought before the Railway Commission and be compelled to assent—7073. You are exactly under the same responsibility to the provincial government as a city town or village—7074. The very rea-

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son for putting in 'incorporated village' and then 'not incorporated' is a reason for putting in the word 'municipality' to cover that—7075. In my part of the country many parts of the townships are more thickly populated than many parts of the villages—7076. The only reasonable course is to make this legislation apply to all municipalities—7077. Moves to strike out the words, 'city, town or village,' and insert in lieu thereof the word 'municipality.' The companies can not have any harm done to them by my amendment, but can do a lot of harm if my amendment does not carry—7081. That goes somewhat farther than the printed Bill, but still it does not go so far as I think it ought—7082. The Ontario Statute is exactly the other way—7083. We all have a brief to represent the constituencies that elect us—7084. If a municipality of a township is not responsible for damages that may occur on a highway, then a city, town or village is not —7085. What is the provision for that?—7088. The hon. minister (Mr. Emmerson) by putting in a sub-amendment cannot prevent a vote on my amendment—7092.

On clause 20 (reconsidered)—This amendment is not limited to the province of Manitoba, but is applicable to the whole Dominion—7100. It is all very well to say that in somebody's opinion the whole of the Dominion will never become anxious for public ownership of telephone systems—7101. If it is said that the post office, which sends messages at a slow rate, should be controlled, and that the telephone, which sends messages at a quicker rate, should not be—7102. Does not the hon. gentleman (Mr. Lalor) realize that the freight rates should go up just in proportion as you arbitrarily force the passenger rate down?—7113.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—7068.

Should not there be a definite limitation of the extension of time? Have the companies asked for this limitation?—7068. By making new contracts they could have the enforcement of the law constantly enforced. I understand this amendment meets all the views of the representatives of the organized brotherhood—7069. Telephone lines radiate in every direction from Toronto through township, yet under this law, there would be no protection to the people—7073. That does not cover a township—7075. How would the hon. gentleman settle the case of the township of York?—7078.

On section 18—I believe that the word 'municipal' does cover it—7080. This amendment proposes to empower any province to take over the telephone service in that province—7096. The people of this country are in favour of public ownership—7096. I would just as soon see the telephone system owned by the provinces and municipalities—7097. I wish to point out why the province wants this power—7099. The people of Ontario and the people of North York largely believe in the policy of municipal ownership—7100. Moves an amendment. In the United States most of the railways are carrying passengers at two cents a mile and are finding it profitable—7105. Quotes speech of Congressman Sulzer—7106. No, the New York and New Haven, a much larger concern. It did by legislative enactment in New York and Michigan—7107. Two and a half cents is the best rate in Canada—7108. Would the hon. gentleman (Mr. Herron) say what the Canadian Pacific Railway charge in Alberta?—7111. All the other roads have to give a two-cent rate because one gives it—7112. The amendment is to make the interchange what it should be—an interchange of service without limitation between all telephone lines, on the principle of fair compensation—7115.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—7087.

On section 18—It is abundantly evident that when this company was originally chartered we gave them too many privileges. The Bell Company should not remain at liberty to place their poles as their convenience demands—7087.

Martin, Thos. (North Wellington)—7088.

On clause 18—I would like to protest against the clause going through without amendment—7088. It is a crying shame to pass an Act without giving the townships protection—7092.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—7083.

On section 18—I would like to say why I was in favour of leaving out unorganized territories and rural municipalities—7083. If the amendment carries we will be putting unnecessary trouble and, in many cases, very unnecessary expense upon county councils and rural municipalities —7084.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—7072.

On section 18—The only thing that was left for the Bell Company was the right to build their lines in rural districts. It covers every village in every municipality in the Dominion of Canada—7072. The Bill was drawn to cover incorporated villages—7078. I have yet to hear one objection raised in any of the municipalities in my county in regard to any of the telephone companies operating in them—7079.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—7073.

On section 18—The point that the hon. member for South York (Mr. Maclean) has raised is covered by the clause as it now reads—7073. You protect by this clause towns and villages whether incorporated or not—7074. You can add after village, 'whether incorporated or not incorporated,' that is the intention—7075. The municipalities were perfectly satisfied with the amendment as it came from the sub-committee—7076.

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Smith, E. D. (Wentworth)—7113.

It would be unfair for this parliament to compel a road to operate at a loss—7113. The Railway Board have the power to regulate passenger rates—7114.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7068.

In the event of loss and any suit arising, would the fact of these regulations having been approved by the board make it legal where otherwise it would not be legal?—7068.

On section 18—If you stop at 'highway,' we have it all included—7071. Township municipalities with us are ten to twelve miles square—7074. A municipality in Grey county had to pay damages to a man who was upset by striking against a telegraph pole when driving, because the pole was put in an improper place, although they had not been consulted as to where the pole should be placed—7079. The council did not discharge their duty, and they were mulcted in $1,000 damages—7082. The time will come when we shall insist upon a two-cent passenger rate, but I am not in favour of making that rate apply all over the country—7108. Moves that Bill be referred back to committee with instructions to amend—7115.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—7093.

On section 20 (reconsidered)—The object of this clause is to give a province the right to expropriate. Quotes recommendations of legislative committee—7093. A memorial was forwarded to this government. The provincial government are ready to give the people a system of telephones at first cost—7094. Moves amendment—7095.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7067.

Why not, instead of leaving it to the discretion of the board, extend the time six months longer, if necessary?—7067.

On section 18—It is a question of taking away rights that have already been given—7090. I think the amendment proposed by the Minister of Railways is a reasonable one, and I shall vote for it—7091.

On clause 20 (reconsidered)—Why should Manitoba want power to expropriate a section of the Bell Telephone Company, and by that means destroy that system?—7097.

Wright, A. A. (South Renfrew)—7090.

On section 18—I think the rights of municipalities should be protected as well as those of any other interests—7090.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT — SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Consideration of amendment made by the Senate to Bill (62) to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Mr. Emmerson—7570. Order allowed to stand—7570.

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Emmerson, Hon. H. (Minister of Railways)—7570.

As the hon. member for Lincoln and Niagara (Mr. Lancaster) is away because of bereavement in the family the government will let Bill stand—7570.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7570.

Are there any important Senate amendments?—7570.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7570.

My hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) being away we will not take the Railway Bill—7570.

RAILWAY ACT, 1903, AMENDMENT—CONCURRENCE.

Motion for concurrence to amendments made by the Senate to Bill (62) to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Hon. H. R. Emmerson—7639. The Speaker having called for the 'yeas' and 'nays' declared the 'nays' had it, and certain hon. gentlemen having risen to call for a division, the Speaker said, 'call in the members!' House divided on the motion. Motion agreed to: Yeas, 64; nays, 24—7646.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7642.

The course which was taken by the select committee was a course in accordance with the suggestion of the then Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick)—7642. Quotes former Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick); quotes Bill; reads subsection 2—7643. No railway company incurs any danger of punishment provided it runs over these crossings at a speed not exceeding ten miles an hour; I object to this clause being struck out of the Bill—7644-5.

Elson, P. (East Middlesex)—7640.

Would like to ask the Minister of Railways and Canals if the special committee gave any consideration to the better protection of level crossings in rural municipalities—7640. Instances a number of accidents that have occurred at level crossings; hopes minister (Hon. H. R. Emmerson) will give better protection to the public at level crossings throughout the country—7641.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—7639.

Among the amendments presented there is only one deserving of consideration—7639. By this amendment we were taking the onus or burden from the Board of Railway Commissioners and placing it upon the railways themselves to see that every crossing was protected. I am in sympathy with the object sought to be attained and will give it my earnest consideration during recess—7640.

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McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—7645.

It is a great pity that the Senate with so little consideration should have thrown out the clause especially recommended by the select committee; hopes House will insist that next session some further legislation will be initiated by the Minister of Railways for the protection of life —7645.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7641.

Quotes amendment proposed by special committee; if we compelled the railway companies to protect all level crossings as provided by the Bill when first introduced it would cost $1,500,000 for the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific Railway to make the change. There should be some legislation for the protection of property and life in connection with our Canadian railways—7642.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT—MR. CONMEE.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (152) to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Mr, Conmee —2451. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—2452.

Conmee, James (Thunder Bay and Rainy River) —2451.

The object of the Bill is to amend the existing Railway Act, so as to make the railway company liable in case of an animal being killed on the track within the limit of a surveyed township, an organized township, or a union of townships settled or partly settled—2452.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT, BILL (6)—MR. LANCASTER.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (6) to further amend the Railway Act, 1903—Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—17. Motiou agreed to and Bill read the first time—18.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—17.

This Bill is required to correct what is doubtless an unintentional piece of legislation passed in 1903, by which a landowner, in case of an arbitration by a railway company, is precluded from expediting measures and getting the matter determined—18.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT, BILL (6)—MR. LANCASTER.

Motion for second reading of Bill (6) in amendment of the Railway Act, 1903—Mr. Lancaster—456. Motion read the second time, considered in committee and reported —458.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —458.

It was my intention to introduce this amendment, but as the hon. gentleman has preceded me, I can see no objection to its going through—458.

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Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—456.

Bill relates to proceedings that are taken in arbitration against the land owner where the company is compulsorily taking a man's land. Mistake in consolidating two sections in former Act—456. Proposes to amend the section. How the present law works—457. Mr. Blair's theory in regard to the Act—458.

On the order, second reading of Bill (6) in further amendment of the Railway Act, 1903—Mr. Lancaster—Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked that the Bill stand, the mober agreed —483.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—483.

Am ready to go on—483. Want it understood that I shall be allowed an opportunity to discuss the matter—484.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —484.

Would ask hon. friend to allow Bill to stand—484.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT, BILL (8)—MR. LANCASTER.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (8) further to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—18. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—18.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—18.

The 'hardy annual' of previous years. Bill this year drawn in different form from its predecessors—18.

On the Order, second reading of Bill (8) an Act further to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara). Mr. Lancaster was willing that it should stand, in absence of the Minister of Railways—349.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—349.

Ready to go on, but, in absence of Minister of Railways, do not care to—349.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —349.

,Stand—349.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT, BILL (8)—MR. LANCASTER.

Motion for second reading of Bill (8) in further amendment of Railway Act, 1903—Mr. E. A. Lancaster—844. Motion agreed to—859.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—855.

Minister of Railways (Mr. Emmerson) has spoken of object of Bill in a very sympathetic way. Supreme Court of Canada has concluded that words 'unless the track be fenced in the manner prescribed by this Act,' in section 259 of the

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former Railway Act, do not necessitate any protection whatever on the highway —855. Suggests to Minister of Railways that in place of sending Bill to a committee of 194—the Railway Committee—he should send it to a smaller committee which could do some effective and efficient work upon it—856-7.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—853.

Always listens with pleasure to hon. friend (Mr. Lancaster) when he brings in his annual Bill with reference to matter under discussion. Rural districts are quite as much at the mercy of modern travelling conveniences as are the more densely populated sections. Section of Railway Act which hon friend (Mr. Lancaster) would amend is section 227. While life is sacred and must be considered, and while property rights must be recognized, yet at the same time, government must have regard to the advancing necessities of modern civilization. Suggests that Bill be given second reading and then be referred to Railway Committee.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —857.

Government realizes that this Bill is an exceedingly important measure which ought to receive the most thoughtful consideration. Mover of Bill does not mention character of protection nor does he make any provision as to authority which is to decide what is proper protection. Protection ought to be sufficient to satisfy Board of Railway Commissioners —857.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—844.

Bill is designed to obtain relief from conditions that the people are suffering from and have suffered from for some time in regard to level crossings in thickly peopled parts—844. Should we in this House pass legislation to create a general law for a limited class of cases or should we leave these numerous crossings absolutely without any protection until a special application is made to Railway Committee in regard to each one of them? —845. Has been forced into position of proposing in general terms that there must be some protection; since 1857 have had an enactment which, it has been discovered in the last few years, amounts to nothing. About three years ago, in the case of Mackay and the Grand Trunk Railway, the Supreme Court decided that the plenary power to order protection was left to Railway Committee of Privy Council—846. Quotes section of present Act and section he proposes substituting—847. If any member will suggest language different from that proposed which will ensure the protection of the people at these crossings will be quite willing to adopt it; absolutely convinced that people are not protected under law as at present constituted—848. Quotes Mr. Justice Davies on Supreme Court Decision *re* Mackay case—849. One of the chief arguments against this Bill in the Railway Committee has always been that the Board of Railway Commissioners is just as well able to attend to this matter as Parliament is, that no two cases are alike, and that therefore a special decision is required for each crossing—850. First section of Bill of last year divided into two sections of Bill of this year—851. How many level crossings have Railway Commission dealt with since they were appointed?—852. Until we are in a position to abolish level crossings, let us make sure that these crossings are protected as well as possible—853.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—858.

Has no intention of discussing matter but congratulates hon. member from Lincoln and Niagara on the favourable outlook there is for a fair and proper measure to be carried for the purpose he has in view—858.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT—Mr. LENNOX.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (17) to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—250. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—252.

Henderson, David (Halton)—250.

Explain—250.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—251.

Certain provisions in the Act of 1890 left out in Act of 1903. By Act of 1903 onus is thrown on the former instead of the company—251.

Motion for second reading of Bill (17) to further amend the Railway Act, 1903—Mr. Haughton Lennox—884. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time. On motion of Mr. Lennox the Bill was referred to the select committee to which was referred Bill (8) to further amend the Railway Act—887.

Brodeur, L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries —886.

If the railway company be guilty of considerable negligence in reference to the fence and the owner of an animal be guilty of a lesser negligence, is it not possible that under Bill the railway company will be discharged from all liability? —886.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —886.

Suggests that Bill be referred to Railway Committee or to the smaller committee to which Bill of hon. gentleman (Mr. Lancaster) is to be referred—886.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—884.

Proposed amendment of section 199 of the Railway Act, 1903, is intended to effect

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Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—*Con.*

two objects. One is to put the question of fencing a railway upon a more satisfactory basis, and the other is in reference to cattle that accidentally get upon the railway, not from land of owner of cattle, but probably from some adjoining land; refers to section 194 of Act of 1888—884. Case of Fensom vs. the Canadian Pacific Railway shows condition of the law between 1888 and 1890; quotes Bill; quotes subsection 3 of section 199 of Act of 1903—885. Moves second reading—886.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Lennox brings up the subject of amendments to Railway Act—4539.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4539.

Will confer with hon. friend (Mr. Lennox) with regard to this Bill—4539.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4539.

This Bill was referred to a special committee; it can come in with the amendments of the Railway Act, which have been introduced by the Minister of Railways and Canals. If the Prime Minister decides to take away private members' days, hopes Bill will not be left out of consideration—4539.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (9) further to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Maclean, W. F. (South York)—18.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—18.

This Bill provides that the charges of the express companies shall come under the jurisdiction of the Railway Commission; that the telephone companies and the railways companies shall be allowed only immediate damages in cases where a railway company has to admit the wires of any telephone company, that the maximum passenger rate on all railways be two cents a mile—18.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT—MR. MACLEAN, W. F.

On the Order, second reading of Bill (9) an Act further to amend the Railway Act, 1903 Mr. Maclean (South York). Mr. Maclean claimed to be in the same position as Mr. Lancaster—349.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —349.

Stand—349.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—349.

Am in same position. Am ready to go on —349.

On the Order for second reading of Bill (9) further to amend the Railway Act, 1903, Mr. Maclean (South York) said he was ready, and had waited for Minister of Railways to return. Prime Minister promised that Bill should go on to-morrow—443.

RAILWAY ACT, 1903, AMENDMENT—MR. MACLEAN—SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (9) to further amend the Railway Act, 1903—Mr. W. F. Maclean—782. Adjournment of debate moved—Mr. J. D. Reid—818. Debate adjourned—828.

Alcorn, Geo. O. (Prince Edward)—816.

Entirely unable to appreciate the method by which it is expected that the first section—control of express companies—shall accomplish that object—816. Section 2, which deals with the entrance of telephone companies to railway stations, is fully covered by the Bill introduced by the Minister of Railways to-day. As to the two-cent rate, if it were granted, the same agitators would later on be asking for a one and a-half-cent rate—817.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—797.

Within the past few years, it was not the general rule to deliver express parcels in the city of Hamilton—797. Agrees with principle that express should be under control of Board of Railway Commission; but does not approve of this Bill. Absurd to charge the same rate per mile in thickly settled and in sparsely settled districts—798. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Maclean) had the two cent up before, and when it went to the Railway Committee, abandoned it and took up the Michigan scale rate—799.

It is a difficulty, but I think it can be surmounted—801.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—806.

Favours legislation to bring express companies under control of Railway Commission. Reads Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's statement—806. Important bodies have urged government to bring express companies under control of Railway Board—807.

Broder, A. (Dundas)—823.

Believes in putting the express companies under the commission—where the passenger rates are—824. It is not an agitation that is wanted, but a remedy. The hon. member (Mr. Maclean) has a lot of common sense, but he has not used much of it—825.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —786.

It was very much too low at two cents a mile—786.

The railway companies and the express companies are not alike, in the fact that the one is subsidized by government and the other is not. The Railway Commission can form a reasonable judgment as to a rate for railways but not as to express companies—787. Universal custom

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with express companies is to collect goods and deliver them—788.

A low passenger rate could not be applied to a sparsely settled district—789. Traffic governs railway rates. You cannot say arbitrarily to railways: 'You shall do this' —790. Unfortunate that hon. member (Mr. Maclean) believes that if a man does not see eye to eye with him, that man must necessarily be under control of some corporation—791. Mr. Maclean stated that the Boston and Maine system made the reduction voluntarily—793.

Finlay, John (East Peterborough)—792.

Am a manufacturer. Ship by express every day, and they collect the freight right along—792. All the business men in my town receive prompt delivery—797.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —798.

Will have occasion to point out how this principle will work out—798.

Two-cent rate has been pretty effectively disposed of by Mr. Barker. The matter of control of express companies' charges was up in 1903, and the conclusion was arrived at that it was practically impossible at that time to find machinery to get effective control of the charges—800. Cites case of a parcel going from Toronto, Ont., to Charlottetown, P.E.I., Wants some one to suggest a way to deal with it—801. Points out faulty construction of proposed Bill—802.

Foster, Hon. George. E. (North Toronto)—788.

I live in the east, or used to, and what the minister says is news to me—788.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—825.

Defines demagogism as a man who engages in wild politics—825. Cites Mr. Maclean's action in regard to Michigan Central legislation some years ago. Some of the smaller railways could not survive a passenger rate reduced to two cents a mile—826. Not in favour of the Bill introduced by the hon. member (Mr. Maclean), but favourable to legislation proposed by Minister of Railways and by member for Prince Edward (Mr. Alcorn) —827.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—814.

Why not let the legal gentlemen introduce amendments to this Bill that will correct the mistakes that are contained in it? The Railway Commission can control express rates as easily as they can control freight rates—814. The collection and delivery of express parcels is a matter of enterprise on the part of the agent in each locality—815. Railway companies make a great mistake in the high passenger rates they charge. The argument that if passenger rates were reduced freight rates would increase, not a good one—816.

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Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—802.

Not in favour of the Bill in the way it is drawn—802. Except in Hamilton and St. Catharines, express was not collected in the Niagara district, although during the fruit season more express business was done than anywhere else in Canada—803. This Bill would simply introduce confusion as to control of express companies, and not provide a remedy. As to passenger rates, the Railway Commission should have power to fix a one and a-half cent rate, if they chose, for one section, and a different rate for another section—804. Although sometimes accused of being too hard on corporations, did not want any corporation to work for nothing—805.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—809.

The right of telephone companies to have their instruments in railway stations—809. Provision made for compensation to be exacted for that privilege. Criticises the Bill, and shows defects in it—810. As soon as a person applied for a remedy against an express company under the proposed legislation, the Railway Commission would find that it was impossible for them to take the matter up. The attack made upon Mr. R. L. Borden by a Toronto paper—811. Believes that notice of motion which has been given by Mr. Alcorn will be workable in so far as the control of express companies is concerned. The two-cent a mile proposal not a practical one—812. It would shut up some of the smaller railways in portions of the country that can least afford to be deprived of them—813. Am fully in accord with the second section of the Bill, the first section is unworkable, and the last section I could not vote for under any conditions, in the form in which it appears—814.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—782.

The first clause proposes to deal with express companies. There is no way of obtaining reasonable express charges other than by the control of the Railway Commission. Boards of Trade all over the country have asked for such regulation—782. Railways put up the pretence that they do not own the express companies, but the Canadian Pacific Railway admitted the fact in their annual report a year or two ago—783. Government have conceded the point that independent telephone companies of this country are entitled to access to railway stations. The two cent passenger rate on railways is bound to come—784. The Canadian Pacific Railway, although crowded with passengers, charges four cents a mile in some parts of the Northwest. The public are not after commutation tickets; they want the lowest possible standard passenger rate—785. There was a two-cent rate on the Intercolonial, and the minister has increased it. Every time railway rates have been reduced traffic is increased, and the profit of the railways is larger—786.

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Maclean, W. F. (South York)—*Con.*

The Minister of Justice forced to accept the principle in respect to telephone management which he denounced some years ago. If he can apply that principle to telephone companies why cannot he find a way to apply it to express companies?—818. It is not the duty of a private member to draft a perfect Bill. Had hired a high-priced man to draft a Bill on the telephone question, and it was sent to a special committee and talked out. Surprised to hear gentlemen admit the principle and then turn round and read the Riot Act on the ground that Bill is not properly drafted—819. On the question of reduced passenger rates, it is the poor farmer that wants the reduction. From the day that railways began to run in Canada there has been no change in passenger rates, although freight rates have been cut time and again. Quotes the 'New York Herald' on the two-cent passenger rate—820. Why should a vindication of principle be set aside because a gentleman learned in the law says that he will deal with the matter in some other phraseology?—822. In the British parliament the whole gang of lawyers do not turn on a man in the interests of the corporations—823.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—785.

You can buy a Canadian Pacific Railway ticket from Montreal to Vancouver, 3,000 miles, for $48—one and a half cents a mile—785.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—787.

The railway company does the same thing 817. The statement that express companies are operating on steamers as well as railways, makes it more difficult to bring them under the Railway Commission—817. Believes the Bill is not drawn in proper form to accomplish the object in view. Moves adjournment of debate—818.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—805.

In every town or village of any size in Nova Scotia express packages are both collected and delivered—806.

Smith, E. D. (Wentworth)—807.

Express companies might well be satisfied to be put in the same position as the railways. The express business of the Intercolonial not carried on by the government, but by the Canadian and Dominion Express Companies—807. How the present system affects the fruit business in the Niagara district—808. The fruit-growers believe the rates are excessive, but have no way of proving it—809.

Speaker, Mr.—809.

The hon. member (Mr. Maclean) cannot speak again—809.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—788.

In my part of the country the express companies do not deliver freight or gather it up either—788.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—*Con.*

Originally the express business was done by a private company, but that has been changed—791. In some of the larger places the express companies collect and deliver freight, but in a great majority of the smaller places they do not—792. It has been the custom of railway companies to send their freight on beyond their lines by boat or by freight. The United States railway companies were compelled to reduce their passenger rate to two cents a mile. Now they are working under that system and find it is paying fairly well—793. Pleased to know of proposal to compel railways to allow telephones to be put in their stations without being compelled to pay the railway company therefor. The railway company is a common carrier—794. Since a railway company handles traffic both ways—express and freight—cannot see any reason why express companies should not be under control of Railway Commission for express as well as freight. About taking over provincial roads—795. Differed from Mr. Maclean on two-cent passenger rate; the graduated scale imposed by Michigan a fair, proper and reasonable system—796. Many parts of Canada to which a two-cent rate should apply—797.

On the order for resuming the adjourned debate on proposed motion of Mr. W. F. Maclean for second reading of Bill (9) to further amend the Railway Act, 1903—1710. Stands—1711.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—1710.

Understands government has concluded to wait until Bill presented by hon. member for Prince Edward (Mr. Alcorn) is disposed of—1710-1.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—1710.

Asks Minister of Justice whether government intends to announce policy with regard to express companies?—1710.

Speaker, Mr.—1711.

Stands—1711.

On the order for resuming adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. W. F. Maclean, for the second reading of Bill (9) to further amend the Railway Act, 1903—Sir Wilfrid Laurier asks that the order stand—2069.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2069.

Stands. Not yet prepared to announce policy in respect to express companies—2069.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—2069.

Asks the government if they are prepared to announce their policy in respect of express companies—2069.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES—AMOUNTS EARNED.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Uriah Wilson says the Minister of Railways was to give some information to-day with reference to the amounts earned by the railway companies under the 3 per cent clause in the Railway Subsidies Act—7062.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7062.

I find the amounts are as follows : quotes list—7062. I have read the sums received since the beginning of the system in 1901. I shall put this on 'Hansard' and it may lead to further consideration—7063.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (N. Toronto)—7063.

Are there any arrears?—7063.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—7063.

Have all the departments been informed that these railways are indebted to the country, and that they may use them for the mails or any other service that may be required by the government?—7063.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—7063.

The minister has read the total amount paid to each railway, not the amounts paid each year. In what year was this system first introduced?—7062.

Mr. Emmerson moves that the House go into committee at the next sitting of the House to consider the resolution on railway subsidies—6119. Motion agreed to—6126.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES—IN COMMITTEE.

Motion that the House go into committee to consider proposed subsidy resolutions—Mr. Emmerson—6129. Motion agreed to, and House went into committee on resolutions —6137.

Item 4—Allowed to stand—6143.

Item 32—Mr. Emmerson moves to amend. Amendment agreed to—6164.

Item 34—Mr. Fielding moves that committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again. Motion agreed to and progress reported—6165.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—6141.

Item 1—If you look up the record you will find it is part of the security for the $1,000,000 held by the Ontario government 6141.

Item 7—Was there any survey made?—6144.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6162.

Item 20—Where is Lyster? Resolution No. 3 gives a subsidy to that company—6162.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—6162

Item 20—Who comprise the company that proposes to build it? Who asked for the subsidy?—6162.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES—IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6137.

On section 1—Would the minister give the date on which each subsidy was first voted; the reason why it has not yet been availed of; and what assurance has the government that it will be made use of now?—6137.

Item 1—When do they lapse?—6140.

Item 14—Does not the amendment which you proposed this session leave it in the hands of the Minister of Railways or of the Privy Council?—6140.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—6140.

Item 1—How much of this has been built—of the Manitoulin and North Shore Road? —6140. I am anxious to find out about the bridge from Little Current to the mainland, which is the most important part of this road—6141.

Caldwell, T. B. (North Lanark)—6144.

Item 7—We have a thousand square miles of country without a railway—6144. It will shorten the route to Toronto by about twenty miles—6145.

Calvert, W. A. (West Middlesex)—6153.

Item 10—If the road is not built we will not pay the money—6152.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—6142.

Item 2—The 200 miles have been constructed with the exception of some slight portions, and some of the bridges—6142.

Item 10—The three and a-half miles is a line down to the harbour; the one and a-half miles is a road running to Lake Jesse, below the Power Company's water-power—6153. The maturing of a railway to the point where it becomes of interest to the big lines is the very process that has brought about the building of many branches—6154. The country is known to contain extensive iron deposits, similar resources and a great deal of fine agricultural land—6155.

Derbyshire, D. (Brockville)—6164.

Item 32—Three years ago the chief engineer accepted the road and this $38,000 was due then—6164.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —6136.

The railways included in this resolution are simply revotes, and those which have been incorporated in the resolution are the ones which have been applied for—6136. There were applications for new subsidies, but my memory is not sufficiently good to enumerate them—6137.

On section 1—I have sent for this charter. On the table of the House will be found a map showing these several lines of railway—6137. The legislation referred to is in clause 6 of the resolution. Quotes clause. Should think most of the troops carried would be carried on lines of railway that do not come under this provision —6138. I know of no railway mentioned in these resolutions which has received anything beyond the $3,200 per mile. I will get the information—6139.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES—IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways —*Con.*

Item 1—The Sudbury and Little Current subsidies are in lieu of the subsidies of 1900 or 1901—6140. I do not know that the policy of the government is to forego all future subsidies to railways. I assume that the Ontario government, in advancing the loan which they did, had some security—6141. There is a subsidy provided in item 18 for a line of railway from Owen Sound to Meaford—6142.

Item 2—These are balances remaining unpaid—6142.

Item 3—Every assurance is given that the road will be constructed; there are thirty miles of it in operation—6143.

Item 4—This subsidy was voted in 1903; it is, therefore, a revote—6143.

Item 6—This is an extension of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway to Vancouver Island—6143.

Item 7—This line was to start at Sharbot Lake, but now it is any point between Sharbot Lake and Bathurst—6143. Preliminary surveys have been made—6144. Every community now served by a railway is naturally ready to have the subsidy system done away with—6146.

Item 8—That is to connect Murray Bay with Cape Tourmente—6148. I will furnish my hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) with all the information that is in possession of the department—6149.

Item 9—This item is under construction from Paspebiac to Gaspé—6150.

Item 10—These lines were first subsidized in 1903 and renewed in 1904—6151. The only assurance the government can get is that of the men who are promoting the work—6152. There are subsidies here being voted to-day to companies that will build the roads—6153.

Item 12—This is an extension of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway—6156.

Item 14—This is a revote. I cannot recall any other companies that have applied for a subsidy that serve this particular region—6159. The Railway Commission can make deviation in a line not exceeding one mile—6160.

Item 15—First voted in 1903; length of line covered by subsidy will be about 38 miles —6160.

Item 18—There has been some question as to which company should build this line —6160.

Item 20—It is a continuation of the 30 miles of railway now operated by the Lotbinière and Megantic Railway Company—6162.

Item 32—This subsidy includes $37,200 already earned, but which could not, under the law, be paid over—6163.

Item 33—This is a portion of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway. It is a renewal—6164.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6139.

On section 1—I have no doubt the information could be obtained as to what mail service has been so rendered—6139.

Item 10—It may be that the first step in obtaining that railway accommodation would be the granting of this subsidy—6152. I think it would be unsound doctrine to say we must never vote a subsidy until we have a company in sight—6153.

Item 34—Moves that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—6165.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—6146.

Item 7—The best way would be to subsidize a line from Carleton Junction to some point on the C. P. R.—6146. This is a transfer of a subsidy to the Kingston and Pembroke Company to another—6147.

Item 10—The object was to give the people living at the terminals and along the line speedy connection with the National Transcontinental—6151. Is the 3½ miles to Helen Lake built? What about the 1½ miles?—6153. The only purpose of a railway there is to assist in bringing in supplies for the building of the Transcontinental—6155.

Item 32—Is the amount earned?—6164.

Henderson, David (Halton)—6162.

Item 20—Will this railway cross Disraeli bridge that was built as a government wharf?—6162.

Herron, John (Alberta)—6159.

Item 14—Is this a revote? I understand a company has been making an application for a subsidy, and has been refused—6159. It seems to me this grant by the government gives a great advantage to one company over another—6160.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—6156.

Item 10—What is the reason for this hiatus in the railway?—6156.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —6156.

Item 11—The company are developing the country very fast, putting up mills and otherwise, and they intend to build a railway—6156.

Item 12—If the mineral (asbestos) turns out to be as valuable as it is expected to be, no doubt the railway will be built immediately—6157.

Item 13—It is proposed to extend the line from St. Francis to St. George, and from the Quebec Central's present junction to Quebec Bridge—6157. The motion is simply a revote—6159.

Item 20—It runs through the counties of Megantic and Lévis. This line runs in the direction of the Quebec bridge—6162.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6136.

Will the minister say whether there were any new applications for government assistance?—6136.

On section 1—Does the minister know that any troops have been transported under this agreement in the past?—6138. Are there any instances of the mails having been carried under this arrangement?—6139.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES—IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—*Con.*

Item 7—What probability is there of the C.P.R. taking up this proposition?—6143. Will it shorten the road to Toronto?—6145. Not necessarily for Kingston and Pembroke. It says 'for a line of railway'—6147. The ministers from Ontario should see that we get an improved service between Ottawa and Toronto—6148.

Item 9—How many lines are under construction?—6150.

Item 10—Are these Clergue lines?—6151.

Item 19—I think a shorter line could be got by running more in the direction of Napanee and Belleville—6161. A five hours' service wanted between Ottawa and Toronto—6162.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6148.

Item 8—Is this to be a steam railway or an electric road?—6148. I think the minister ought to be assisted in getting this resolution passed—6149.

Item 13—This road will be a great advantage to the county of Beauce and also to the county of Dorchester—6157. Proposes that transcontinental road be built along the Etchemin River—6158. If the government could give an answer to the Quebec Central it would be a great accommodation to it—6159.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—6143.

Item 7—The subsidy is petitioned for, and I have no doubt the company are bona fide in their intention to make this extension—6143.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6137.

Would like to know the number of times the subsidies have been reserved—6137.

On section 1—We should have the information as to what extent any railways have claimed a larger subsidy—6139.

Item 1—These subsidies are too frequently kept alive after the conditions which justified them originally have changed—6142.

Item 7—What is the average distance of this road from the present road?—6144. This is not a new country through which this road is proposed to run—6145. This is another evidence that the government is unfaithful to its declarations and inconsistent with its policy—6146.

Item 8—How often has it been renewed since 1892?—6148. I am not objecting; I am only asking for information—6149. I am perfectly satisfied as to the wisdom of granting the money to get the railway—6150.

Item 10—I thought the object of this line was to enable the fish company to get out their fish from Lake Nepigon—6151. What evidence has the Minister of Railways that this road will be built?—6152. Would the minister state how many people are going to be served by a railway there? 6153. In the opening up of the new territory I have not the slightest objection to the government subsidizing the line—6154. The possession of that charter, with the subsidy attached to it, will afford a splendid opportunity for charter broking—6156.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES—IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—*Con.*

Item 12—Is that road building just now?—6156.

Item 18—The proposal to transfer the first charter to the local company is a proper one—6161.

Item 33—You have three or four different subsidies for the Lake St. John Railway. Why could you not put them all together?—6164.

Item 34—Formerly the subsidy was voted to a railway company; now it is voted to a line of railway—6164.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—6163.

Item 32—Quotes proposed amendment. I think this amendment, or something like it, should be added to the resolution—6163.

Tisdale, Hon. David (Norfolk)—6137.

Would suggest that the Minister give the dates of charter and date of renewals, and how many times the subsidy has been voted—6137.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—6136.

Would the Minister say what railways have been completed, why there has been delay in respect to the others, and why a bonus is now granted?—6136.

On section 1—Is the policy of the bonus being treated as a loan still in force, and if so, what interest has been collected under it from the railways?—6137. Do I understand you cannot give us any information about this matter?—6138. When does the minister expect to give us this information?—6139.

Item 1—Is it the policy of the government not to grant new subsidies to railways?—6140. As far as I am concerned I approve of bonuses to railways—6141.

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House again in committee on railway subsidies—6167.

Item 36—Mr. Perley moves to amend. Amendment negatived. Mr. Perley moves to amend. Amendment negatived, and resolution agreed to—6171.

Item 38—Mr. Monk moves to amend—6172 Amendment negatived, and item agreed to—6175.

Item 5—Mr. Fielding moves to amend. Amendment agreed to—6181.

Item 25—Sir Wilfrid Laurier moves to amend. Amendment agreed to—6182.

Resolutions reported, read the first and second time and agreed to—6182.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (No. 214) to authorize the granting of subsidies in aid of the construction of the lines of railway therein mentioned—Mr. Emmerson. Motion agreed to and Bill read the first and second time—6182.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6181.

Item 5—Might I ask whether any particular company is in view?—6181.

I would ask to have a memorandum prepared with regard to each of these forty-six items, covering the points I mentioned this morning—6181. I sent to the Minister this morning a memorandum of all the points of information which I desire. It is possible the subsidies might reach the maximum, $6,400, in some cases—6182.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—6179.

On section 8—Does not the hon. gentleman (Mr. Logan)—think it would be a reasonable condition in granting a subsidy?—6179.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—6179.

On section 8—This condition should apply to structural material used in the road—6179. There is less reason for them going abroad for structural material than for equipment—6180.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways —6169.

Item 36—It is represented by this company that it would be practically impossible for them to build the road by the Mille Isles route—6169. There is a controversy between the company and the inhabitants as to the promise that was made at the time the subsidy was secured—6170. It would be better to strike out the whole subsidy than carry that amendment—6171.

Item 38—That is the railway now known as the Central Railway—6171. If my hon. friend (Mr. Monk) presses his amendment I shall have to ask to have it negatived—6173. The law clerk reminds me that a subsidy contract between the company and the government was entered into—6174.

Item 40—This is to clear up a condition of things that has been existing in the department for a year or more—6175. Quotes the application for a further subsidy. The subsidy was earned when the old company was in operation—6176. I think I can say that if a land grant lapsed, no order in council would revive it—6177.

On section 2—It was never intended that equipment of road should be included in the cost—6177.

On section 6—I shall have the information here on the third reading of the Bill—6178.

On section 8—You pay no subsidy on the equipment, but only on the roadbed. After these resolutions are passed the desired amendment can then be inserted —6179. I will keep the matter of second-hand rails in mind—6180. I will have the information for my hon. friend (Mr. Borden)—6181. We can give the mileage; you never can tell the amount. The cases are not numerous where the subsidy reaches the maximum. Moves for leave to introduce Bill (214) to authorize the granting of subsidies in aid of the construction of the lines of railways mentioned therein. I will insert the amendments passed in committee—6182.

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Ethier, J. A. C. (Two Mountains)—6172.

Item 38—I do not know of any reason why the resolution should be changed in any way—6172. My hon. friend (Mr. Monk) was a director of this company at the time the plans were deposited about a year ago—6173.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —6180.

Item 5—I would ask the Minister of Railways to recast the wording of this item, without changing the subsidy or the points between which the railway runs—6180. Quotes proposed amendment. It is well known that a company headed by Sir Montagu Allen is giving the matter consideration—6181.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—6179.

On section 8—The section would not preclude the Governor in Council from granting a road the right to lay second-hand rails, if of proper quality as approved by government—6179. The minister has not answered my question, and I would like to be clear on the subject—6180.

German, W. M. (Welland)—6174.

Item 38—Financial arrangemtns are being made in London, and are practically completed for the construction of this railroad—6174.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—6176.

Item 40—What is the total amount you have given them?—6176. It is according to the way in which the land grant has been granted—6177.

On section 3—Under the old plan, you compelled at least ten miles to be completed —6178.

On section 6—Are you receiving any payments of this kind from any of the railways that have been subsidized?—6178. None of the subsidy goes toward the equipment—6179.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —6182.

Item 25—I would ask the committee to go back to this item. I have just received a telegram stating that the railway is under construction. Moves amendment—6182.

Logan, Hance J. (Cumberland)—6179.

On section 8—Should not we add a condition that the equipment of the road, as well as the steel rails, shall be procured in Canada?—6179. I accept the suggestion the Minister of Railways that the amendment should stand until the Bill based upon these resolutions is before the committee—6180.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—6180.

On section 8—Fastenings as well as ctructural material should be provided for in the amendment—6180.

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Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6176.

Item 40—Is there going to be any re-enactment by Order in Council, or otherwise, of any land grants which have lapsed to railways? In what position is the land grant for the construction of the road to Hudson Bay?—6177.

On section 8—How about the renewal of rails and equipment ?—6179. If it is not the intention to cover these the resolution should be drawn with that view—6180.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6171.

Item 38—Under the statute of 1904 this subsidy was granted to the Ottawa River Railway Company. Is there a prospect of the road being built?—6171. The description of the line given in the resolution should be fuller. Moves amendment—6172. When was this plan approved by the government? Had the details of the road been adopted by the Railway Commissioners?—6173. I do not think there has been any contract as to the subsidy finally entered into—6174. I think the committee would do well to add the three parishes named in the amendment—6175.

Perley, Geo. H. (Argenteuil)—6167.

Item 36—I object to the second part of this item—6167. A line up the North river would not serve any portion of the country that is not already served—6168. The Canadian Northern promised Mr. Christie, the former member for Argenteuil, to run through that county—6169. Mr. Christie writes me that there was a distinct understanding—6170. Moves in amendment to insert after the word 'railway' in the fourth line, the words, 'via Mille Isles post office'—6171. Moves to amend by striking out, 'and for a line of railway connecting its Montford and Gatineau line with the main line at St. Jerome, not exceeding 22 miles'—6171.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—6180.

On section 8—There is no reason why subsidized Canadian railways should go to Georgia for their structural material—6180.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6177.

Item 40—Can the government re-enact, by Order in Council a land grant that has lapsed?—6177.

On section 8—Another thing I think we ought to have is the amount of subsidies granted in each province—mileage and money—6182.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES—THIRD READING.

Bill (No. 214) to authorize the granting of subsidies in aid of the construction of the lines of railway therein mentioned—Mr. Emmerson—read a second time, and House went into committee thereon—6829.

On section 1—Motion for amendment (Mr. F. A. Laurence)—6837. Amendment agreed to—6838.

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On section 8—Motion for amendment (Mr. H. Logan). Section as amended agreed to—6839.

On subsection 20, section 1—Motion for amendment (Mr. Savoie). Section as amended agreed to—6840.

Bill reported—6841. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—6845.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6838.

On section 2—Is this taken exactly from the previous Subsidy Act?—6838.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—6829.

On section 1—Produces statement containing data relating to railways which had been asked for—6830. With respect to these railways which it is now proposed to subsidize there has been no return and no work performed—6831. There has never been aid given to any province for the construction of a line to be owned and operated by the province—6834. The object of the original subsidy to the Kingston and Pembroke was to furnish facilities to the territory lying between Sharbot lake and Carleton Place—6836. Under the proposed amendment the line would commence at the Debert coal mine and run to the Londonderry Iron and Mining Company's railway terminus at East Mines—6838.

On section 2—This is practically the same as the previous Subsidy Act except that it makes more definite and clear the point that the cost of equipment is not to be computed in the cost of construction of the railway above the $15,000 per mile—6839.

On section 1, subsection 20—There are thirty miles already constructed and this is for an extension not exceeding fifty miles—6840.

On motion for third reading—The moneys paid the provinces were not subsidies to the provincial governments for lines of railway to be constructed or in course of construction—6841. There has never been a parallel case to that presented by my hon. friend (Mr. Macdonell) in connection with the Temiskaming Railway—6842. Where a portion of a line of railway has been built by a company, and the present subsidy is for an extension, the subsidy is voted to that particular company—6843.

Fielding, Hon W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6832.

On section 1—In regard to subsection 5 we are safe in adopting the words of the Nova Scotia Act, inasmuch as the aid granted by the Nova Scotia legislature is going to be the chief factor in securing the construction of the road—6832. It would be quite consistent with the wording of this Act that the terminus should be in New Glasgow—6833. There is a distinction between subsidizing a road at the time of construction and making financial arrangements some years afterwards—6834. It is proposed to take the same terminal point, and connect with

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this existing branch line, and by going over that branch line to connect with the Intercolonial—6838.

On motion for third reading—This being a revote of subsidies, we are not called upon to define any policy with regard to roads not mentioned in this Act—6844.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6830.

On section 1—The hon. gentleman (Mr. Wilson) wanted to know what had been performed in the way of return work by these railways that had been subsidized—6830. Was there any case in which the subsidy was paid on the basis of the cost of the equipment being included ?—6833.

On section 1, subsection 20—Are Lyster and Lime Ridge both in the township of Inverness?—6839.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—6833.

On section 1—Why is there no subsidy given the Ontario government for the extension of it line toward James Bay? These are not all renewals of subsidy; in some instances the subsidy has been diverted from the particular road to which it had been given—6835-6.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—6843.

On motion for third reading—If other railways are entitled to subsidies, surely the Temiskaming provincial railway is one of the most deserving. The government of Canada have provided to a great extent, the full amount for which railroads in Nova Scotia have been built—6844. What was the amount of subsidies which we granted to the railways to which the hon. minister (Mr. Fielding) refers, and to which the local government gave aid?—6845.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6843.

On motion for third reading—The fact of revoting a subsidy to a particular company means simply that it makes the charter of some value to the person who happens to hold it; it would be better to leave out the names of the individual companies—6843.

Laurence, F. A. (Colchester)—6837.

On section 1—Moves an amendment to subsection 26—6837.

Logan, H. (Cumberland)—6839.

On section 8—Moves that section 8 be repealed and another section substituted therefor—6839.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—6831.

On section 1—Would like to ask the minister whether he would not agree to an amendment of that subsection to make it read 'from New Glasgow,' as in the original Act, instead of at or near New Glasgow—6832.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—6841.

On motion for third reading—Would like to ask the minister (Mr. Emmerson) if

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the government intend to aid the province of Ontario in connection with the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway?—6841.

Maclean, W. F. (South York) -6842.

On motion for third reading—There is no general principle yet laid down in regard to the aid to railways that would exclude the Temiskaming road from assistance from this government—6842.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6839.

On section 1, subsection 20—What is the difference between this amendment and the subsidy as granted in 1903?—6839.

Savoie, F. T. (Mégantic)—6839.

On section 1, subsection 20—Moves that words 'between Lyster and Lime Ridge' be struck out, and that words 'in the townships of Inverness' be substituted—6839. This vote is to continue the line to Lime Ridge and I want to have the line changed from Lyster to Inverness—6849.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—6842.

On motion for third reading—Since confederation the province of Nova Scotia has not built a mile of railway as a provincial work—6842.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6837.

On section 1—Was there not a subsidy granted to the Temiskaming Railway a couple of years ago when it was being commenced by the Ontario government?—6837.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—6830.

On section 1—The Minister of Railways (Mr. Emmerson) promised to bring down to the House a statement as to whether these roads paid interest, and whether they rendered any service to the government in return for the subsidies—6830. Does the minister mean to say that not one of these roads carries any mail or has done any work of any kind that the government have to pay for?—6831.

On section 1, subsection 20—How much of this road has been built?—6840. What time have these railroads to complete the work?—6840.

RAINMAKING IN THE YUKON.

On the Orders of the Day, Hon. Geo. E. Foster refers to newspaper statement, 'Rainmaker is coming—Yukon will give Hatfield $10,000—Is due in eight weeks'—560.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—564.

It seems absurd that the government of this country should be involved in a ridiculous contract of this kind—564. It would appear that the appointed majority of the Yukon Council and the chairman are able to conduct the government of that country as they see fit—565.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—560

Quotes from the Dawson 'Daily News' that Hatfield, the rainmaker has been engaged by the Yukon territorial government to make rain in the Klondike during the mining season—560. Hopes the Prime Minister will lay contract on table—561. How Mr. Hatfield over-did his contract in California last year—562. The United States Bureau give it as their scientific opinion that Mr. Hatfield is an unmitigated fake—563. So long as this government has a council in the Yukon to which it actually appoints a majority of the governing board, we will hold it responsible for the action of that council—566.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —563.

Read in the newspapers about the contract, but did not attach any importance to it—563. Have had no information at all about the contract—564.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —565.

The government of the Yukon is an autonomous government—565. This government is not nearly or remotely responsible for the legislation or action of the Yukon Council in this connection—566.

On Orders of the Day, Hon. Geo. E. Foster asked if any steps had been taken towards getting the Order in Council passed by the Yukon Council in reference to contract with Hatfield—1008.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1008.

Have any steps been taken towards getting the Order in Council passed by the Yukon Council? Does the minister mean to say that he does not propose to act in the matter?—1008. Will the minister kindly make inquiry as to whether he has that authority or not?—1009.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1008.

Certainly not. Because the Department of the Interior has no jurisdiction over the action of the Yukon Council in matters in which it is locally concerned—1008. As I have no curiosity in the matter, I will not make the inquiry—1009.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Foster called the attention of the government to the fact that Mr. Hatfield's experiment has not been successful—7187.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7187.

It is a question of state which should receive the serious consideration of the government—7187.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —7187.

The attitude of the government in regard to Chief Isaac is exactly the same as their attitude with regard to the Yukon government—7187.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. R. L. Borden asked Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Brodeur) when report will be brought—1258.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1258.

There can be no good reason why report should not be tabled—1258.

Brodeur, L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries—1258.

Expects to be able to bring report down Monday—1258.

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RETURNING IMMIGRANTS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Sproule directs the attention of the government to an item which appeared in the Toronto 'News' of yesterday, and asks what action do they intend to take—3075.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—3075.

The Minister of the Interior is not here just now; I will call his attention to the matter—3075.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3075.

Quotes article from 'News,' wants to know if these are some of the immigrants for whom $5 a head has been paid—3075.

RETURNS—INQUIRY FOR.

In reply to a certain inquiry made by the leader of the opposition, Hon. Mr. Oliver laid on the table a supplementary return to sessional paper 112B, of the present session of parliament—3151.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3152.

I did not observe in the return brought dawn any letter from Messrs. Osler, Hammond & Nanton of that date—3152.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—3151.

This is the opinion of the Minister of Justice in regard to the matter included in the papers in question, for which the hon. leader of the opposition has asked. The letter of Mr. Speers, dated Feb. 16, 1902, is placed on the table as a supplementary return. Refers to letter to Messrs. Osler, Hammond & Nanton, dated Aug. 15, 1902; also to statement of Col. Davidson—3151.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—1855.

Land Patents and Homestead Entries—Two returns asked for on March 14 not brought down—1855.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7359.

Tariffs between Germany and Canada. Return asked for on April 23rd not brought down. Ans.—Will look the matter up—7359.

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Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—1855.

Speers, C. W., communications to Interior Department from—Returns asked for on April 11 not brought down—1855.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—1367.

Collingwood Dry Dock and Amounts paid for Dredging—Calls attention of minister to two returns moved for two weeks ago. Ans.—The former return should not take long; the information for the other is not in the department, and will require correspondence—1367.

Collingwood Dry Dock—When may returns be expected Ans.—Should probably be able to present it to-morrow or next day—1841.

Transportation Commission—For a copy of the appointment of the commission, with evidence presented and report presented to Minister of Public Works. Ans.—Returns in hands of printer. Motion dropped—203.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7637.

Islands on Lake St. Francis—Calls attention to question standing on order paper, and asks for an answer—7636. Ans.—Does it concern the Department of Justice—7637.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—5364.

Sorel Wharf—When may we expect the return. Ans.—I think the return is almost ready—5364.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1465.

Belated Report—Has Minister of Marine any information to give? Ans.—Have it in my hand and with permission of House will lay it on the table—1465.

Customs Department—Asks minister to bring down information asked for (Mr. Reid's motion) before end of session. Ans.—If Mr. Reid furnishes certain data will be prepared to furnish return—6802.

Delay in bringing down returns ordered—Shall have to request that certain items stand until we have these returns—1367.

Interior Department, Report of—When may we expect it? Ans.—In the hands of printer and ought to be down at an early day—485.

Japanese Treaty—Renews request for documents. Ans.—The Japanese treaty is not yet received—1367.

Marine and Fisheries Report—Not yet been brought down unless laid on the table to-day—1367.

Memorandum should be prepared—Renews suggestion to Prime Minister that Secretary of State's Department should prepare a memorandum showing what returns ordered last session have not yet been brought down—162.

North Atlantic Trading Company—Would like to have the returns referred to by Minister of the Interior on Friday. If there is anything further it should be communicated to the House without delay—1856. Ans.—Shall be glad to place them on the table—1857.

North Atlantic Trading Company, arrangement made with government—Return moved for on March 14. Was asked by

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the hon. member who moved for the return to mention the fact that a complete return has not been brought down. Ans.—Am under impression that all of the papers are before either the Agricultural or Public Works Committee—3235.

Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway Company, enlargement of area for selection—On the Orders of the Day: Does not see how it was possible for the company, by means of letter referred to, to have any information whatever as to the order in council. Ans.—If it is not necessary to discuss the matter now, I would prefer to have the opportunity of seeing the hon. gentleman's remarks in 'Hansard,' as the dates are confusing—3317.

Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—Draws attention to fact that a return respecting the Saskatchewan Land Valley Company, ordered on the 14th of March, has not been brought down. Neither has returns moved for by Mr. Boyce (West Algoma), relating to classification and export of fish, the expropriation of White Fish Island, and the Board of Commissioners at Sydney, Cape Breton—1854.

Saskatchewan Land Valley Company—Claims that there are some important omissions in returns brought down. Draws attention of minister to the question asked for the second time on March 21—2623. Would like to have minister explain by what medium the Order in Council of August 1, was communicated to the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway Company. Reads P. G. Keys letter to St. Dennis, which says the department knows that the 800,000 were purchased—2624.

Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—Asks for information as to deficiencies in return relating to notice, and in report of Mr. Speaker. Ans.—The minister will be here later on, when I have no doubt he will give an answer—3076.

Speers, C. W., Report to Interior Department—Return to order of House dated April 11, 1906, not complied with—2700. Quotes from Mr. Speers' report. Would like to get the communication referred to, also the map, and any other information mentioned in the order of the House 2701. Ans.—If there is any other information that is required, I will see that the return is supplemented to that extent—2701.

Speers' Report and alleged notice to Qu'Appelle and Long Lake Railway Company—Has the Minister of the Interior been able to overtake this matter?—2890. Ans.—Shall be able to place these facts before the House to-morrow—2891.

Transcontinental Railway Commission Report—Has not been received within statutory time limit—212. Ans.—Report, which is lengthy, is in hands of printer—213.

Transportation Commission—Advisable that it should be printed and put in hands of members at earliest moment—212.

Waterways Commission—Whether the joint report of the Canadian section has been

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printed for distribution and distributed. Ans.—Hope to have it distributed almost immediately—1366.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—7188.

Hudson Bay Servants' Claims—Would like to have maps and surveys of Prince Rupert's Land, made in 1817, 1822 and 1837 brought down with other documents asked for. Ans.—I think the papers have been brought down—7188.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—2700.

Great Northern Railway, Subsidies granted to—Return has not yet been brought down. Ans.—Would hon. friend send note about that return?—2700.

Pilotage Commission, North Sydney—Asks if Minister will bring down to the House the correspondence in regard to this matter before the session closes. Ans.—The papers have been brought down to the Senate, and I will see that they are brought here—4805.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—

Grand Trunk Pacific Railway—Surveys in New Brunswick—For copies of all correspondence in reference to surveys or location of route in New Brunswick—Motion agreed to.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2080.

Colonization Lands order in Council, dated April 21, 1901—Member for Yale-Cariboo quoted from it, but I have not been able to find it—2080.

Colonization Lands and report of Rufus Stevenson—Asks again for a copy of order in council of April 21, 1891, in reference thereto. Ans.—The report has been sent to the Minister of the Interior to be brought down—4029-30.

Department of Public Works Return—Ordered last spring, but not brought down. Ans.—It will be tabled on Monday—12.

German Tariff—Has it been received yet? Ans.—These tariffs go to Department of Trade and Commerce; have not asked—1202.

Grand Trunk Pacific, certain rights in minerals—Has the correspondence been brought down? Would the Minister be good enough to have the originals brought down? Ans.—The correspondence was laid on the table yesterday—3909.

Land Matters and Immigration—If the First Minister will see that these returns are expedited it will help us to get the business of the House through. Ans.—Have you a list of them?—2160.

Long Delayed Return—Has Minister of Marine received it?—1202. Ans.—Yes; but as it did not cover everything asked for, sent it back for completion—1203.

Order in Council of 1891 with reference to colonization lands and report of Rufus Stevenson—Asks again that it be brought down—3952.

Scrip Inquiry Report—When will it be ready. Ans.—Can be laid on the table at any time—12.

Speaker's Apartments, Extension of—Would like to have return before these estimates

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are taken up. Ans.—Whatever information is available will be brought down before the estimates are taken up—7358.

Timber Licenses, Leases, &c.—Ordered last spring and not brought down. Ans.—Will be brought down shortly—13.

Timber Licenses and Leases—Advertisements and information as to berths and conditions with reference to 340 lots not given. Ans.—Will hon. gentleman give name and date—212.

Wharfs, Docks and Piers Constructed since 1896—Report laid on table is not complete. Ans.—Remainder of report asked for is in another department; shall ask Marine Department to bring it down—211.

Yukon Matters—Asks if report of commission which investigated the wood shortage in the Yukon has been brought down. Ans.—We are searching for it, and if it is in Ottawa it will be brought down—6801.

Yukon Order in Council in reference to the Rainmaker—Copy promised but not at hand yet—2080.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—3318.

Ross Rifles, New, with Wind Guages Attached—On the Orders of the Day: Asks the Minister of Militia to consider advisability of issuing them to Bisley team—3318.

Trent Canal Construction—Hopes Minister of Railways will lose no time in bringing down return ordered. Ans.—It is in preparation; hope to have it within a day or two—1581.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1854.

Declarations for Homestead Entries since 1890—Return brought down does not include form 82—1854.

Form 82—On Orders of the Day—There are other documents in Form 82 not included, and I ask to have them brought down to complete return—2326.

Insurance Commission—A return was moved for some time ago for all correspondence on the matter. The return brought down appears to be incomplete—2068.

Insurance Commission—On the Orders of the Day: Two letters have been brought down. Am inclined to think that is not a full return. Ans.—It was the Act of the government practically without correspondence—2326.

Life Insurance Commission—For copies of all telegrams, reports, communications, investigations, letters and documents relating to the Commission—202.

Port Bruce Harbour—Draws attention to fact that return is incomplete—3505. Ans.—Shall be glad to take a memo. and have the files looked up to see whether any correspondence has been omitted—3506.

Port Burwell and Port Stanley, Returns of —When will these returns be brought down? Ans.—Port Stanley is laid on the table to-day; Port Burwell return is now in course of preparation—4250.

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Jackson, William (West Elgin)—5185.

Port Burwell Harbour—When may we expect them? Ans.—Shall call the attention of Minister of Public Works to the matter on his return—5185.

Port Burwell Harbour—When will the return moved for this session be laid on the table of this House? Ans.—Hope to be able to have it on table of House either to-morrow or Monday—5343.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—5185.

Sergeant at Arms and Speaker—In the absence of Mr. Lancaster, I ask when the return moved for on the 2nd of May will be brought down?—5185.

Speaker's Chambers, Inventory of—When will the return be brought down? Ans.—This is a matter as to which the government have no control whatever—5533.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—3077.

Alberta and Athabaska, Lands in—Return ordered on April 19, not yet brought down—3077.

Belated Returns—On Orders of the Day: Mr. Lefurgey inquires for delayed returns; island fisheries, moved for on April 2; Railway Department acquisition of Hudson Bay property on April 9; and two relating to Interior Department. Ans.—As soon as the returns for the Hudson Bay property are received they will be laid upon the table—2327.

Fisheries, Ownership and Control—Asks for returns ordered on April 2 for copies of all papers between the Prince Edward Island government and the Federal government—3076.

Hodgson property on St. Peter's Road—Return ordered April 9, not yet brought down. Ans.—The papers are on the island and at Moncton. We have not yet received them—3077.

Miminigash Harbour, Expenditure on—Return ordered April 30, not yet brought down—3077.

P.E.I. Railway, Wages Paid in Different Departments—Attention called to an order passed on May 9. Ans.—That return was laid on the table of the House some days ago—5533.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—3713.

Blood Indian Reserve—Has been requested by the member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor) to ask when return may be expected. Ans.—I fancy it will be here in a day or two—3713.

Order made over a year ago not brought down—Directs attention of Postmaster General to it—213.

Rural Mail Delivery, Free—Return asked for on March 6, more than a year ago, not yet brought down; now asks that it be brought down—162.

Macdonnell, A. C. (South Toronto)—2067.

Guarantee Companies, Bonds of—Would ask Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Templeman) if he is prepared to answer question asked ten days ago? Ans.—The security of British and Canadian companies only will be accepted—2067.

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McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—2825.

Damages to Lands Expropriated by the Prince Edward Island Railway—When will the return ordered on April 5 be brought down? Ans.—We have to get the papers from Moncton. As soon as they come they will be laid on the table—2825.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—1581.

Glace Bay Harbour, Improvement of—When may correspondence ordered by the House on March 21, be expected? Ans.—Hope to lay it on the table by Wednesday next —1581.

Stanley Bridge Branch Line, Survey of—On the Orders of the Day: There is nothing in the return brought down to show the authority under which the survey was proceeded with. Ans.—A sum was voted and on the authority of parliament the survey was made. The character of the claims that were put in was sufficient to refute them—3317.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—2545.

Caldwell, C. F., Return to an order made on April 18—Would like to ask if there is any possibility of it being brought down? Ans.—Hope to be able to give, to-morrow or next day, a complete statement of the returns that have been asked for from the Interior Department—2545.

Report asked for on April 18—It is a long time since April 18, and the report is a short one; there surely must be some special reason why it has not been brought down before now. Ans.—The hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) verbally amended his order, and if the amended order is the one to be followed, there will be no delay—4035.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2160.

Appointments in the Permanent Service of the Country—Full return has not been brought down; unless the return is full it is of little value—2160.

Civil Service Appointments—Draws attention to the order of the House issued on April 23 for a return which has not yet been brought down—2699.

Civil Servants, within a Certain Period—Public Works Department list not down. Ans.—My recollection is that that return has been brought down—7358.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—3796.

Blood Indian Reserve Return—When may I expect it? Ans.—I fully expected to lay it on the table to-day; it will certainly be here to-morrow—3796.

Speaker's Apartments—On behalf of Mr. Lancaster, I beg to inquire when the returns moved for by him in the month of April will be brought down?—4035.

Ward, H. A. (Durham)—3318.

Militia Matter—On Orders of the Day: Asks if matter brought up last week has been considered in council, and, if so, is he ready to give a decision?—3318.

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Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—1854.

Correspondence between High Commissioner and Mr. Preston and between Mr. Griffith and Mr. Preston—Was moved for on March 14 last, and should be brought down as soon as possible—1854.

RETURNS, INQUIRY FOR—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks for documents from Department of the Interior ordered upon motion of Mr. W. J. Roche—973.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—973.

Thinks it only right that access should be had to returns before the debate is resumed. Trust that especially those of which notice has been given will be expected—973.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —973.

Returns from the Department of the Interior?—973.

RETURNS, INQUIRY FOR — JAPANESE TREATY AND OTHER PAPERS.

Hon. Wm. Paterson makes statement concerning certain returns asked for, and which had been delayed—838.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—838.

Merely bring down the information. Want not only Japanese treaty, but all papers connected with it. Return furnished by minister covers only year 1905; would like similar return for 1904—838.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—839.

Sorry the return is not yet ready—839.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —840.

Was not aware that a single return asked for had not been brought down—840.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—839.

Inquires for return from Minister of Marine. Also asks for return from Minister of Railways, regarding official cars ordered last year. Also for copy of Order in Council making contract with Halifax—839. The contract, if there is one, should be brought down—840.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —838.

Mr. Borden had asked for returns moved for last year from Department of State. A formal motion not necessary. Japanese treaty also asked for. Hon. Mr. Hyman will deal with inquiry as to the Eastern Supply Company. The Librarians of Parliament and the clerks of House also asked to furnish reports. With regard to temporary clerks in Public Works Department, Minister of Public Works has taken note—838. Will bring down return for 1904. Do not know whether there is a copy of Hatfield's contract in existence—839. If there is no contract hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) will have been guilty of taking up the time of the House —840.

RETURNS, INQUIRY FOR—RETURNS GENERALLY.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden inquires about the bringing down of returns generally—1940.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1940.

No reply was given by the government yesterday. Is anything to be said about them to-day? Some of the returns are urgently wanted—1940. If these returns were taken up in anything like order that of the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company would have been overtaken before now. At the request of the Prime Minister I gave him privately a list of the returns that were urgent—1941.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1941.

The Department is not over-manned and this is the rush season—1941. Will see that this particular return is prepared at the earliest possible moment—1941.

RETURNS, INQUIRIES FOR—SASKATCHEWAN VALLEY LAND COMPANY.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden wants to learn if any thing has been done towards bringing down two returns of the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company, and other returns—2234.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—2235.

Protests that he should have been notified earlier that certain returns were uncompileable—2235. Will, for the second time, modify motion for return in order to meet capability of Department—2236.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2234.

Hopes that expedition will be used in bringing down the returns moved for, so that progress may be made—2234. When papers are asked for the opposition members they have to be asked for in a comprehensive form. Last year the Posmaster General asked an hon. gentleman to examine the files to see just what he wanted. If an official of the Department were to consult with hon. members who ask for return, the labour involved might be reduced—2235. Is the Minister of the Interior willing to open his files?—2237.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—2237.

The proper time for the minister to say what he can do, is when the motion is made—Contrasts the action of the Minister of Justice—2237.

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At the present time ten typewriters are working on that particular return. Two returns asked for involved the overlooking of about a million files. It has been the effort to furnish the information asked for and to keep up the business of the department—2234. As head of the Interior Department I recognize that the House has the right to ask for any information it wants—2236. Suggests that hon. members asking for returns should see the minister responsible to ascertain how far the order could be complied with—2237.

RETURNS, INQUIRIES FOR—TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY COMMISSION.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden inquires for reports that had not been brought down—1004.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1004.

Thinks it is time that report of Transportation Commission and reports of the Transcontinental Railway Commission were brought down—1004. Also, the report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries—1005.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—1005.

I hope it will be brought down in a few days—1005.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—1004.

I was promised them on Saturnday, and hope to get them any day—1005.

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Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—1570-71.

Davidson, A. D.—For a copy of proposals for lands from government, and particularly order in council of May 24, 1902, and all papers; for copy of all proposals made by immigration agent or general colonization agent, and all papers; for a copy of all acceptances on behalf of Davidson or associates, and all papers; copy of all agreements made by government or any department thereof with said Davidson, and all papers—1570-71.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—208.

Canadian Northern Railway, Manitoba and Southeastern Railway, Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway Company—For copies of all papers that passed between government and companies between July 1, 1904 and December 31, 1905—208.

Closed Grazing Leases in Alberta and Saskatchewan—For a return showing name and address of holder, area of tract, date of issue and expiry of lease, annual rental and amount, if any, overdue—208.

Dominion Marine Association, Memorial of—For particulars in reference to hauling of vessels in and out of locks at Cornwall canal—3277.

Extension of Time to Homesteaders in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—For a return showing name, post office address and location of applicants for extension of time during year ending June 30, 1905, and six months ending December 31, 1905; name of inspector who reported on case, &c.—208.

Lands in Alberta and Saskatchewan sold for Irrigation Projects—For a return giving area, location, price and name of purchaser—208.

Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—For a return showing area of lands of which the time has elapsed; area earned, selected and patented, &c.; extent and boundaries of reserved territory; orders in council. Information desired up to January 1, 1906—209.

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Ames, H. B. (Montreal, St. Antoine)—*Con.*

Land Patents in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—For a return showng number issued between the year 1872 and December 31, 1905, and whether odd or even sections were affected—209.

Non-compliance with Homestead Law—For a return giving location, name and address of party, name and address of parties who endeavoured to lodge cancellations—208.

Rogersville, Railway Ties at—For a return showing particulars—2950.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—773.

Germany, Exports to—For a return showing exports for each year from 1896 to 1905, inclusive, on wheat, flour, oats, bacon, hams, butter, cheese and apples—773.

Indians, Indian Reserves and Indian Agents, &c.—For a return showing particulars—2950.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—1870.

British and European Immigration to Canada—For a return from Interior Department in regard to alleged irregularities. Also all communications between the department and the representatives in Britain relating to the matter—1870.

Eastern Railway Supply Company, New Brunswick Petroleum Company, Sherman Williams Paint Company, and Maritime Wire Fencing Company—For a return showing all contracts between the companies and government since June 30, 1902; all tenders; all correspondence and communications of Railway Department and officers; all advertisements, statements, vouchers, &c.—207.

Peterborough Lift Lock, Defects in—Copies of all documents relating thereto—1871.

Speers, C. W., Communication of—Copy of, recommending that 10,000 afterwards sold to Col. A. D. Davidson, be broken by government to establish fact that grain could be grown; also copy of map and all papers up to May 24, 1902, respecting the quality or value of lands—1571.

Béland, H. S. (Beauce)—3997.

Saguenay, Dredging of—For a copy of all correspondence between any minister or any department and the company of the port of Chicoutimi or any company or person regarding the dredging of, down to the present year—3997.

Belcourt, N. A. (Ottawa City)—427.

Imperial Intelligence Service—For copies of papers relating to establishment of—427.

Speaker's Apartments and Furnishings of Same—For a return showing particulars from 1886 to 1906, inclusive—2950.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—773.

Mail contracts in Peel—For a return giving particulars of—773.

Sorel, Accident to Wharf—For a copy of correspondence, &c., showing particulars —2951.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—774.

Collingwood Dry Dock, Bounty to—For copies of all correspondence in reference to—774.

Dredging in Ontario—For a return showing all amounts paid for, from July 1, 1905, to the present time, &c.—773.

Giant's Tomb Island—Copies of papers relative to sale of—1380.

Lake Ocebe Lighthouse, construction of—For copies of correspondence, contracts and lists of payments to workmen—997.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—997.

Insurance Act—Relating to Desirability of further amending—For copies of all papers during 1903-4-5 relating thereto—997.

Insurance Superintendent's Report—Copy of special report dated November 9, 1905; all reports, correspondence and other documents from January 1, 1905 to date—204.

Lands in Manitoba and Northwest formerly reserved for Timber or Hay purposes—For copies of returns showing where homestead entries have been granted since January 1, 1905—427.

Life Saving Vessels and Improved Aids to Navigation on the Pacific Coast—For a copy of all petitions and papers referring to—1741.

Loss of vessels or steamships on the Pacific Coast—For a copy of all reports, findings and recommendations, during the last six years, not already published—1741.

Mails across Atlantic—For copies of all contracts made during past two years; copies of all correspondence, documents, &c.—204.

Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Company—Copies of all contracts and agreements between the government and the company; all correspondence; all orders in council; all correspondence with the Saskatchewan Land Valley Company; all correspondence between the government and any shareholders of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamship's Company—203.

Rights of Canada in Respect to Sea Fisheries and to Inland Fisheries in each Province—For a return showing: 1. What proprietory rights, or rights of licensing or control or other rights, if any, are vested in the government of Canada or the Crown, in the right of Canada in respect to, (a) sea fisheries: (b) inland fisheries in each province—773.

Wrecks in River and Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1905—For a return showing number of wrecks; names, tonnage and character of vessels wrecked; causes of wrecks; if any inquiry was held; reports, evidence, documents, &c.—204.

Young Girls for Immoral Purposes, Sale and Slavery in British Columbia of—For a copy of all communications between Minister of the Interior or any department of the government and the superin-

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tendent under the Children's Protective Act of British Columbia relating thereto. Also a copy of all reports and papers from the agents of the Indian Department —1741.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—996.

Fish entered for Export at Port Arthur, Fort William, Sault Ste. Marie, Manitoulin Island and all Georgian Bay ports, respectively—For a return showing quantity and classification for years ending June 30, from 1896 to 1905, inclusive—996.

Great Northern Railway, Subsidies to—For a copy of all papers relating to applications of subsidies and subsidies granted to said company—2274.

Indian Lands in East and West Algoma—For a return showing lands disposed of from 1896 to 1905, inclusive, and all particulars—2273.

Indian Lands, Reports of Agents on Sales, Cancellations and Transactions—For a copy of from July 1, 1896, to April 1, 1905—2273.

Pilot's Retiring Fund—For copies of all papers since 1896—997.

Sault Ste. Marie, Government Claim Against —For a copy of all papers relating to alleged rioting in September, 1903, and to despatch of militia to suppress the same —2274.

Whitefish Island, Expropriation of—For copies of all papers of any kind relating to same—996.

Bristol, Edmund (Centre Toronto)—3277.

Aid to Provinces by Dominion Government since Confederation—For a return showing—3277.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—2038.

Agricultural Products—For a return showing imports and exports between United States and Canada for last fiscal year of certain products—2038.

Freight Rates and Tariffs on Government Railways and Government Winter Boats For a return showing particulars—2950.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—1871.

Cowie's Dam, Milton, Queen's County, N.S. —Copy of reports, letters, papers and accounts relating thereto—1871.

Elson, Peter (East Middlesex)—998.

Thorndale Post Office, Removal of—For copies of all papers respecting—998.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1741.

Coal Lands Leased, Sold or Otherwise Disposed of—For a return giving all particulars from 1896 to 1905, inclusive—1741.

Nixon, Joseph—For copies of all papers made subsequent to April 3, 1905, in respect to—774.

Timber Berths Nos. 1158, 1175, 1192, 1219, 1231 and 1232, Leasing of—For a return showing the original tenders received by

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the Department of the Interior, and copies of all papers—773.

Timber Lands Sold or Leased—Return subsequent to those included in Sess. Papers No. 39, giving all particulars—345.

Wagner, Philip—Copies of all correspondence and papers with Department of Interior or minister, &c.—344.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—774.

Halifax, Old Drill Shed Property—For copies of all papers relating to—774.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—1379.

Trent Canal Construction—For a return showing progress made and sums expended, &c.—1379.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—205.

Aylmer Post Office Building—For copies of telegrams, letters, reports and documents in relation to site—205.

Darroch, Alexander, Collector of Customs at St. Thomas—For copies of all telegrams, letters, documents, &c., concerning appointment and removal of—205.

Elgin County, Mail Contracts in—For a return showing particulars of—3997.

Head Tax on Persons Entering United States —For copies of all telegrams, letters, documents, &c., between government and any person or persons in regard to head tax—205.

Homestead Entry Applications—For copies of all forms used since 1890—207.

Liddle, David, assistant inspector of Weights and Measures, Windsor—For copies of telegrams, recommendations, &c., in connection with his appointment—204.

Port Bruce Harbour—For a return showing amounts voted and amounts expended each year since June 30, 1896; present actual condition of harbour; copy of estimated cost of harbour; copies of advertisements calling for tenders. Also, copies of all tenders and contracts, &c.—205.

Port Burwell Harbour—For a return showing the amounts voted and the amounts expended each year since June 30, 1896; a copy of the estimated cost of harbour; copies of all advertisements calling for tenders, and of all tenders and contracts; copy of pay roll, &c.—206.

Port Stanley Harbour—For return showing amounts voted and amounts expended; a copy of estimated cost; copies of advertisements calling for tenders; all tenders and contracts ; petitions, documents, &c.; names of foremen, superintendents and inspectors—205.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—209.

Authorization to make Homestead Entry for Another—For a return showing number granted during years 1901-2-3-4-5. How many have been in demand for a patent? How many cancelled ? How many on books?—209.

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Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—*Con.*

Homestead Entries, Number Recorded Each Fiscal Year, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—For a return showing number and percentage of entries for each year prior to December 31, 1901 for which patents have been granted or recommendations made—209.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—2274.

Speaker's Apartments—For a return in detail from 1891 to 1905, inclusive, of all goods supplied and amounts paid; an inventory on the vacation of office by the different Speakers; correspondence in reference to purchase of goods; resolutions passed by Internal Economy Committee in regard to said matters—2274.

Walsh, Patrick, Dismissal of—For copies of all papers relating thereto—1206.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—1741.

Alberta and Athabaska, Certain Lands in—For a copy of order in council passed on or about July 27, 1900, referred to in a certain question asked by Mr. Lefurgey on April 9 inst., &c.—1741.

Hodgson Property, near Charlottetown—Copy of all papers between superintendent of Prince Edward Island Railway or other officials, and interested parties, relative to acquiring property—1380.

Miminegash Harbour, Expenditure on—For a copy of all papers giving particulars—2273.

Prince Edward Island Fisheries, Ownership and Control of—For copies of all papers relating thereto—997.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—997.

Toronto Harbour, Eastern Entrance—For all papers relating to improvements since July 1, 1904—997.

Toronto Harbour, Extension of Breakwater —For copies of papers relating to, since July 1, 1904.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—1871.

Alberta and Saskatchewan Lands, Disposal of—Copies of all communications and other documents bearing of the proposed disposal of—1871.

Land Sales, Withdrawing certain sections —For a return showing number of sales during 1904-5 and six months ending December 31, 1905—210.

Homestead Inspectors throughout Manitoba and Northwest—Names of and dates of absence from duty, and monthly expenses between 1st of July and 31st December, 1905—210.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—345.

French Village, Prince Edward Island—Copies of all papers relating to change of location—345.

Montague and Cardigan, P.E.I., Land Expropriated for Railway Purposes—For copies of all papers, names of valuators, copies of all valuations, names of persons who accepted valuations, and names

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of those whose valuations were not accepted—1206.

New Steamer Being Constructed in England —Copy of plan and specifications—1871.

North Lake Post Office, P.E.I.—For a copy of all papers in reference to removal of —2274.

Smith, Mrs. Sarah—For a copy of all correspondence and orders respecting the dismissal of Mrs. Sarah Smith from the office of postmistress at Mount Buchanan, P.E.I.—2038.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—774.

Additional Subsidy to Prince Edward Island in 1901—For copies of all papers in connection with—774.

Coffin, David D., Postmaster at Head of Hillsborough, P.E.I.—For a copy of all papers, &c., in reference to dismissal of—3997.

Glace Bay Harbour Improvement—For copies of papers—428.

McCabe, Joseph—Copies of all papers with reference to dismissal of—345.

Prince Edward Island Railway, Branch Line to Stanley Bridge—For copies of all orders in council and papers. Also damage claims of Austin J. MacNeil and others —886.

Weeks, W. A.—For copy of order in council appointing him to investigate land dispute; also copies of evidence taken and report made—997.

Winter Navigation of Northumberland Straits—All correspondence and papers relating to construction of new steamer, including Mr. Duguid's report—1870.

Parmelee, Charles (Shefford)—1871.

Drug and Proprietory Medicine Trade of Canada—Copy of report of Mr. Du Berger —1871.

Perley, G. H. (Argenteuil)—1379.

Chicoutimi Pulp Company—Copy of contract; copy of reports of government officers and correspondence—1379.

Victoria Memorial Museum—For a copy of the specifications of; also for all correspondence between the government and persons or corporations with reference to the stone to be used—1741.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—1741.

Caldwell, C. F.—For a copy of all applications for himself or clients, with their names and all correspondence in connection with the purchase of coal mining lands in the province of Alberta—1741.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—2951.

Canadian Northern Railway Company, Lands selected by—For a return showing particulars—2951.

Canadian Northern Railway, Lands selected by—For a return showing—3277.

Customs Officials at Emerson, Man.—For a copy of all reports, evidence and papers relating to charges against—2038.

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Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—*Con.*

Halfbreed Allotments in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—For a return showing number between July 1, 1896, and December 31, 1905 ; scrip issued to colonization companies during same period ; scrip granted prior to July 1, 1896—210.

Money Scrip Redeemed in Dominion Land—Amount of money and number of acres purchased in Manitoba and Northwest each year from 1875—210.

Riding Mountain Reserve—For a copy of all reports by any officers of the government since January 1, 1900—1740.

Rirm, Joseph, and the Government—For a copy of all correspondence relating to surface right of coal on the northwest quarter of section 26, township 1, range 6, west of the second meridian—3997.

Scrip, allotments and total acreage in Manitoba and Northwest between July 1, 1904, and Dec. 1, 1905, to halfbreeds; number of warrants for military service ; scrip to Mounted Police; number and acreage outstanding on December 31, 1905. All papers between Provincial governments and Dominion government—210.

Smith, E. D. (Wentworth)—773.

Supplies for Permanent Military Forces, Mounted Police Volunteers in Camp and Military Schools—For copies of all contracts—773.

Thermograph Records of Temperature on Ocean Steamers—For copies of records for 1906—427.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo)—998.

Lethbridge Coal Miners' Strike, Calling out Mounted Police—For copies of all correspondence in connection with same—998.

Wrecks on Pacific Coast—For a return giving particulars in Canadian waters since 1900—428.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2274.

Blood Indian Reserve, Leasing of—For a copy of all papers relating to—2274.

Land Sales in Blocks or area of more than one half section in 1903, 1904 and 1905, in Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Territories—For a return, showing particulars—774.

Permanent and Temporary Employees in Senate—That a message be sent requesting information respecting pay and duties of each employee—2273.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—428.

Glanders and Mallein, Horses tested in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—For a return showing particulars—428.

Swamp Lands—Copies of orders in council from July 1896 to present time; also all papers and correspondence between Dominion and government of Manitoba—345.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—3997.

Chaudiers Falls, Leases of Water-power—For a return showing particulars of—3997.

RETURNS ORDERED WITHOUT DISCUSSION —*Con.*

Taylor, George (Leeds)—*Con.*

Moneys Paid to Provincial Judges—Amounts paid under provisions of Act, and items for which payment was made—207.

Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Ship Canal—For a copy of instructions issued to each grade of engineers on the surveys —2951.

Subsidies to Trans-Atlantic Steamships Companies—For a copy of all contracts made by government wherein subsidies were granted—1741.

Verville, A. (Maisonneuve)—998.

British Printers Brought out Under Misrepresentation—For copies of all correspondence upon the subject of petition—998.

Italian Labourers Imported to Montreal in 1904—A copy of report made by deputy Minister of Labour—1871.

Winnipeg Printers, Complaints of—That the report of investigation and any papers showing results be laid on the table—1380.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox and Addington)—207.

Homesteaders in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—For a return showing the number to make entry during each year between 1896 and December 31, 1905; the nationality of said homesteaders—207.

North Atlantic Trading Company—For a copy of the first contract made between the government and the company; for a return showing the names of all directors and shareholders on date of contract; for copy of contract made in November, 1904, and return showing directors and shareholders on same date; for copies of all reports made to government; for copies of correspondence, documents, &c., in connection with last contract; for a return showing amount of money paid by government each year; also what general business the company has outside of this contract—206.

Preston—Griffith Correspondence—Copies of all correspondence on immigration for past two years between High Commissioner and W. T. R. Preston; copies of all correspondence between Preston and Griffith—206.

Worthington, A. N. (Sherbrooke)—345.

Boulanger, Lt.-Col.—Copies of all papers relating to dismissal or removal of from the militia of Canada—345.

Petewawa, Land for Military Training—Copies of all papers connected with purchase of property and names of persons connected with transaction—344.

RETURNS ORDERED BY THE HOUSE, PREPARATION OF

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Reid asks for information with regard to a return—2811.

RETURNS, SYSTEM OF THE HOUSE NOT THOROUGH.

On the motion to adjourn, Hon. Mr. Foster (North Toronto) asks that certain returns ordered last session be brought down at early date—12. Matter drops and motion agreed to—15.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—13.

Some amendment might be made so that information might be brought down at the commencement of each session—13. Thinks that the House should endeavour to ascertain why it is that the Auditor General's Report has been so long delayed this year—15.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—14.

The excuse made by the Prime Minister yesterday for not bringing down the Auditor General's Report earlier, not a good one—14.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—13.

The Secretary of State is the Minister who takes charge of these matters. There has been no other system—13. The Auditor General not an officer of the government; he is an officer of parliament—14. The report would be ready in due time—15.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—13.

When a return is asked for it ought to be brought down during the session, unless strong reason is given to the contrary—14.

RETURNS—PRESTON AND GRIFFITH.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2819.

We will say no more now—2819.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2819.

Would like to ask the minister how long it would take before the correspondence between Mr. Preston and Mr. Griffith can be brought down?—It looks to me as if there were some common scold in the Interior Department who had prepared the statement for the minister to read to the House—2819. A careful investigation of the methods of arranging work in the department would reveal to the House the necessity of changing the system—2820.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—2811.

For the information of the hon. gentleman and the House I will make a statement. There are some twelve returns now being prepared and the facts about them are as follows: Reads statement—2811-17. Gives details of time and labour expended in preparing returns—2817. Considers the privilege of parliament has been abused to a large extent in moving for returns—2818. The Griffith-Preston correspondence will be read to-morrow or next day—2819.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—2811.

When am I to expect the return that I moved for on the 18th of April last?—2811. Asks that that part of return referring to the Caldwell application be brought down—2819.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—2818.

The minister has occupied half an hour and delayed business to lecture the House. The questions asked this session or last session do not begin to compare with the resolutions and questions that were put by hon. gentlemen opposite when they sat on this side of the House—2818. The opposition are going to ask for a good many more papers—2819.

REVILLON BROTHERS, LIMITED—IN COMMITTEE.

House in Committee on Bill (No. 76) respecting Revillon Brothers, Limited—Mr. McCool—3672. Motion that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—Mr. McCool. Motion agreed to. Motion that Bill be referred to Railway Committee—Mr. McCool. Motion agreed to—3674.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—3672.

On section 3—Provision should be made that this matter should be submitted to the Railway Commissioners, because it would seem to me desirable to have it uniform—3672. This Bill was not before the Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines—3673. I would suggest to the introducer that he move that we report progress, and that the Bill be referred to the Railway Committee—3674.

McCool, C. A. (Nipissing)—3673.

On section 3—This is a fur-trading company. They are not asking to establish a regular telegraph and telephone business, but merely to build lines between their trading posts—3673. Moves that the order be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines—3674.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3672.

On section 3—This seems an extraordinary power to give this company. I do not see any clause to bring it under the provision of the Railway Act—3672. The Bill should have been before the Railway Committee; I think the order should be discharged and the Bill sent to the proper committee. Why does not the mover say in clause 5, 'The company may construct and operate telephone and telegraph lines between any of its posts—3672.

REVILLON BROTHERS, LIMITED—CONCURRENCE.

Motion for concurrence in the amendments made by the Senate to Bill (76) respecting Revillon Brothers, Limited—Mr. McCool—6706.

REVILLON BROTHERS, LIMITED—CONCURRENCE—*Con.*

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6707.

The object is to enable the government to limit certain operations of this company to certain territories—6707.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6706.

It looks as if power were taken by these amendments to extend by order in council the territory over which this company should do business—6706.

REVISION OF STATUTES.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden inquires when it is expected that the Revised Statutes will be published, and whether it is intended to present them to parliament—6678.

Aylesworth, A. B. (Minister of Justice)—6678.

It is expected that the codification will be completed by the 1st of November at latest—6678.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6678.

The object of my inquiry is to ascertain, if possible, the precise date when we may expect them. And they will be published then for use?—6678.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS PARK.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (164) to amend the Rocky Mountains Park Act—Mr. Oliver. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—3234.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—3234.

It is proposed by this Bill to provide that within the town of Canmore lots may be sold, as they could not be sold legally before the passage of this Bill—3234.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS PARK ACT—AMENDMENT.

Bill (164) to amend the Rocky Mountains Park Act—Mr. Oliver—read the second time, and House went into committee thereon—4734. Mr. Borden moves amendment. Amendment agreed to—4759. Bill as amended reported—4760.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—4743.

On section 1—Would it not be better to select one month in the year for the public sale rather than say that at all times, whenever an application is made for a lot, it shall be put up for competition? I am strongly in favour of the proposition of the member of North Toronto, that the only way to protect the government and to satisfy the people is to sell the lots by public auction under the regulations of the department—4743.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4737.

On section 1—What is the area of the park? 4737. Would my hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) object to adopting a provision which would require the regulations to be confirmed by parliament, as is the case in the Yukon?—4738. The people who have lots and have built houses should have the preference in case of sale—4740. Moves amendment; this amendment contains all that is important in section 5 of the Act of 1887 with a provision which is to be found in chapter 34 of the Acts of 1892—4759.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS PARK ACT—AMENDMENT—*Con.*

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4734.

On section 1—Would the minister (Mr. Oliver) kindly say what this legislation results in?—4734. For how many years is the present policy of leasehold? If you put up the lots for sale now, you get a comparatively small price for them, whereas if you keep them under leasehold, as their value increases the advantage goes to the country at large. I would like to hear stronger reasons than the minister (Mr. Oliver) has given for changing the policy with reference to Rocky Mountains Park; with regard to Canmore, it might be preferable to dispose of the land and leave it to take its natural course of development—4736. Does this legislation affect leases already granted or does it simply apply to vacant lots which have not been leased, because the method of working would be different in each case—4739. Let the proper officers lay out the land and draw up the building conditions and the safety conditions, moral and otherwise that are deemed necessary. Then fix an upset price, and on that price let there be competition by public tender or by public sale—4741. If it is made known that this lot is to be sold with these restrictions, then, Smith, Jones and every one else who wishes to own the lot will have the opportunity to compete in the buying—4742. Is it the idea of the minister to sell out all the lots at once or only such as are required by actual settlers? He does not propose to put them in the hands of some one to hold them and sell them—4745.

Herron, John (Alberta)—4742.

On section 1—I think that public tender is the only method in a case of this kind—4742. Does the government hold the bulk of the town lots in Canmore?—4745.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—4743.

On section 1—Why should this method of disposing of lots not be adopted in Canmore?—4743. If there is any other reason than the one suggested to give the people of this place a right to acquire a title in fee simple, I would like to hear it—4744. The only course I desired the hon. minister (Mr. Oliver) to take was to prevent these lots from falling into the hands of one or two parties—4746. The village of Canmore is composed largely of miners and regulations should be enacted which would give the miners an opportunity of obtaining the property at a reasonable cost on easy terms with a low upset price by auction—4760.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS PARK ACT—AMENDMENT—*Con.*

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —4734.

On section 1—The Rocky Mountains Park Act places in the hands of the Governor in Council certain authority in the administration of matters within the park; the Governor in Council has the power to lease property but not to sell—4734. The boundaries have been extended so that the towns of Banff and Canmore are included; it is therefore thought desirable that the privilege of sale of town lots within the limits of the surveyed town sites should be permitted—4735. If there is a fair and reasonable ground for believeing that a change of tenure will bring about a change of condition, the change of tenure is very well justified; this Bill applies only to the area that is surveyed as a town plot—4737. I have no objection to placing before parliament each session any regulations that may have been passed in the interval with regard to the management of the park. A sale could not be made by regulation, but would have to be made simply on the authority of the department or the minister—4738. The question of conditions is very much more important than the question of price. The only reason we ask for the change is because we feel that the original idea has not worked out under present conditions—4740. I am quite willing to accept the proposition of selling lots only in competition—4741. Do I understand that the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) requires that whenever an application for purchase is made the lot should be put up to competition?—4742. The conditions in Canmore are very different to what they are in Banff—4743. It would be more acceptable all around to say that we shall place a fair valuation on the lot and the first man who applies for a lot and who is willing to pay the price and to conform to our building conditions shall have it—4745.

ROSS RIFLE.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Sam. Hughes makes explanations in reference to the Ross Rifle—3411.

Borden, Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia)——3411.

Has pleasure in confirming the statement made by Mr. Sam. Hughes—3411.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—3411.

The change made in the receiver of the Ross Rifle hinders the barrel from heating and more than does the Lee-Enfield, and it can be fired with nearly twice the rapidity—3411.

Talbot, O. E. (Bellechasse)—3412.

The experience of our riflemen indicates that 1,300 rounds can be fired in two-thirds of the time of the other rifle, without heating the barrel—3412.

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Motion for copies of all contracts and papers between the Ross Rifle Company and the government or the Militia Department—Mr. Worthington. Motion agreed to—1380.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —1380.

Invoices are not made public; presume hon. gentleman (Mr. Worthington) does not include them in his motion—1380.

ROYAL ASSENT.

Message by Gentleman Usher of Black Rod summoning Commons to the Senate. Accordingly Mr. Speaker and House of Commons went to Senate Chamber. Having returned, Mr. Speaker was pleased to inform the House that His Lordship the Deputy Governor was pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, assents to the following Bills: —743.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 30th June, 1906.

Mr. Speaker informs the House that he has received a letter from the secretary of His Excellency the Governor General summoning the House of Commons to the Royal Assent—3152.

Speaker, Mr.—3152.

Reads letter from secretary of His Excellency the Governor General—3152.

Mr. Speaker informs the House, that he has received a message from the secretary of His Excellency the Governor General conveying the information that the Royal Assent would be given to certain Bills in the Senate Chamber on Friday, June 1st at 4 o'clock—4247.

Speaker, Mr.—4247.

Reads message from secretary of His Excellency the Governor General—4247.

Message by Gentleman Usher of Black Rod, summoning commoners to the Senate. Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the Senate Chamber, and having returned, Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Honour the deputy of His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, his royal assent to the following Bills :—4363.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the judges of Provincial Courts.

An Act respecting the powers of the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal.

An Act to incorporate the Quebec, Midland Railway Company.

ROYAL ASSENT—*Con.*

An Act to repeal the Act to provide for the collection and publishing of labour statistics.

An Act respecting certain patents of Henry Edmunds.

An Act respecting applications for patents of Henry Wurts, junior.

An Act further to amend the Canada Evidence Act, 1893.

An Act respecting the Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Company.

An Act respecting the British Columbia Southern Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Puebla Light and Power Company, Limited, and to change its name to Puebla Tramway, Light and Power Company.

An Act respecting the Great Northern Railway of Canada.

An Act respecting the Mexican Consolidated Electric Company, Limited, and to change its name to the Mexican Tramways Company.

An Act respecting the Mexican Light and Power Company, Limited.

An Act respecting the Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light and Power Company.

An Act respecting the Erie, Ontario Power Company.

An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Unorganized Territories Game Preservation Act, 1894.

An Act respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal.

An Act for granting to His Majesty a certain sum of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 30th June, 1906.

Message by Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, summoning Commons to the Senate. Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and House went up to the Senate Chamber. Having returned, Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Honour the Deputy Governor has been pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, assent to the following Bills—6165:—

An Act respecting the harbour of North Sydney, in Nova Scotia.

An Act respecting the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company.

An Act respecting the Mather Bridge and Power Company.

An Act respecting the Schomberg and Aurora Railway Company.

An Act respecting a patent of the Anderson Puffed Rice Company.

An Act to amend the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act.

An Act respecting the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Company.

ROYAL ASSENT—*Con.*

An Act respecting the Canada Atlantic Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Montreal Park and Island Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Central Ontario Railway.

An Act respecting the Thorold and Lake Erie Railway Company.

An Act respecting certain patents of Chester Burnell Duryea.

An Act to incorporate the Canadian Handicrafts Guild.

An Act for the enfranchisement of Jamieson Webster Lewis, an Indian of the Moravian band of the Thames, in the province of Ontario.

An Act respecting the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, Limited, and the Keewatin Flour Mills Company, Limited.

An Act to incorporate the Canadian Bible Society Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

An Act respecting the Farmers Bank of Canada.

An Act respecting a patent of Henry Luther Houk.

An Act respecting a patent of the Cyclone Woven Wire Fence Company, Limited.

An Act respecting the Niagara, Queenston and St. Catharines Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company.

An Act respecting the Quebec and Lake Huron Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Quebec, Saguenay and Gulf of St. Lawrence Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Ottawa, Brockville and St. Lawrence Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Weights and Measures Act.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code, 1892.

An Act to amend the Exchequer Court Act.

An Act respecting the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company.

An Act to incorporate the Inter-Ocean Fire Insurance Company.

An Act to amend the Rocky Mountains Park Act.

An Act to make further provision respecting grants of land to members of the militia force on active service in the Northwest.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff, 1897.

An Act for the relief of John Albert Peer.

An Act to incorporate the Kamloops and Yellow Head Pass Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Southern Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Ashcroft, Barkerville and Fort George Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Kettle River Valley Railway Company.

An Act for the relief of Minnie Florence Irvine.

ROYAL ASSENT—*Con.*

An Act to incorporate the Colonial Bank of Canada.

An Act for the relief of Charles William Holmes.

An Act for the relief of Harriette Wesley Baker.

An Act respecting the James Bay Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Brandon Transfer Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Buffalo, Niagara and Toronto Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Erie, London and Tillsonburg Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Toronto and Hamilton Railway Company, and to change its name to the Toronto, Niagara and Western Railway Company.

An Act respecting Leprosy.

An Act respecting the Citizens' Bank of Canada.

An Act to authorize the exchange of certain school lands for other Dominion lands.

An Act respecting the British America Assurance Company.

An Act respecting the Western Assurance Company—6165.

House of Commons summoned to the Senate Chamber—7698. House of Commons in Senate Chamber; His Excellency was pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, the Royal assent to the following Bills—7698:—

An Act to incorporate the Canadian-Minnessota Bridge Company.

An Act respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Ontario Northern and Timagami Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Huron and Ontario Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Hamilton, Waterloo and Guelph Railway Company.

An Act for the relief of Mary Emeline Preston.

An Act respecting the Pacific Bank of Canada, and to change the name to United Empire Bank of Canada.

An Act respecting the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company.

An Act respecting the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited.)

An Act respecting the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company.

An Act to incorporate the Toronto Terminals Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Fruit Marks Act, 1901.

An Act respecting the Quebec Harbour Commissioners.

An Act to incorporate the Western Trust Company.

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An Act to amend the Act respecting the Currency.

An Act to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Company.

An Act to incorporate the Windsor, Chatham and London Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Fort William Terminal Railway and Bridge Company.

An Act respecting the Standard Trusts Company.

An Act respecting Queen's College at Kingston.

An Act respecting certain patents of Franklin Montgomery Gray.

An Act respecting the Central Railway Company of Canada.

An Act to amend the Interpretation Act.

An Act to amend the Indian Act.

An Act respecting the Fscal Year.

An Act respecting the Monarch Bank of Canada.

An Act for the relief of William Napoleon Vaughan.

An Act for the relief of Eileen Mary Mackintosh.

An Act for the relief of Asenath Ramsay.

An Act for the relief of Jane Frances Fields.

An Act for the relief of James Allen.

An Act for the relief of Frederick William Wight.

An Act to amend the Militia Pension Act, 1901.

An Act to amend the Militia Act.

An Act respecting roads and road allowances in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

An Act to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company.

An Act respecting La Banque Provinciale du Canada.

An Act to incorporate the Pacific Marine Insurance Company.

An Act for the relief of Muriel Violet Spencer.

An Act respecting the St. Mary's River Bridge Company.

An Act respecting the Empire Trust Company and to change its name to the Dominion Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Cobalt Range Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Montreal Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company.

An Act to incorporate the Sterling Life Assurance Company.

An Act respecting the Court of Appeal for Manitoba.

An Act respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

An Act respecting the Southern Central Pacific Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Grain Inspection Act.

An Act to amend the Manitoba Grain Act, 1900.

An Act respecting Revillon Brothers, Limited.

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An Act respecting La Compagnie d'Assurance Mutuelle contre le feu des Comtés de Rimouski, Témiscouata et Kamouraska, and to change its name to La Compagnie d'Assurance contre l'incendie de Rimouski.

An Act to incorporate the Anglo-Canadian Insurance Company.

An Act respecting the Northern Commercial Telegraph Company, Limited.

An Act respecting the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Hillcrest Railway, Coal and Coke Company.

An Act to incorporate the Burk's Falls and French River Railway Company.

An Act for the Relief of William Edward Ogden.

An Act respecting Forest Reserves.

An Act respecting the Grand Valley Railway Company.

An Act respecting Penitentiaries.

An Act respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the General Accident Assurance Company of Canada.

An Act to incorporate the Chartered Bank of London and Canada.

An Act respecting Money-Lenders.

An Act to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company.

An Act for the relief of Nettie M. Bulmer.

An Act to incorporate the Sovereign Trust Company.

An Act respecting the Royal Bank of Canada.

An Act to amend the National Transcontinental Railway Act.

An Act to provide for further advances of the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal.

An Act to amend the Fisheries Act.

An Act respecting certain Loan Companies.

An Act to authorize the granting of subsidies in aid of the construction of the lines of railway therein mentioned.

An Act respecting Immigration and Immigrants.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Safety of Ships and the Prevention of Accidents on board thereof.

An Act relating to the Supreme Court of Judicature of the province of New Brunswick.

An Act to incorporate the Twelve-Mile Power Company, Limited.

An Act respecting the Manitoba and Keewatin Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada.

An Act to incorporate the Prince Albert and North Saskatchewan Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Trans-Niagara Bridge Company.

An Act to incorporate the United Empire Life Insurance Company.

An Act to incorporate the Temagami, Cobalt and Temiskaming Railway Company.

ROYAL ASSENT—*Con.*

An Act respecting the sale and marking of manufactures of Gold and Silver.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons.

An Act respecting Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.

An Act further to amend the Criminal Code, 1892.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code, 1892, as respects Lotteries.

An Act to amend the Railway Act, 1903.

An Act respecting the Lord's Day.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons.

An Act to repeal the Act respecting Annuities for certain Privy Councillors.

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA—IN COMMITTEE.

House again in committee on Bill (No. 131) respecting the Royal Bank of Canada—Mr. A. K. Maclean—4389.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—4389.

The hon. member for Halifax has given notice of a proposal to amend the Bill. As he is not in the House, we had better let it stand until Monday—4389.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. A. K. Maclean would like to ask the House, if at all possible, to take into consideration Bill (No. 131) respecting the Royal Bank of Canada —4746.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4746.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Bill is the first order—4746.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—4746.

Bill was called last week, but I was absent, and as it is very short I would be pleased to have it disposed of—4746.

Speaker, Mr.—4746.

That can only be done by the unanimous consent of the House. There appear to be objections ; call the first order—4746.

House in committee on Bill (No. 131) respecting the Royal Bank of Canada—Mr. A. K. Maclean—6022. Bill reported—6023.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6023.

The amendment can be moved on the third reading—6023.

Henderson, David (Halton)—6022.

There was no notice given of amendment, but the hon. gentleman who intended moving it is not present—6022.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6023.

Do you (Mr. A. K. Maclean) accept the amendment ?—6023.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—6022.

I understand there was notice given of an amendment, but I would not like the Bill

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Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—*Con.*

to stand over—6022. I do not accept the amendment—6023.

RULES OF THE HOUSE.

Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the report of the special committee, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House for consideration on Monday next. Motion agreed to—7054.

Motion, that the House go into committee to consider the report of the special committee appointed to revise the rules of the House—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—7460. Motion agreed to—7462.

On rule 2—Rule agreed to—7465.

On rule 18—Rule amended by leaving out the word 'thereupon.' Rule as amended agreed to—7467.

On rule 21—Rule amended by striking out the words, 'or interrupting a member who has the floor'—7470.

On rule 22—Rule as amended agreed to—7470.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier the committee rose and reported—7481.

Armstrong J. E. (East Lambton)—7477.

On rule 30—I would ask if the committee took into consideration the answering of questions on the orders of the day?—7477.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—7477.

On section 30—I think this rule prevails in England now, where a large portion of the questions are accompanied with the printed answers—7477.

On section 31—I think that rule 31 should be modified—7479. I think that puts too much power in the hands of the government—I know what is the effect of a member insisting upon going on with his notice of motion against the wish of the government—7480.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7480.

What is the meaning of 'reading the orders of the day'?—7480.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7461.

I do not think the changes, outside the one relating to the motion to adjourn and the others which the Prime Minister has mentioned, would be regarded as important—7461.

On rule 2—I think there could be that understanding, that committees on Wednesday would meet from ten to twelve o'clock—7465.

On rule 9—It is merely to put into the form of a rule that which has been a matter of invariable practice at the commencement of the session—7465.

On rule 18—I think the last sentence should come after the first one—7466.

On rule 21—The new words in this rule were introduced from an Australian rule in which the context may be a little different—7470.

RULES OF THE HOUSE—*Con.*

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

On rule 22—There is no reason why these rules should not be looked over every session—7473.

On rule 24—I would have a good deal of reluctance to have the rule struck out. Quotes May—7474. It means the daily work—7475. It was proposed to make Thursday a government day from the commencement of the session, and finally it was agreed to have it stand as it is for the first four weeks—7476.

On rule 30—That is the rule in England, and the committee discussed the desirability of adopting a similar rule here—7478. The question for the consideration of the House is whether these words had better be in or not—7479.

Calvert, W. S. (West Middlesex)—7475

On rule 24—Suppose a man is a member of several committees, he can only attend one at a time—7475.

Campbell, Archibald (Centre York)—7465.

On rule 2—Let the committees adjourn at twelve o'clock—7465.

Cochrane, Ed. (East Northumberland)—7464.

On rule 2—Friday would be a good day for some of us—7464. It is most absurd to say that a member should apply for permission to absent himself, when, if he is away more than a certain number of days, he loses part of his indemnity—7474.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —7474.

On rule 24—In the New Brunswick legislature if any one wishes to absent himself, a member makes the motion in his behalf—7474.

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On rule 2—In the English rules, they have one night a week in which the House does not sit—7463. I am in a large degree responsible for that suggestion, and I would be very sorry to find it did not meet with the approval of the House—7464.

On rule 18—Omit the word 'thereupon'—7467.

On rule 21—This meets the difficulty, because when a gentleman rises to exercise his right, the Speaker will first ascertain whether any one else wishes to speak—7468. A member will have his right to explain at the close of the speech—7469. The idea is to prevent a member who has the floor from being interrupted. except by his consent—7470.

On rule 22—Pecuniary interest would always be understood to mean individual interest. If it were general legislation I think it would be unreasonable to enforce the rule that they should not participate—7471.

On rule 24—In such a case, without any general rule, the House could by motion excuse a member from attendance—7474.

On rule 30—In any exceptional case that can always be done by consent. That

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has been the practice—7479. It is only in a member's absence that this rule would apply—7480. By reading the orders of the day, you express no opinion on a question, but you postpone it—7481.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —7462.

I would be very sorry indeed if the rules were not adopted this session so they might come into force the ensuing session—7462.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7462.

I do not think anything would break or be materially injured if this should stand over until the November session—7462. There is about a week at the opening of the session when you cannot do much—7463.

On rule 2—I would like the Prime Minister's reasons for practically foregoing the Wednesday session—7463. What is the evening taken in England?—7464.

On rule 21—The trouble is that the two speeches do not go to the same people—7470.

On section 29, subsection (d)—Instead of that reading, 'and it is the duty of Mr. Speaker,' it should read, 'but it is the duty of Mr. Speaker'—7470.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—7471.

On rule 22—This rule is the same, word for word, as that of the British parliament. quotes Speaker Peel—7471.

On rule 24—There may arise a case in which the attendance of members may be considered important, and this rule might be applied—7474.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—7464.

On rule 2—Unless the government could assure us that committees would not meet on Wednesday, I would be opposed to sitting earlier than two o'clock—7464.

On rule 22—It strikes me that a member of the House might have a very strong pecuniary interest which might escape the definition of the word 'direct'—7470. I would move to strike out the word 'direct,' and insert in lieu thereof the word 'special'—7471. Thursday is now the only day on which a public Bill is sure to be reached—7476. I am saying that the promoter of a public Bill has really only four weeks—7477.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7460.

The rules we have adopted contain only four important departures. First, the Australian rule of registering attendance of members; second, the English rule regarding moving the adjournment—7461. Third, that on Wednesdays the House will meet at 1 o'clock and adjourn at 6 until next day; the fourth is with regard to private Bills. I think we had better go on—7461. I do not take the same view as my hon. friend (Mr. Foster) does with regard to the opening of next session—7462. These rules are now before the

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House; we can go over them and I suggest we should do so now—7462.

On rule 1—The only change is the addition of the words 'in force on the first day of July, 1867—7462.

On rule 2—The same with the exception of Wednesday, which I have just explained. I shall have to refer to the Minister of Finance—7462.

On rule 9—This is a new rule—7465.

Select standing committees—special committee to report—The rule is made to conform simply to the present practice —7465.

On rule 17—This is the old rule 11 amended, providing that the motion shall be forthwith put without debate—7465.

On rule 18—This has very obviously been the practice but it is put in the shape of a rule. The new rule applies exactly as suggested by my hon. friend (Mr. Sproule)—7466.

On rule 21—It is all new and it is rather confusing, I admit, but the object, I think, is clear, when you take the clauses seriatum—7467. The object of these amendments is to give to a member who introduces a question to the House, the right to reply—7468. It is well to lay down the rule that a member who has the floor should not be interrupted without his consent—7469. Agrees to amendment suggested by Mr. Borden.

On rule 22—I think we had better adhere to the wording of the old rule, the meaning of which is well understood—7472. This is thte result of the development of corporations, and it is a matter very difficult to deal with—7473.

On rule 24—The first rule is the old one and the second is a new one—7473. This is a relic of the time when controverted elections were under the jurisdiction of this House—7474.

On section 25—The changes here are that the order for private Bills for an hour is transferred from Wednesday to Thursday—7476. For the first four weeks the order is not disturbed, public Bills come first—7477.

On section 30—All these questions are answered, and the answers go to the 'Hansard—7477. It could not be done otherwise than by consent—7479.

On rule 35—This is a condensation of several rules which are not printed except in the text books—7479.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—7471.

On rule 22—Many members are shareholders in banks or in railways. Should they be precluded from taking part in legislation relating to banks or railways—7471.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7461.

I think it would be inadvisable to take up these rules at this stage of the session. It says here there are important changes in 26—7461.

On rule 18—That, I think, is a proper rule 7466. I do not see any objection to the word 'whereupon,' because it works out in due and proper time—7467.

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On section 21—Quotes subsection (a)—7468. It seems to me that you cannot obey the rule and do your duty. The correction or denial should be printed together with the statement that has been taken exception to—7469.

On rule 29, subsection (a)—The phraseology would be better if the word 'but' were substituted for the word 'and,' and I move accordingly—7470.

On rule 22—It has always seemed to me desirable that this rule should be amended—7471. If we find in practice that the spirit of the rule is violated, is it not time that we should provide a remedy?—7472.

On section 24—If there is no attention paid to this rule you might as well drop it—7474. What is meant by attending the service?—7475. Under this we may be confronted with the dilemma, as we were when the Yukon railway was under consideration, of having the government declare that a debate shall be continued from day to day for four weeks to the exclusion of private members' day—7476.

On rule 30—Is it not possible that a good result could be accomplished by having some elasticity in this rule?—7478. I think the right should be left to the House to take up any order that it desires to take up—7479.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7464.

On rule 2—I think a night off is a very good thing—7464. If we had that understanding, that the committees would meet at ten and adjourn at twelve, I think it would meet the case—7464.

On rule 21—That is new—7467. I know that the popular notion is that the mover of a substantive resolution has the right to reply, but there is no parliamentary rule to that effect—7468.

On rule 22—In the English rule the word 'separate' occurs after the word 'direct.' Quotes Speaker Shaw-Lefevre—7472.

On rule 30—But the member might be away the next day—7480.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—7473.

On rule 24—How are you to obtain leave of the House?—7473.

On rule 31—Sometimes when a member is here and ready to go on, the government ask that the order be allowed to stand—7480.

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On the House resuming, Sir Wilfrid Laurier informs the House that there are only two items to be disposed of—the Bill respecting Ministerial Pensions and the Rules of the House—7601.

House went into committee to consider the report of the special committee appointed to revise the rules of the House of Commons—7602.

On rule 108—Sir Wilfrid Laurier moves to amend. Rule as amended agreed to—7606.

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On rule 2—Mr. Reid moves in amendment that the last five lines be struck out. Amendment negatived—7616. Mr. Calvert moves that the hours of meeting on Wednesday be 2 o'clock instead of 1. Motion agreed to, and rule as amended agreed to—7616.

On rule 24—Mr. Macpherson moves that clause 2 be struck out. Motion agreed to: yeas, 28; nays, 26—7618.

On rule 92—Mr. Emmerson moves to amend—7618. Amendment withdrawn—7619.

Rules reported and read a second time. Sir Wilfrid Laurier moves concurrence. Motion agreed to—7619.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—7606.

On rule 117—I think it is important that if any members of this House are partners of parliamentary agents, the fact should be registered—7606.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7610.

On rule 37—Then, Mr. Fowler is right, and one is precluded from discussing a motion concerning which notice stands on the order paper—7610.

On rule 2—I think this will be very inconvenient, and I would strongly urge sticking to the old hours—7612. That means only four hours of work on that day—7616.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7613.

On rule 2—The idea of the committee was that, when adjourning at six o'clock on Wednesday, we would prevent social engagements from interfering with public business—7613. I am not particularly wedded to this innovation, but I do not think it would interfere with public business—7614. It is not intended by this rule that there should necessarily be a series of half a dozen dinners—7615. This is simply a provision that the attendance of the members shall be recorded in the votes and proceedings—7618.

Calvert, W. S. (West Middlesex)—7611.

On rule 2—Mr. Logan was called out a moment ago. What he wanted to propose was that the hour for the meeting of the House on Wednesday would be placed at two o'clock—7611. Moves that 2 o'clock be the hour to meet Wednesdays—7616.

Campbell, Archibald (Centre York)—7612.

Adjourn the committee at twelve—7612.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—7606.

On rule 117—I would invite attention to rule 92, which provides for the filing of a map or plan in connection with a petition for the incorporation of a railway company or a canal company—7606.

On rule 2—Woud there be any objection to adjourning on Monday night or Friday night, when there is ordinarily a small

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attendance, instead of on Wednesday night?—7611. It should be Friday night, if it is apart from social functions, because a great many members are away on Friday night anyway—7616.

On rule 92—I move that to this rule these words be added: 'Or if a telegraph or telephone company, or of a company for the transmission of electric power—7618. I will not press the amendment—7619.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7602.

On section 36—And without the necessity for a motion—7602.

On rule 37—That is while the notice of motion is standing—7608. During those few weeks the motion for Committee of Supply is frequently made, and gives an opportunity for discussion. My friend (Mr. Brodeur), says he thinks Mr. Henderson is right—7610.

On rule 2—As between 2 o'clock and 1, I prefer 2; I think there is much in favour of having one night in the week when the House would not meet—7614. Then, how would it do to meet at 2 o'clock?—7615. If the motion prevails you can recast the rule afterwards—7616.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7601.

It is the intention of the Prime Minister to test these two? We can go on, and if there is any one amendment, discussion of which is desired, we can hold it a little longer—7601.

On rule 36—Questions—That is transferred without delay or debate—7602.

On rule 84—What is a free conference?—7603.

On rule 87—That is better than this continual extension of the time—7603.

On rule 108—That is the English practice—7606.

On rule 117 (subclause 2)—I would suggest to my hon. friend (Mr. Emmerson) that we take up in order the rules that have been reserved—7606.

On rule 37—By rule 127 of the British House of Commons, I see that the point raised by my hon. friend from Grey (Mr. Sproule) is met. It drops unless asked to stand—7609.

On rule 2—I may be old-fashioned in this, but I do not like this innovation, and do not believe it will facilitate the business —7612. We are here to legislate, and if we can get a little social entertainment in between that is so much gain, but it is not the purpose for which we come—7613. The whole thing will have to be changed—7616.

On rule 92—You give these telephone companies the right to go all over the country, and they cannot possibly file a plan of their route—7618.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—7608.

On rule 37—The worst feature of the rule is that where a notice of motion is on the paper, the matter of the motion can-

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not be discussed—7608. That does not cover the point I raised—that by putting a notice on the order paper and leaving it there, you prevent the matter being discussed at all—7609. I understand you cannot move a motion on going into Supply. But I understand you amend that—7610.

On rule 2—Have the committee adjourn at twelve—7612.

Henderson, David (Halton)—7602.

On rule 36—Ministers have frequently taken advantage in answering questions to give a great deal more than is asked for in order to gain some political advantage—7602.

On rule 37—I have always understood that one was precluded from discussing a question of which notice had been given—7610.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7610.

On rule 37—Can we divide the House on going into Supply?

On rule 2—I do not see any necessity for this innovation. I am inclined to think it is a mistake—7615.

Kennedy, J. B. (New Westminster)—7618.

Is there any possible way that can be devised to shorten the speeches in this House?—7618.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7601.

I see no reason why we should not do so. If we do not adopt these revised rules this session, we shall have to go through all the work next session—7601.

On rule 36—An opposition has always ample power to protect itself, if it is not fairly treated—7603.

On rule 84—Heretofore there has been a lot of red tape about these conferences. Now, all the instructions are contained in the reasons for this agreement—7603.

On rule 87—If my hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) waits until we reach the further rules, he will see that we have some precautions to prevent the late presentation of petitions for private Bills—7604.

On rule 88—There are two kinds of charges: First, for delay and negligence; the other is in proportion to the legislation sought for—7605.

On rule 108—The Clerk of the House suggests that the following should be added to the end of this rule. Quotes—7605.

On rule 117—I do not see what purpose my hon. friend (Mr. Barker) hopes to serve by his amendment. I suppose the firm of any man who acts as a parliamentary agent is known to everybody—7606.

On rule 37—This is the rule of the English House of Commons—7607. This is an old rule. If there is a notice on the order paper, you cannot deal with the subject except when that notice is taken up—7608. I would certainly agree to that. I would move that the words 'and not withdrawn' would be added—7609.

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Just the same—7610. My hon. friend from Cumberland (Mr. Logan) desired to bring up a matter relating to rule 2—7611.

On rule 2—It has been suggested that we meet at two o'clock instead of one—7616.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—7616.

On rule 2—You (Mr. Reid) are never here anyway—7616.

On rule 24, subsection 2—This House should not set itself down as being so very cheap as to put into the rules and regulations such a clause as this—7617. I move that clause 2 be struck out—7618.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—7616.

On rule 2—Is it absolutely necessary that the House should close at six o'clock ? —7616.

On rule 92—Would it not be well to provide that the maps exhibited in the Railway Committee should remain in possession of the department, and not be taken away by the railway companies ? —7619.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—7616.

On rule 2—I think it most unfair that the House should be compelled to adjourn on Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock—7616.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7601.

What is to hinder the adoption of the rules at any time while the House is sitting next session, seeing that the Senate has to deal with them ?—7601.

On rule 36—You must move for it. There may be no opportunity to move, and therefore the opposition are prevented from getting the information—7602.

On rule 87—This amendment is in the right direction, because, as a matter of fact, we have to extend the time, and we have to do it not once, but several times—7603.

On rule 88—It may be a good idea, but there will be lots of complaints about it. It will keep them from capitalizing companies at the figures they usually put them at—7605.

On rule 90—This is where I think it would be well to follow the plans we had years ago, which was to have any amendments put in brackets or italics—7605.

On rule 37—I think this is entirely too restrictive—7607. The member himself must always, I think, be the judge very largely of where a matter is a matter of urgency or not. Suppose a motion has been given and you cannot reach it—7608. It is much easier to get a rule fastened upon us than to get release from it. In 1885 we had three weeks of speeches on one side and no speaking on the other—7611.

On rule 2—Meeting at one o'clock on Wednesday would mean that members of the committee would go direct from committee work to the House without time for lunch—7612. I think if we cut out a great deal of social entertainment it would be better—7613. From a medical standpoint, I would oppose meeting at one o'clock, as having luncheon at different hours on different days would be sure to derange the digestive system—7614. It would be better for the cabinet members, the leader of the opposition and others not to entertain; they are throwing away their money and interfering with the time of the members—7615. You would have to change the order for Tuesday and make it the order for Wednesday, then restore Tuesday's order as it is under the old rule—7616.

On rule 24—I would like to ask the right hon. the Prime Minister how he intends to carry out clause 2 of rule 24 ?—7617. How are you going to keep a record unless there is a registration ?—7618.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7602.

On rule 36—That is better than it was before—7602.

On rule 108—We follow that procedure in New Brunswick legislature—7606.

On rule 37—The circumstances in this legislature are somewhat different from those in the imperial parliament—7608. A member may have the intention of moving a motion to adjourn in order to call the attention of the House to some important matter—7609.

On rule 2—Friday night would not be a very good night for social intercourse—7611. I see no difficulty if it is understood that the committe on Wednesday shall meet at ten o'clock—7612.

On rule 92—How could the Bell Telephone Company, for example, file a plan at the time of incorporation ?—7618.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—7617.

On rule 24—After I get my mail I may find there is important business to be done at the departments and go there for an hour or two—7617. Then I find on my return that the House has adjourned and would be marked absent, whereas I had been endeavouring to perform my duty —7618.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Lennox calls attention of Postmaster General to a return laid on the table on the 9th inst., in reference to free rural delivery—1572.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General) —1573.

In answer to categorical question was told that there were no further documents touching this question in the department. Can ask again—1573.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1572.

The report does not comply with the order of the House. Quotes order—1572. There must be a number of documents bearing on the matter and they ought to be brought down—1573.

SALARY INCREASES TO OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that that portion of the Joint Committee on Printing, recommending the salaries of the officers of the distribution office, be referred to the Internal Economy Commission—7054. Motion agreed to—7054.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7054.

This is a report of a committee of the House of Commons, and must, in the ordinary course, be considered at some time by the House of Commons—7054. I assume that the committee is acting within its jurisdiction in making this recommendation—7055.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—7054.

They can take no action without the House making legislative provision in the usual way—7054. That is only a prerogative of the House in Committee of the Whole, after the recommendation of the Crown. The recommendations of the Debates Committee stand in the same position—7055. My recollection is that the chairman of the committee withdraws them for further consideration—7056.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (N. Toronto)—7054.

That is recommending an increase of salary to officials of the House, is it not? Is it referred to the Committee of Internal Economy with the understanding that they should act or that they should report to the House?—7054. They can make a recommendation—7055. What officers are included in the recommendation?

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7054.

There is no doubt that the report was absolutely out of order—7057. My opinion is that a committee cannot recommend an expenditure of public money. We have always done it as a matter of convenience—7058.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—7055.

Was that policy pursued in regard to the recommendations of the Debates Committee? They have been referred—7055.

Parmelee, Charles H. (Shefford)—7056.

The committee unanimously felt that some increase was due these officers and, seeing no other way in which to accomplish the object, embodied it in its reports—7056. The officers are chief distributor, the assistant distributor and one with the status of a second-class junior clerk—7057.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7057.

Some years ago an effort was made to bring these officers under the Civil Service Act, but that for some reason unknown it was not done—7057. My understanding is that a committee can make any recommendation they like, but it is for the government to act upon it or not—7058.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7056.

I think the point is covered by section 54 of the British North America Act—7056.

SALVATION ARMY IMMIGRANTS.

On the Orders of the Day Mr. Sam. Hughes drew the attention of the government to a statement appearing in the Ottawa 'Citizen' to the effect that General Booth is sending 10,000 immigrants to South America—6801.

Hughes, S. (Victoria)—6801.

The minister (Mr. Oliver) should direct his officers in the old country to ascertain if the heads of the Salvation Army immigrants cannot direct these 10,000 people to our Northwest—6801.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—6801.

The representatives of the Salvation Army thought that a better field for the class of people alluded to would be found in South America than in Canada; agrees with their views—6801.

SAN FRANCISCO DISASTER.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Bole asks if it is the intention of the government to officially notice the great calamity which has overtaken the city of San Francisco?—1748.

Bole, D. W. (Winnipeg)—1748.

Should the government feel inclined to make a substantial contribution, feel confident the Canadian people would support the action—1748.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1748.

The government have learned with the deepest concern the great calamity which has befallen San Francisco. Have not yet considered it advisable to offer contribution—1748.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Fielding presents a matter of urgency to the House in connection with the San Francisco disaster—1749. Mr. Speaker reads Message from His Excellency. On motion by Mr. Fielding the Message and further supplementary estimates were referred to the Committee of Supply—1750.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1750.

In the presence of an appalling calamity such as this, and for the purpose of rendering aid and succor to those who are in distress, the two nations are one—1750.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—1749.

Thinks that the information received is sufficient to give assurance that the disaster is of a widespread character—1749. Presents in the usual form a Message from His Excellency recommending that the House grant $100,000 as Canada's contribution to the afflicted people of San Francisco—1750.

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Speaker, Mr.—1750.

Reads Message from His Excellency—1750.

SAN FRANCISCO DISASTER—COMMUNICATION FROM BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT WASHINGTON.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Fielding presents to the House a communication from the British Ambassador at Washington touching upon the contribution in relief of the sufferers in the San Francisco disaster—2083.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—2083.

Reads communication received by His Excellency from Sir Mortimer Durand acknowledging the thanks of the American government for the proposed contribution, but declining outside assistance—2083. Asks the House to approve the item in Supply, so that if the American government change their view the sum may be available—2084.

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On motion for House to go into Supply, Mr. Osler asks if the government has considered further the disposition of the grant of $100,000, to aid the San Francisco sufferers—2891.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2891.

If the money voted by parliament cannot be used in any other way, a portion of it might be devoted to giving assistance to Canadians in San Francisco who want to return to Canada—2891.

Fielding, W. S. (Minister of Finance)—2891.

The matters referred to have received some consideration and, in part, a conclusion has been reached, but not as to the whole transaction. The government can hardly feel free to deal with the case except in a way that would have the approval of the United States—2891. I am sure the government will be expressing the wish of the House in placing the money at the disposal of those who have suffered in this great disaster—2892. States position taken by United States government—2893.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto))—2891.

A letter from a friend in Toronto suggests that part of the grant might be applied to the relief of the many Canadians in San Francisco who are suffering—2891. I was in the United States when this House passed the grant, and was gratified with the warm expressions which the action there called forth—2892.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2893.

It is to be hoped that some means may be devised to make this amount available for the purpose of relieving the distressed—2893.

SAN FRANCISCO DISASTER.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Fielding explains that the government have sent $80,000 appropriated for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers, to Mr. James D. Phelan, president of the Relief and Red Cross Association of San Francisco—5530.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—5530.

As to the balance ($20,000) it is the subject of correspondence, and a further statement will be made later. It is for the purpose of relief generally—5530.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5530.

With any instructions—5530.

SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA — ROAD ALLOWANCES.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (202) respecting roads anad road allowances in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—5363.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5363.

I understand from the deputy attorney general, that this Bill is merely to remedy some defects in the Act of last year which were not noticed at the time—5363.

Henderson, David (Halton)—5363.

Is this in any way an invasion of provincial rights?—5363.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5363.

The amendments asked for are only amendments of detail and not of principle, which I can better explain when the Bill is in committee. The Bill is asked for by the Provincial legislatures—5363.

Bill (202) respecting roads and road allowances in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta—Mr. Oliver—read the second time and House went into committee thereon. Motion to amend—Mr. Oliver. Amendment agreed to—5560. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5563.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5560.

On section 2—What is the change in each case, and the object of it?—5560.

On section 5—In other words, a road shall be 66 feet in width even if it is in a district where 99 feet roads have hitherto been laid out—5561.

On section 6—It seems to me that the section is rather awkwardly drawn, though it accomplishes the result eventually——5562.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5560.

The deputy attorney general of Alberta desired to have certain words inserted, defining the date of the application of the terms of the Act. Moves that the

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words 'in the Northwest Territories' be stricken out—5560.

On section 3—The only alteration in this section is that the words, 'such roads shall not exceed 66 feet in width,' are added—5561.

On section 4—Provision is made for filing a duplicate in the land titles office, which will be under control of the province after the 1st of August—5561.

On section 5—The attempt in the original clause was to conform to the various widths of the road allowances in different parts of the territories—5561.

On section 6—The section subsection is entirely new, and there are changes in the other subsection. It is the Public Works Department of the provinces that is responsible for the work that will be done on the road allowance—5562.

On section 8—It is thought better to declare right in the Act that there are no rights pertaining to the province in the mineral under the road allowance—5563.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5560.

On section 2—Why do you not leave out the words, 'in the Northwest Territories,' and simply, 'in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan'?—5560.

On section 3—What was the width of the road before?—5561.

On section 4—Why do you not require the returns of survey to be filed with the province?—5561.

On section 6—Why should not this return be made to the lands office as well as to the department of Public Works?—5562.

On section 8—Would it not be an anomaly that in Ontario all minerals vest in the province, by one decision of the Privy Council, and that up there they are not vested in the province, even in their own lands?—5563.

Wright, W. (Muskoka)—5561.

Will that effect the survey of town sites? —5561.

SATURDAY SITTING—DOMINION DAY ADJOURNMENT.

Motion that when House adjourns on Friday next it stand adjourned to the following day Saturday; and that when it adjourns on Saturday it stand adjourned to the following Tuesday—Sir Wilfrid Laurier —6537.

Motion that the order of business for the consideration of the House on Saturday next, after routine, be the same as on Monday—6537.

SCHOOL LANDS, EXCHANGE OF—IN COMMITTEE.

Bill (163) to authorize the exchange of certain school lands for other Dominion lands —Mr. Oliver—read the second time, and House went into committee thereon—3910.

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On section 1—Power to include certain school lands in a forest nursery station—3910.

On section 2—Power to sell one quarter section of school land to 'The Canadian Oil and Mines Company, Limited'—3913.

Motion, that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. Motion agreed to, and progress reported—3926.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—3912.

On section 1—Would it not be easy to put up the whole section at auction, and to fix the price which it brings as the value of the north half, and let the government buy it at that price?—3912.

Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—3920.

On section 2—Would the minister tell us the amount of consideration which this Canadian Oil and Mines Company, Limited, demanded from the government for giving up these lands? I understand this legislation is to withdraw these lands, and yet you are to give them other lands in payment or in consideration—3921.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—3910.

On section 1—Is the nursery that is to be established larger than will be provided by this north half of section 11?—3910. What is the necessity of taking part of the school lands rather than the lands contiguous?—3911. The easiest and most businesslike method of obtaining this land would be to put a vote in the estimates to buy it out at an appraised valuation—3912.

On section 2—I think we ought to have an explanation of this section—3913. Two or three questions are raised: That the company which is in operation on that quarter is a different company from the Canadian Oil and Mines, Limited, that the original prospector will not get the benefit directly it has assigned already to this company; and, as to why this is being done?—3914. The school trustees have a perfect right to all the increment from the development and from discovery with reference to these lands—3915. They own the surface rights as well as the rights to everything below the surface—3916. If oil is demonstrated there, by what process of right has the minister any authority to take possession of the lands?—3918. I am not arguing this from any opposition to the prospector, or company, or Dominion government, or any person; but I think there is a very important principle underlying it—3919. Is it not fair that we should have information which we have not got, but which the minister says is in his department?—3925. I will say that I have no intention of opposing any legitimate mining company in oil or otherwise, getting all it ought to get as the result of its work and its expenditures—3926.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—3914.

On section 2—Does it go to the original discoverer?—3914. It would lessen my

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objection if the prospector, the man who really makes the discovery, were the beneficiary under this Act—3916.

Herron, John (Alberta)—3914.

On section 2—The Canadian Oil and Mines Company, Limited, are not the company that are operating on that quarter section—3914. I see nothing wrong about the exchange, except that there is a difference of opinion as to whether the school trustees should not be allowed the enhanced value of this land, if oil is struck on it. We understood the company to be the Western Oil Company—3924. I think the prospector should be protected, and I have no objection to the company and the school trust getting justice—3925.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—3911.

On section 1—Has the minister any idea where he will be able to get lands of equal value at the present moment to these school lands ?—3911. The government are in possession of these lands and I think it would be advisable that they should buy them outright—3913.

On section 2—It would be much simpler for the government to buy these lands from the school trust fund at the present time; then they could dispose of them as they saw fit, and also be in a position to fulfil all their obligations—3926.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—3919.

On section 2—Mr. J. B. Ferguson is a very respectable and responsible citizen of Vancouver. Mr. Oldridge was a squatter on the land where the oil was found—3919. I believe this special Bill is the result of the investigation made by the Department of the Interior—3920. I may say that the Canadian Oil Company has taken over the Western Oil Company—3925.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—3914.

On section 2—Who compose the company ? We would like to know who entered into negotiations with the department—3914. Are the government going to adopt the same policy in regard to coal, natural gas or any other mineral that may be found on school lands ?—3915. What evidence has the minister that oil has been found in paying quantities on this quarter section ? have they bored one well ?—3917. The opposition that has been shown towards this Bill is not from any desire to oppose the Canadian Oil and Mining Company, Limited. We desire to protect the school lands—3921. Supposing you strike a gusher, where are you going to get a quantity of land of equal value to exchange—2924.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—3910.

On section 1—It is desired to extend the area of the nursery to include the northwest quarter, and to provide for the permanent holding of the north half of the section for the purpose of a forest nursery station—3910. My understanding would be that owing to the country being settled, this was the only section available, on account of its locality and its proximity to the experimental farm. I cannot say just where we could get lands of equal value at present moment—3911. It is just as well for the government to avoid the responsibility of making valuations on lands which it desires to purchase, and to leave the land which is administered as a trust by this government, to be disposed of at public auction to the highest bidder—3912.

On section 2—This is the quarter section upon which petroleum was discovered. As this discovery was made upon school lands, the Act providing for the handling of school lands interferes with the operation of the regulations in regard to prospecting for petroleum—3913. The original discover has assigned his right to the Canadian Oil and Mines Company, Limited. I think a gentleman named Ferguson is at the head of the company. It is a British Columbia institution—3914. If the hon. gentleman will specically state what they want I will be glad to give all the information which is in my possession—3915. The interests of the original discoverer are, according to our records in the department, effectually guarded—3916. If oil is demonstrated to exist in paying quantities in that locality the school lands, as well as all other lands the surface rights to which carry the right to the oil that may be beneath, are thereby greatly enhanced in value—3917. I understand that my hon. friend (Mr. Foster) insisted on the paramount right of the province in its school lands, which right must not be interfered with or diminished in any way—3918. The oil and mining company are not asking any consideration from the government; they are coming in under the ordinary offer held out by the government of a sale to them of petroleum lands—3920. The Canadian Oil and Mines Company will be delighted to hear that our friends on the other side of the House are not opposed to their being protected in this matter, but our friends will have to bring some other evidence than their discussion of this afternoon—3921. What we are discussing is not whether they have found oil or not, but whether they shall have a reasonable opportunity of financing their project so that they may be able to go on until they get oil—3922. If this company is successful in finding oil on the one-quarter section, there will be an added value to the other three-quarters of that section, which will necessarily accrue to the school fund of the province—2923. If the hon. gentleman takes the responsibility of asking that the committee rise, I have no objection; but I do ask that I be given a definite statement of what information is wanted

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—3925. I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—3926.

House again in committee on Bill (163) to authorize the exchange of certain school lands for other Dominion lands—5191. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5195.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5193.

I do not understand why it is necessary to resort to legislation—5193. I do not see that you are not trenching upon the school trust—5194.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5191.

Some information was to be brought down with reference to that before the legislation went any further—5191. My objections are, first, that it involves a change in the trust; second, that if oil is found on this land, how could the minister return to the school fund a quantity of land of equal value?—5195.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5191.

I have here four pages of typewriting, and I think it covers the point the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) mentioned in his question. Quotes memorandum—5191.

On section 25—We are asking for this legislation in order to enable us to permit, not the whole of the section, but a quarter of the section to be exchanged for another quarter of equal value, so that it may come under these regulations—5193. It has been thought that these conditions are not likely to arise with sufficient frequency to require general legislation, even if it were thought that general legislation were necessary—5194. This land has no special value until oil is struck upon it, and oil has not been struck in paying quantities so far—5195.

'SEAGUL' STEAMER.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Bennett asks if the department has purchased steamer 'Seagull.' Ans.—If that is the boat we had last year it has not been purchased—972.

SELECT COMMITTEE—POWER TO RECOMMEND EXPENDITURE.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden makes reference to the power of select committees to make recommendations involving an outlay of public money—7460.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7460.

Quotes May on parliamentary procedure. A select committee should make a recommendation, though it is not binding on the House—7460.

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Fielding, W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7460.

Effectively you can do nothing except on a recommendation from the Crown, but it is quite possible that a report may be submitted recommending an expenditure of public money—7460.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Motion that the name of Mr. E. D. Smith be substituted for that of Mr. White on the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, and that Mr. Ross (North Cape Breton and Victoria) be appointed a member of the following standing committees: Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines; Banking and Commerce; and Miscellaneous Private Bills—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—1668.

Motion that the name of Mr. Wilbert McIntyre, member for Strathcona, be added to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, and Agriculture and Colonization—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—4246.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4246.

Mr. McIntyre takes the place of Mr. Peter Talbot, who had been appointed to these committees—4246.

Motion that the name of Mr. Fortier be substituted for the name of Mr. Lachance as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agred to—4450.

Motion, that Messrs Dugas and Pringle be added to the select committee on Bill (62) to amend the Railway Act, 1903—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—4450.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT, AMENDMENT.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (10) to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons—Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick (Minister of Justice)—19. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—19.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —19.

The Bill proceeds on the lines indicated by leader of opposition respecting the Bill which Mr. Borden had obtained leave to introduce—19.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT AMENDMENT.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick moves second reading of Bill (10). Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time—351. Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick moves that the Bill be referred to

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the select committee appointed by this House to consider the Acts respecting the Senate and the House of Commons—351. Motion agreed to—352.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—351.

Is it the intention of the Minister of Justice to bring under this Bill the practice of members of this House pleading before Royal Commissions ?—352.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT AMENDMENT, BILL (10) — THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (10) to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons—7648. Bill reported, read the third time, and passed—7649.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7649.

On section 1—Moves in amendment that the words 'in order to' be inserted between the words 'or' and the word 'influence' —7649.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—7649.

On section 1—Would this affect the law partners of a member?—7649.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7649.

On section 1—The grammatical construction of this section is faulty; reads section——

On section 3—This is a step in the right direction although it does not go quite so far as the Bill I proposed—7649.

Cochrane, E. (East Northumberland)—7649.

On section 1—Would that cover a member of the House promoting a Bill?—7649.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS AMENDMENT—CONCURRENCE.

House proceeded to consideration of amendments made by the Senate to Bill (10) to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons—7695.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7696.

I move the second reading of the amendments, and concurrence in them. The amendment is simply with regard to the penalties for any offence against the provisions of the Bill—7696.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7696.

I would think that the view which the Senate has taken is the correct constitutional view. The amendment proposed by the Senate is one in which we ought to concur—7696.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT, AMENDMENT.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (97) to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons—Mr. Fitzpatrick. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—1252.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —1252.

As the Act now stands, if a member, who was in Ottawa to attend to his duties, was ill and unable to attend at the sittings of the House, he would be deprived of his indemnity. This Bill is to restore the conditions as they previously existed —1252.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—1252.

That is all right—1252.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT, AMENDMENT—SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (97) to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons—Mr. Fitzpatrick—1777.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1789.

The strongest criticism that has been made or that can be made upon that legislation is based on the fact that it was passed during the last hours of the session. These measures should be open to the fullest public criticism—1789. Trusts there will be a discussion of these measures at the earliest possible moment—1790.

Henderson, David (Halton)—1791.

Would rather that we had allowed an experience of a year or two under the arrangement made last year, and then, if we found that any great hardship existed, we could bring in the remedy—1791. Think that the Bill should be made clear so that it would include the cases of two members who were not here the early part of the session, and who would not be able to take advantage of the clause—1792.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —1790.

I do not agree that the government should place this Bill upon government orders—The hon. gentleman who introduced this Bill should have an opportunity to move it, and he should either move it or drop it.—1790. It should be accepted by every one that if a member is prevented by sickness from attending the House of Commons he should not lose his indemnity—1791.

McIntyre, Gilbert H. (South Perth)—1777.

It would not be unreasonable to suppose that when the indemnity was increased it was not considered any longer necessary to make this allowance in case of illness—1777. Many of the members of this House report that there is no criticism by their constituents; I must report that for my part I find it otherwise —1778. In my riding the feeling is very strongly adverse to the change made last session. It is only in obedience to what I consider a mandate from the constituents that I represent that I speak at this time in this way—1779.

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Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—1779.

We must all admit that there has been some opposition to the Act by which the indemnity of the members has been increased. I believe we have the same right to regulate our indemnity as we have regulate the salaries of those whose salaries we do regulate—1780. It has been urged that $2,500 is too much for some men and not enough for others. The members of parliament in Australia receive $2,500 a year—1781. Representation by a wealthy man is not a benefit to the constituency—1782. Gives estimate of extra expenses incurred in representing a constituency—1783. While the session may not last more than six months of the year, the time of the member during the other six months is largely employed in attending to political duties—1782. Takes exception to the contention of Professor Goldwin Smith and others that the increase was a bribe to members to induce them to support legislation which went through last session known as the Autonomy Bill—1785. Every man in this House knows that the legislation was properly considered, so far as the increase in the members' indemnity was concerned—1786. Cutting off the mileage entails a hardship on the members from distant constituencies, but that could be overcome by allowing a per diem expense while travelling—1787. There is no reason why this Bill should not become law, or why the Act of last session should be disturbed—1788.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—1787.

Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Miller) think it is fair that we should spend at least six days in coming here without pay, and six days going back without pay, while he can come here in five or six hours ?—1787.

Speaker, Mr.—1780.

I think that a general discussion of the indemnity question is hardly germane to this Bill—1780.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1780.

I rise to a point of order. As this Bill makes no reference to the indemnity of members, this discussion is out of place—1780.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT, AMENDMENT—IN COMMITTEE.

Bill (No. 97) to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons—Mr. Fitzpatrick—read the second time, and House went into committee thereon—1793. Progress reported—1795.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—1793.

Will move a substitute for proviso to clause 1. Quotes substitute. Will move another subsection in reference to commutation of travelling allowance—$8 per day, day of starting and day of arrival

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to count as full day—1793. Gives notice to add to statutory declaration that absence was caused by illness, whenever such is the case. Quotes amendments—1794.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1793.

Make it a multiple of eight—1793.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—1793.

Suggests that instead of 'eight' dollars a day, 'fifteen' be inserted—1793. If $15 is to be deducted for his absence for a day during the session, the same amount should be allowed in lieu of travelling expenses for the time occupied in coming here and returning home—1794.

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House in committee on Bill (No. 97) respecting the Senate and House of Commons—Mr. Aylesworth—7117. Mr. Aylesworth moves amendment. Amendment (Mr. Aylesworth) agreed to—7118.

On section 30—Mr. Aylesworth moves amendment. Section as amended agreed to—7121.

On subsection 2, section 30—Mr. Aylesworth moves amendment—7121. Amendment (Mr. Aylesworth) agreed to—7124.

On section 31—Mr. Aylesworth moves amendments—7124.

On section 31, subsection 4—Mr. Aylesworth moves amendment. Motion agreed to—7143.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed—7143.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice)—7118.

The only clause in the Bill as printed is a proviso as to sickness during the session, which I propose to adopt in slightly different language from that which is printed; quotes section 26 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes. Moves to insert an additional 1st clause; reads proposed proviso as to illness—7118. Explains proposed amendment—7119-20.

On section 30—As section 30 now stands members who come from a distance receive nothing in the way of mileage allowance and, under the phrase "moving or transportation expenses,' nothing can be included except the actual cost of being carried—7120. Moves amendment—7121.

On subsection 2, section 30—This section is entirely new and is intended to meet the case, notably of the member for the Yukon, and other members who come from a great distance—7121. Those members living beyond the 400 miles radius, either in the east or the west, will be entitled to commute the whole of their travelling expenses, both of living and journey, by an allowance of $15 per day—7122.

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On section 31—Moves amendments—7124. The anomalies that have been pointed out by the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) are in no respect the result of the measure adopted last session increasing the amount of the sessional indemnity—7134. These inconsistencies are the necessary consequence of the system which has existed under every government that has presided over the affairs of Canada for the last forty or fifty years —7135. These matters should be left for further consideration and for legislation at the next session of the House—7135. Moves amendment to fourth section—7143.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7119.

Why is the difference made in regard to ten miles?—7119.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7132.

On section 31—Would be prepared to strongly support some measure which would greatly reduce the sessional indemnity of men who are not here more than two-thirds of the actual sitting days of the session—7132. You can never get an exactly just measure of what any one of us in parliament should receive for the service he gives the people; suggests a fourth subsection in section 31—7133. Upon the understanding that the matter will be taken up next session I will not press my amendment—7136. Agrees with what has been said by the hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. L. G. McCarthy); the difficulty is not with those who sit on the front benches but with the acoustic properties of the House itself—7140.

Bourassa, H. (Labelle)—7125.

On section 31—If we increase the sessional indemnity to what we may consider a salary, we should at least provide that every member of the House or Senate should earn that salary. Even if a member is present only one day, he is, at the present time, entitled to his allowance, less a deduction of $15 a day for each day of absence over fifteen—7125. Quotes clause 4 and section 2 of Act of last year. A member who was present during the exact number of days required by law to earn his $2,500 received an average payment of $21.93 per day—7126. For half the accomplishment of his duty a member can, under the present Act, receive about four-fifths of what he is entitled to; quotes tabled figures of some members of the House of Commons and the Senate—7127. We cannot be guided entirely by motives of charity or compassion; there must be one law based on justice and we must apply it to everybody—7128. The law should be changed so that no member of either House should be entitled to more than $10 a day unless he were present on over two-thirds of the sitting days; gives statistics—7129. Suggests amendments to section 4 and section 8. The moment a man's attendance was certified by the clerk, there would be no

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obligation to the accountant paying him his indemnity for every day's attendance —7130. The jump from $1,500 to $2,500 in the sessional indemnity has made a discrepancy much greater than under the old law—7135. I did not suggest that every man should be here every day—7138.

Bristol, E. (Centre Toronto)—7139.

On section 31—It is absolutely impossible for me to hear anything that is said in the House unless the speaker gets wound up to what he is saying—7139. There is not a lawyer in the House who made an important speech on the school question last year but put in three weeks of hard work outside the House in preparation—7140.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7131.

On section 31—It is but fair to the people we represent that gross inconsistencies should be allowed under the law which we pass here. It should not be left possible for a member to draw $1,200 or more out of the public funds and perform not more than a single day of his legislative duties—7131. One of the reasons for giving the indemnity of $2,500 is in order that members should spend as much time as possible in parliament attending to public business—7132.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—7123.

On subsection 2, section 30—Why not measure the distance by the shortest travelled route?—7123.

On section 31—The attendance in this House would be much greater if gentlemen who occupy the front benches would speak so that those occupying positions in the back seats could hear what is said—7136.

On section 31, subsection 34—A session of the committee should count as a session of the House—7143.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7123.

On subsection 2, section 30—Would like to ask hon. minister (Mr. Aylesworth) if the distance from Ottawa will be calculated by railway miles or by putting callipers on the map?—7123.

On section 31—Members should have the privilege of choosing what speeches they should listen to and what speeches they should not listen to—7141. There are members in the House who, although not often engaged in speaking, are giving valuable advice and performing useful work in the committees of the House—7142.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—7122.

On subsection 2, section 30—To how many members will that apply?—7122.

McCarthy, Hon. L. G. (North Simcoe)—7137

On section 31—We should not allow the idea to go out to the country that the attendance of the members of this House has not been what it ought to have been. The most onerous part of the duties of mem-

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McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—*Con.*

bers is not sitting in this Chamber, but it is in attending the various committees —7137. There are men in this House who may not devote their whole time to their legislative duties, but whose absence from the House would be a distinct loss to the country—7138.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7123.

On subsection 2, section 30—Would that mean the actual number of days spent travelling consecutively, day and night? —7123.

On section 31—The difficulty in hearing lies with the acoustic properties of the chamber—7142.

Consideration of amendment made by the Senate to Bill (97) to amend the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons—Mr. Aylesworth—7570. Mr. Aylesworth moves that first amendment of the Senate be agreed to. Motion agreed to. Mr. Aylesworth moves that second amendment of the Senate be not agreed to. Motion agreed to—7571.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7570.

Bill (97) in reference to the Senate and House of Commons contains a provision for non-attendance and provides the method of reckoning attendance on the sittings of the House—7570. Explains amendments of the Senate; we cannot properly concur in the second amendment and I propose it be not agreed to. Moves that first amendment be agreed to; moves that second amendment be not agreed to—7571.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—7571.

Does the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) say that the ten-mile limit is only in case of sickness, that is where a member is ill in Ottawa or within ten miles of Ottawa?—7571.

SENATE REFORM.

Motion that, in the opinion of this House, the constitution of the Senate should be brought into greater accord with the spirit of representative and popular government and the genius of the Canadian people—2276. Motion withdrawn—2320.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—2281.

Would the hon. gentleman tell us who used the vigorous language—2281.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—2281.

There were a great many other things said at that convention. Where is Sir Richard Cartwright now ?—2281. Which plank has been carried out ?—2313.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2306.

Here is the unworn plank of the Ottawa platform of 1893 (quoting)—2306. A

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Liberal member has admitted that the Conservative majority in the Senate, with regard to the Drummond County railway deal alone, had saved the country no less a sum than $400,000—2306. So long as any party in power is willing to look at the Senate as a refuge for men who have performed certain party services, the present mode of appointment will never justify itself to the people—2308. The mover of the resolution has performed a service in bringing this matter to the attention of the House. What 'Political Pointers, No. 3,' in 1900, said about the Senate plank in the Ottawa platform—2309. The remedy, in so far as the constitution of the Senate is concerned, is within the hands of the present administration. Mr. John Macdonald was appointed to the Senate by a Conservative government—2310. Promises that if he gets in power he will be glad to entertain a proposal to have the hon. gentleman (Mr. Paterson) enter the Senate—2311. I read the statement that all the planks of the Liberal platform of 1903 except one had been carried out, but it was from the Liberal literature, and the presumption is that there is not much truth in it—2313. Reads the tariff declaration in the 1903 platform—2314. Quotes plank in reference to increased expenditure—2315.

Finlay, John (East Peterborough)—2310.

Did Mr. Borden ever know of a Liberal senator being appointed during the Conservative regime—2310.

Henderson, David (Halton)—2298.

Does not approve the second section, limiting the tenure of appointment; thinks the drafting of the Bill could be very much improved upon—2298.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2298.

The country to be congratulated that in thirty-nine years no serious attempt to reform the work of confederation as it came from the hands of the framers had been made. Mr. George Brown was an advocate of a nominative Senate—2299. Sir John Macdonald was not opposed to the elective system. What would be the nature of a reform that would be acceptable to all—2300. A second chamber is an absolutely needed safeguard for the smaller provinces against a possible invasion of their rights by the larger provinces—2301. If we were to have a reform I would not be averse to adopting the system of having an equal number of senators from each province, large and small, as they have in the United States—2302. The appointment of senators, individually, by legislatures was open to criticism—2303. If I have to select between a Tory and a Liberal, I feel I can serve the country better by appointing a Liberal than a Conservative —2304. The question of the Senate is not new; it is forty years old, and unsatisfactory as the settlement that was

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

made is, it was the most practicable that was possible, and we may have to continue it for some time—2305. I hope the mover will not press the motion—2306.

Maclean, W. F. (South York),—2317.

A reform in the House of Commons is more required than of any other chamber of this country—2317. I am ready to join with the government or any section in this House in considering how the Senate can be brought in harmony with public opinion —2318.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—2276.

I have been somewhat relieved to find that I am not alone in the belief that something in this line should be done—2276. No form of government is positively stationary, even if you have a written constitution as we have in Canada—2277. Our Canadian form of government is but new, as nations go, though we are carrying into force and effect, and using some forms that are very ancient—2278. In any criticism I may make in speaking to this motion, I desire not to be in any way offensive or disrespectful to the members of the Senate—2279. The dangers that attend the system of two chambers are apparent. There is the possibility of friction. Quotes Sir Oliver Mowat and Sir Richard Cartwright in 1893; also quotes from Liberal platform of 1893—2280. Nearly twenty years prior to 1893 we find a feeling existing in the Liberal party that the Senate was in need of reformation—2281. I believe that the proposals in this resolution will sufficiently improve the Senate without infringing on the domain of the Commons—2282. Suggests various methods of appointing the Senate—2283. The Governor General is in check to the Prime Minister; the Prime minister is in check to the Governor General in that he must always have a majority following; the House of Commons is in check, not only to the people but to the Senate; the Senate only, within the power that is granted to it is irresponsible—2284. If the Conservative party were to come into power—a contingency that may not be near at hand—they would very quickly feel the antagonism of the Senate—2286. The first remedy suggested is abolition, but by abolition you would not only remove the bad, but you would cut off the good, and there should be some good in the Senate—2286. Though to-day the Senate may not be actively interfering, it certainly is not doing its duty in the opinion of many Canadians—2287. The life tenure is one of the most serious defects of the system; limit the term to fifteen years—2288. The Senate suffers from party feeling, lack of responsibility, energy devoted to private business, and inertia of age—2289. I think the resolution proposed would quietly work changes in the Senate so that with the increased sense of responsibility would come increased activity—2290.

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McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—*Con.*

Received no intimation of any kind from the leader of the government. The House of Commons is directly responsible to the people and the Senate is not—2319. I was simply endeavouring to suggest what I thought would be the least possible change in order to bring about improvement—2320.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —2311.

Are we to understand that when Mr. Borden becomes Premier he will appoint Liberals as Sir John Macdonald appointed Mr. John Macdonald? The Conservatives were in power for 25 years and can point to the appointment of one Liberal to the Senate—2311. Why did not the Conservative party when in power make an attempt to reform the Senate. It is to the credit of the Liberal party that all the planks of the Liberal party of 1903 have been dealt with except this one—2312. Gives the plebiscite and tariff reform as examples—2313. We are not committed to free trade; we were to continue to raise our revenue by a customs tariff—2315. To-day the Liberal party would view with alarm the condition of the country if they were not able to cover their expenditure with their revenue — 2316. An honest attempt has been made to get better trade relations with our neighbours—2317.

Schell, M. S. (South Oxford)—2291.

For many years there has been a growing sentiment in this country that the Senate has not altogether met the expectations of the framers of the constitution. The Senate somewhat reformed since 1893—2291. There is a strong feeling in the country that the Senate is hardly worth what it costs the country—2292. Cites the House of Lords in England, the American Senate, and the Senates in Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, Belgium, &c.—2293. Every government of importance has a second chamber—2294. The public generally is not aware of the large amount of work that the Canadian Senate has done, as a large percentage of its work is acomplished in committee—2295. The adoption of a time limit of fifteen years would result in the introduction of new blood at stated periods—2296. If the number of senators was reduced from 84, as at present, to 52, an annual saving of $100,000 would be effected. The provinces should nominate, say, one in every four senators appointed—2297.

Speaker, Mr.—2315.

I think we are wandering from the subject under discussion—2315.

SHANGHAIING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks for information in regard to 'shanghaiing' in British Columbia—4994.

SHANGAIING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Con.*

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4994.

I understand that an investigation has been ordered, but that the investigation is of so limited a character that a certain association which was taking part in it has now withdrawn. Quotes telegram—4994. Has there been such an investigation, whether the complaint alluded to has beei made, whether the investigation has been widened, or whether the difficulty still continues?—4995.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—4995.

A report reached the department some days ago through Mr. Macpherson. Captain Gaudin has been instructed to report. If the report does not cover everything necessary, then a more formal investigation will be ordered—4995.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—4995.

The suggestion is that a judge be appointed, and we have been discussing the wisdom of it in other cases—4995.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—4994.

I can assure my hon. friend (Mr. Borden) that the Typographical Union have not withdrawn from the investigation—4994. The hon. gentleman is putting the cart before the horse—4995.

SHIPS, SAFETY OF

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (48) to amend the Act respecting the safety of ships and the prevention of accidents on board thereon—Mr. Sinclair. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—559.

Sinclair, John H. (Guysborough)—559.

Object of the Bill to enable shelter-deck vessels to carry timber between the main deck and the shelter-deck during winter—559. A Bill amending the Merchants Shipping Act is now before the Imperial parliament—560.

SHIPS, SAFETY OF—SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) to amend the Act respecting the safety of ships—Mr. Sinclair—read second time and House went into committee thereon—1148. Mr. Sinclair moves to amend Bill; motion agreed to, Bill as amended reported—1149.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1149.

No objection to Bill as far as department concerned—1149.

Daniel, John W. (St. John City)—1149.

Is this Bill intended to carry a deckload of deals after a certain date?

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—1148.

Purpose of Bill is to correct anomaly existing in law; intends if clause passes to move that clause be added to Bill by which it will not come into force until proclaimed by Governor in Council—1148. Moves amendments—1149.

SHIPS, SAFETY OF—SECOND READING—*Con.*

Stockton, A. A. (St. John Co., N.B.)—1148.

Will promoter of Bill explain its object?—1148.

SHIPS, SAFETY OF—IN COMMITTEE.

Motion for third reading of Bill (No. 48) respecting the safety of Ships—Mr. Sinclair 1205. Mr. Borden moves that the debate do now adjourn. Motion agreed to—1206.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—1205.

All Bills which have been amended in committee should be submitted to law clerk—1205.

Adjourned debate resumed on the proposed motion of Mr. Sinclair, for the third reading of Bill (No. 48) to amend the Act respecting the Safety of Ships, and the prevention of accidents on board thereof—4023. Motion that the order be discharged, and the Bill referred back to the committee of the whole for further consideration—Mr. Brodeur. Motion agreed to, and House went into committee on the Bill—4024. Progress reported—4028.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4026.

This, of course, is entirely new, and I suppose it is not intended to put it through just now without giving us time to consider it—4026. Let it stand, so that not only the members of this House but the shipping interest may understand what is proposed. I have no objection to the section being adopted, so long as the Bill stays in committee—4028.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—4026.

On section 1—So far as the department is concerned we have no objection to the change proposed. Quotes the Merchants' Shipping Act of 1894—4026. Quotes the amendment which has been moved by the President of the Board of Trade. I do not see any objection to this Bill passing in this form, providing that it shall come in force only when we have ascertained that the law in England is passed—4027.

On section 2—This section will wait for another day, and we will leave the Bill in committee—4028.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—4024.

I propose now to amend this Bill to make it accord with the British Act, so that if the latter passes the imperial parliament, we shall have the same law in Canada—4024. It has been thought advisable in place of amending the Act of 1903, to repeal the Act, and then to re-enact it with the changes that have been explained. Quotes changes substituted for clause 1—4025. This is an exact copy

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Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—*Con.*

of the Act of 1903, as reported by the law clerk, containing the amendments proposed by this Bill—4026.

SHIPS, SAFETY OF—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (48) to amend the Act respecting the safety of ships—Mr. Sinclair—6862.

On section 1—Motion for amendment (Mr. Sinclair). Amendment agreed to—6865.

On subsection c, section 1—Motion for amendment (Mr. Sinclair)—6866. Amendment agreed to—6868. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—6868.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6865.

On section 1—Why do you insert the word 'and'? Why do you not say 'shall, during the voyage while within Canadian jurisdiction'?—6865.

On subsection c, section 1—Is not the word 'not' a mistake?—6866. Is it the intention of the Governor in Council to proclaim the Bill in any event, or to wait another session in order to make it conform to the British statute, should that statute not pass in its present form?—6867.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —6867.

On subsection c, section 1—The idea seems to be that it shall not be brought into operation until we ascertain the fate of the English Act—6868.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—6863.

Would like to ask hon. member (Mr. Sinclair) if the mariners have seen it, or if the master mariners have been consulted?—6863.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—6863.

The purpose of the Bill is to regulate the deck loads on ships carrying goods from Canada to England in the winter season; the same provision has been adopted by the imperial parliament—6863. It is acceptable to the shipping people of England—6864. Moves amendment—6865. Quotes Lloyd's Shipping Gazette—6867.

On section 8—Moves to change the word 'twelve' to the word 'sixteenth,' making the latest date of sailing from this side October 16—6868.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—6867.

On subsection c, section 1—There is a provision in the commission of the Governor General to reserve all laws relating to merchant shipping; they cannot come into effect without a reservation for the signification of the imperial government—6867.

On section 8—The Imperial Act now reads that after November 1, a vessel going into the home port must be loaded in a certain way—6868.

SHORTIS CASE, THE

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Bergeron draws the attention of the House to a statement in 'Le Canada' in reference to the Brothier and Shortis cases—5531.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5531.

Quotes article from 'Le Canada.' I called for all the papers connected with the case; on account of the government being divided upon the question the Governor General himself commuted the sentence—5531.

SMART, COL., 13TH SCOTTISH DRAGOONS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Daniel wishes to call the attention of the House to a newspaper article on the rather sudden resignation of Col. Smart of the 13th Scottish Dragoon Guards—5363.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia) —5364.

So far as I know that article is not correct, and I made inquiry at my office at noon to-day—5364.

Daniel J. W. (St. John City)—5364.

Of course, if the minister states that Col. Smart has not resigned, the statement in this newspaper is entirely incorrect—5364.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Motion by Hon. H. R. Emmerson that Messrs. Lemieux, E. M. Macdonald, Lancaster, Aylesworth, Lennox, Stockton and Emmerson form the select committee to which were referred Bills (8 and 17). Motion agreed to—890.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Speaker, Mr.—4.

When the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Parliament—4.

STANDARD TRUSTS COMPANY

House in committee on Bill (147) respecting the Standard Trusts Company—Mr. Bole—4942.

Belcourt, N. A. (Ottawa)—4945.

Any company incorporated under a provincial law to carry on a certain business would have the right to carry on that business in any other province, subject to the local laws of the province. We are simply authorizing the company to carry on business in the Dominion, and we are not giving any right to the company which it might not exercise under its provincial charter—4945.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —4942.

On section 1—Section has been redrafted to conform to our practice; it is a Bill extending the powers of a provincial com-

STANDARD TRUSTS COMPANY—*Con.*

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance—*Con.*

pany so as to allow it to carry on business elsewhere—4942. The clause specifically provides that it shall be subject to the laws of the several provinces in which it does business. The effect of Bill is precisely the same as if we were granting a new charter to a company to do business throughout the Dominion—4943. I quite agree that we should not allow it to be a trust and loan company but this is only a trust company—4944.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4943.

On section 1—Bill gives company, which was incorporated in the province of Manitoba, authority to do business in any province in the Dominion. Is Bill limited by the laws of each province? Does company carry anything but a trust business? Did the Banking and Commerce Committee take cognizance of the Manitoba Act?—4943. Have the provincial authorities the power to refuse a license—4944.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—4944.

If the company is incorporated under the laws of Manitoba in the first instance, it is incorporated subject to all the provisions of these laws; in the other provinces the company would have to take out a license and possibly register its head office. If the company offers to comply with the laws of the province, the province would have to give it a license—4944.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—4944.

It is understood that this company could not operate in Manitoba unless it had a license from that province; the province could prevent it from going into operation—4944.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4944.

We ought to know what the Manitoba Act provides; an attempt was made this session to pass a couple of Bills through the Banking and Commerce Committee for trust corporations, which had a provision giving them the right to receive deposits—4944.

STANDARD TRUST COMPANY — SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (No. 147) respecting the Standard Trusts Company—Mr. Bole—2720. Motion agreed to and Bill read the second time—2720.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2720.

I do not know what the provisions of this Bill are, and I would not like to pronounce upon it until it has been considered in the committee—2720.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2720.

Are we going to legalize these trusts and give them the authority they seek for, and which they will use very frequently to the detriment of the public?

STANDARD TRUSTS COMPANY—*Con.*

Motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 147) respecting the Standard Trusts Company—Mr. Bole—5002. Motion agreed to and Bill read the third time and passed—5003.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—5002.

While this Bill was passing through a former stage, the question was asked whether this company had the ordinary powers of loan companies—5002. I find that it does not possess general powers, but has power to receive moneys on deposit for the purpose of investment—5003.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE, REPORT OF

Motion, that the House return to the order of motions—Mr. Macpherson—2820. Motion agreed to and the tenth report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders was presented—2820.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2820.

Has a report been made?—2820.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—2820.

The report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders was not presented when that order was called. I have the report here—2820.

Speaker, Mr.—2820.

What is the purpose?—2820.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION ACT AMENDMENT.

Motion that leave be granted to introduce Bill (16) to amend the Steamboat Inspection Act, 1898—McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe). Motion agreed to and Bill read the second time—250.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—250.

Is Bill in same terms as one introduced last year?—250.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—250.

Not exactly in the same terms. Second paragraph has been dropped—250.

Motion for second reading of Bill (16) to amend the Steamboat Inspection Act, 1898 Mr. L. G. McCarthy. Motion agreed to, Bill read second time and referred to special committee—1148.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1148.

Has no objection to Bill being read second time, on condition that it be referred to same committee as Bill respecting certificates of masters and mates of ships—1148.

STERLING LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (105) to incorporate the Sterling Life Assurance Company—Mr. Lennox—5499. Bill reported, read a third time and passed—5500.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—5500.

The Finance Minister (Mr. Fielding) approved of the Bill in the Banking and Commerce Committee—5500.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5500.

My hon. colleague (Mr. Fielding) is not here to-night, and if any exception is taken to Bill it will have to stand—5500.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5499.

The Canada Life, up to recently, had only a capital of $100,000 paid in; in this company, a capitalization of $2,500,000 is certainly excessive—5499.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—5500.

In this Bill, there is no provision for profits to policy-holders, so that it does not matter to policy-holders what the capital is—5500.

ST. JOHN POST OFFICE, THE

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Daniel draws the attention of the Postmaster general to the condition of the post office at St. John—7694.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John City)—7694.

I understand that the office there is very much overcrowded; that the employees really have not room to do their work properly—7694.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Postmaster General)—7694.

I think we received a report not long ago from our inspector. At all events I will go into this matter fully, and let my hon. friend (Mr. Daniel) know—7694.

ST. LAWRENCE, COST OF LIGHTING ON THE

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Taylor calls the attention of the Minister of Marine to a former question, relating to the cost of lighting on the St. Lawrence—1571.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine)—1571.

The answer is as follows: 42 lighthouses, 2 lightships—this includes Nine Mile Point; 36 gas buoys; $2,975 paid for carbide; total cost for maintaining light and for operating steamers used on this lighting system in 1905, $36,701.57; cost of maintaining system between Montreal and Bay of Quinte during season of 1906, $7,979.90—1571.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—1571.

Would like to have the information or the question restored to the paper—1571.

SOUTH AFRICAN VOLUNTEERS.

Motion that the members of the South African contingents, suffering total disability, incurred in service, receive recognition—Mr. Broder—429. Motion negatived: Yeas, 57; nays, 97—434.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia)—431.

Every one agreed with the sentimental side, but there is a business aspect—431. The volunteers who went to South Africa went under contract with the British government, who were attending to the pensions of men disabled in the war. The case of Captain Peters not analogous to that of case referred to—432. It was the present government that got the Fenian raid medal and the long service medal from the Imperial government—433.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.).

Terms of resolution do not seem to be such as would commend themselves to every member of the House—433. Men who went from Canada to South Africa, in many a different class to the British rank and file—434.

Broder, Andrew (Dundas)—429.

The question has been up three times in the last three sessions—429. The case of Trooper Mulloy—430. Hopes the government will see fit to act—431. Captain Peters received $1,000 per annum—432.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

On the order, second reading of Bill (No. 140) respecting the Southern Central Railway Company—Mr. McCraney—Mr. Bergeron objects that Bill is not printed in French. Order allowed to stand—2264.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—2264.

This Bill is not printed in French, and a similar thing occurred the other day—2264.

SUPREME COURT—APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE AD HOC.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Bergeron would like to ask the Minister of Justice if any judge ad hoc has been appointed to the Supreme Court—3068.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—3068.

Desires to find out if anything has been done towards filling Supreme Court vacancy. What will happen if they are not enough judges to sit?—3068.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—3068.

There is no provision for the appointment of a judge ad hoc in the Supreme Court. Five judges of the Supreme Court are a quorum—3068.

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Monk questions the government as to the completion of the Supreme Court when the Quebec appeals come on for hearing—3075.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —3076.

The government has not as yet taken any steps to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of the Chief Justice—3076.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—3075.

Is the Supreme Court to be completed when the Quebec appeals come on for hearing. I am informed that on two occasions the Quebec appeals have not been proceeded with on account of the court being incomplete—3075. The members of the Quebec bar are anxious to know now if when their cases are called the court will be complete—3076.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Monk asks the government if it is intended to complete the constitution of the Supreme Court this week—3910.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —3910.

The fact that the court is incomplete just now is not any obstacle to the business of the court going on. It is an inconvenience, but not an obstacle—3910.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—3910.

My right hon. friend (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) did point out some time ago that there is still a quorum on the Supreme Court, but the fact that the tribunal is incomplete is an obstacle to cases from the province of Quebec proceeding—3910.

SUPREME AND EXCHEQUER COURTS—SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (67) to amend the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act—Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick (Minister of Justice)—1259. Motion agreed to, Bill read second time, and House went into committee thereon—1260.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1260.

Was not aware of difficulty raised by Supreme Court of Canada.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —1259.

Bill made necessary by expression of opinion by Supreme Court judges during argument and is considered opinion, on the draft Bill in relation to Lord's Day. Doubt was expressed by judges whether court was a court of original jurisdiction in relation to such matters—1260.

SUPREME AND EXCHEQUER COURTS—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (67) to amend the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act—

SUPREME AND EXCHEQUER COURTS IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Mr. Fitzpatrick (Minister of Justice)—1260.

Bill reported—1265.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—1262.

On section 2—Has frequently happened that court has had to adjourn on account of not having a quorum of judges—1262. In case of one judge being absent who is of French language, it is especially important that any temporary addition to court should be a judge of same language —1263.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1264.

On section 2—Is the appeal to the Judicial Committee by special leave in all cases? When there is possibility of appeal, it is desirable you should have opinion of minority judges for use of Court of Appeal—1264.

On preamble—Nearly all provincial legislatures have enacted laws under which opinion of a provincial court may be taken as to constitutionality of a provincial enactment—1264-5.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —1261.

On section 1—Effect of section is to add words: As a general court of appeal for Canada and as an additional court for better administration of laws of Canada, and shall continue to be a court of record —1261.

On section 2—Practically no difference between this and existing statute—1262. Strictly speaking, four judges of Supreme Court are a quorum; practice, however, is for five judges to sit—1263. Does not care to bring in legislation without getting opinion of Chief Justice and judges of Supreme Court on subject—1264.

On preamble—System in province of Quebec is a direct appeal to judicial committee, independent altogether of Supreme Court —1265.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1261.

On section 1—It is intended you can initiate any case in the Supreme Court authorized by Governor in Council without having it go through other courts—1261.

On section 2—What is the difference between this and the existing statute?—1262.

SUPREME AND EXCHEQUER COURT ACTS AMENDMENT—ORDER DISCHARGED.

Motion, that the order for the third reading of Bill (67) to amend the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act be discharged, and the Bill be referred back to the committee. Motion agreed to—1584.

SUPREME AND EXCHEQUER COURTS ACT AMENDMENT.

On the Order, House again in committee on Bill (67) an Act to amend the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act—Mr. Fitzpatrick—Order allowed to standj—2161.

SUPREME AND EXCHEQUER COURTS ACT AMENDMENT—*Con.*

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —2161.

In the absence of hon. member for Centre Toronto (Mr. Bristol) who desires to make some observations, asks that the order stand—2161.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2161.

He has not been well. He may be here in a little while—2161.

SUPREME AND EXCHEQUER COURTS—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (67) to amend the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act—Mr. Fitzpatrick—3506. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—3523.

Bristol, Edmund (Centre Toronto)—3506.

I propose to offer a few observations on this measure because, in my opinion, the legislation proposed is beyond the powers of this parliament. Quotes section 101 of B.N.A. Act, under which the court was established—3506. Quotes Hon. Mr. Fournier, who introduced the Act of 1875—3507. Quotes Rt. Hon. Sir John Macdonald—3508. Quotes Hon. John Hilyard Cameron. The Ministers of Justice of that day thought the only proper jurisdiction they could confer on this statutory court was that of a court of appeal—3509. Quotes Hon. Edward Blake and the late Sir John Thompson—3510. Quotes Sir Elzéar Taschereau—3512. Quotes 'Annotated Constitution of the Australian Commonwealth'—3513. Quotes the judgments in the last case referred to this court by the Governor in Council—3515. Quotes the Lord Chancellor of the Privy Council—3516. Quotes Mr. Justice Osler and Chief Justice Moss. Quotes argument in application for leave to appeal to Privy Council—3517. It would be wise policy to leave to the Supreme Court of Canada what is clearly their jurisdiction: To act as a court of appeal for the people of this country, and not to call upon them to act, to a certain extent and in certain measure, as the legal advisers of the government of the day—3518. I think it would be unwise under the circumstances, to carry the matter beyond concrete legislation—3519. The government has the say as to the increases of their salaries and as to a great many other matters affecting them; and when one of the judges raises the question, I think it is quite proper for us to consider it—3521. The only points I raised were two: First, whether the Minister of Customs thought the Act was constitutional, because I do not see in the Debates of 1891 any discussion on that question at all—3522. The other is a question of policy to refer any difficulties, whether with regard to legislation enacted or to be enacted, to the Supreme Court—3523.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —3506.

The Bill, after having reaching the final stage, was referred back to committee

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Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —*Con.*

so that Mr. Bristol might have an opportunity to speak about it—3506.

My hon. friend (Mr. Bristol) suggests many difficulties, but I do not understand him to say that this legislation in principle goes beyond the legislation which we have had on our statute books since 1875. Quotes section 101 of British North America Act—3519. Quotes Act of 1875. The intention now is to provide that the Supreme Court of Canada shall be not only a court of appeal, but a court of original jurisdiction—3520. If the judges think we have not made our meaning clear, it is our duty to make it clear. The Privy Council has considered and disposed of these cases time and again—3521. There is express authority given us to refer to the Supreme Court of Canada the question as to whether or not legislation to be passed by any province is ultra vires—3522.

This Act gets rid of a difficulty suggested by Mr. Justice Taschereau in 1891, that we could not refer a question to that court because it was not a court of original jurisdiction, and that no question could come before it except on appeal from another court—3523.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3523.

Does this widen the number of cases that may be submitted to the Supreme Court? If this is a court of original jurisdiction, where is the court that would review its decisions?—2523..

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3522.

If the judicial committee of the Privy Council should refuse to deal with academic cases sent from our Supreme Court, what position would a province be in with regard to such a case ?—3522. Suppose all of the members of that court were at one time members of this House and took part in the legislation submitted to that court, would they not be rather embarrassed in reaching a conclusion—3523.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—3521.

The logical view for them to take would have been to refuse to answer the questions and have the matter tested—3521. They might as well say that that is academic—3522.

On the order being called for the introduction of a Bill respecting the judges of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts of Canada —Mr. Lennox—the mover does not see any object in pressing the Bill and order is dropped—4568.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4568.

In view of the understanding with the Prime Minister does not see any object in pressing Bill—4568.

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE, NEW BRUNSWICK.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (No. 224) relating to the Supreme Court of Judicature of the province of New Brunswick—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth—6790.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —6790.

The scope of the Bill is simply to supplement the provincial legislation passed by the legislature of New Brunswick and to confer upon the newly constituted court the jurisdiction, which up to the present time, the existing courts had exercised—6790. What has been done by the provincial Act is the same thing which was done twenty-five years ago in Ontario—6791. It is the intention of this government to appoint the judges of the new court from the existing bench; the appointment of judges rests with the Crown —6792.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6790.

Would be much obliged if Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) would tell us what Bill is meant to do—6790. If the provincial legislature has abolished the Supreme Court in the province of New Brunswick, what is the position of the judges who at present occupy seats on that Supreme Court ?—6791.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6792.

Could the provincial Act say that the judges of the old court shall be judges of the new court ?—6792.

Bill (224) relating to the Supreme Court of Judicature of the province of New Brunswick—Mr. Aylesworth—read the second time, and House went into committee thereon—7143. Mr. Aylesworth moves in amendment to section 3—7160. Bill, as amended, reported—7161.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7144.

On section 1—The scope of this clause is to enact that as soon as the New Brunswick statute comes into force whenever in any Act of this parliament the Supreme Court of the province of New Brunswick is mentioned it shall be construed as if the court named was the court established by the New Brunswick Act—7144. Over this provincial legislation this parliament has no manner of control; that legislation is already on the statute book —7145. It is the intention of this government to make the appointments to the judicial positions which will be created by the new statute, from the existing New Brunswick bench—7146. The intentions of the government in making its recommendations for appointments will not be influenced one way or the other by the Bill now presented—7147. The new courts substituted for the existing court of New Brunswick are a Court of Appeal and a Trial Division Court with three judges in each—7149. There is no

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indication in the provincial statute as to the manner in which these seats upon either the Court of Appeal bench or the Trial Division bench are to be allocated —7150. I am not in any degree responsible for the legislation of the legislature of New Brunswick—7151. Was of the opinion that neither the passing of the New Brunswick Act nor the passing of this Act would have any effect upon the status of any judge in any way suggested —7152. Am utterly unable to state any intention whatever with regard to the senior puisné judge of the present court, whether he will be appointed to the Trial Division or to the Court of Appeal division—7154.

On section 3—Moves to omit the word 'appeal' in the last line and to add the words 'which is called the Court of Appeal' so that the section will accord with the phraseology of the provincial statute—7160. No Act has been passed confirmatory of it and this parliament does not disallow—7160.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7147.

On section 1—Would not the power of granting and paying a salary to any one of those judges of the new courts be dependent entirely on the first section of this measure?—7147. The judges of the former Supreme Court should be reappointed to the new bench according to the positions and rank they now hold and according to their seniority—7148. What effect will the abolition of this court by the legislature of New Brunswick coupled with the Bill which is now proposed, have upon the status of the judges in relation to retiring allowance?—7152. By means of this Act of the legislature of a province, coupled with the connivance of the executive of Canada, the Minister of Justice can practically dismiss judges, and therefore absolutely destroy the independence of the judiciary—7155.

On section 2—It means that as there is only one court there is no necessity for making the provision that was necessary in the Manitoba Act—7156. All that seems to have been accomplished by this Act could have been accomplished without the abolition of that court and without interfering with the judicial status of a single member of that bench—7158. The legislature of New Brunswick have seen fit to abolish a court and reconstitute it with exactly the same jurisdiction but with a new procedure—7159.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7152.

On section 1—What objection has the Minister of Justice to saying that so far as the chief justice is concerned the present chief justice of the present court shall retain the same position on the Court of Appeals? This legislation cannot be operative and have the effect which is designed, unless it be co-operated in by the Minister of Justice of the Dominion government—7152-3-4.

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Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—7148.

On section 1—Has no fault to find with the legislation passed by the New Brunswick legislature establishing a Judicature Act. Trusts that hon. minister (Mr. Aylesworth) will give a guarantee that not only will the new court be constituted from the present bench but that all the judges will be given their present rank and seniority—7149. Will not the minister say that it is the intention to appoint the present chief justice of the court?—7150. I have no more interest in the chief justice than in any other judge of the court—7154. I want to enter my protest against the legislation; it is a matter of great importance to the people of this country that their judges shall be kept independent—7155.

On section 2—The very fact that this court was abolished when it was not necessary to abolish is what gave rise to suspicion—7160.

On section 3—This parliament would be in a strange position if it should disallow the Act after having passed an Act confirmatory of it—7161.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—7156.

On section 2—A blow has not been struck at the independence of the judiciary—7156. Hon. gentleman should wait until the case is dealt with by council and until the governor issues his commission to the judges of the new court; a judge once appointed cannot be removed except on an address of both Houses—7157. Is it not improper to ask the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) to say whom he is going to recommend to council?—7158.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7144.

On section 1—This legislation proposed by the legislature of New-Brunswick is not for the purpose particularly of promoting the administration of justice in the province, but for the purpose of removing one of the judges from the bench. What position would the dismissed judges be in ?—7144-5. Does it not depend on the action of this House whether this provincial legislation shall be effective or not?—7145. Will the existing judges be re-appointed to the Supreme Court of Judicature of the province of New-Brunswick according to their present status and their present seniority?—7147. Would not the offer to the present chief justice of the position as one of the Trial division be an excellent way to insult the chief justice and get him to refuse the appointment?—7151. Unless the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) promotes this legislation, the Lieutenant Governor in Council of New Brunswick will never bring this Bill into operation—7152.

On section 2—It is a most dangerous principle to allow the independence of the judiciary of a province to be interfered with at the beck and call of a provincial legislature—7156.

On section 3—Is it the opinion of the Minister of Justice that a provincial legislature can enact as to where a judge

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shall reside where it is a court for the whole province?

Motion for third reading of Bill (No. 224) relating to the Supreme Court of Judica—ture of the province of New Brunswick Hon. A. B. Aylesworth—7188. Motion agreed to, and Bill read a third time and passed—7193.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7190.

The legislation of New Brunswick has seen fit to abolish the Supreme Court of that province for the purpose of reconstructing it with exactly the same jurisdiction—7190. The government should declare that the judges of the present court should be the judges of the new court with the same status and position as in the former court—7191.

The government should not lend itself to a scheme which may result in the absolute destruction of the independence of the judiciary—7192. I desire to emphasize to-day my protest against any such lack of principle as that which the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) has declared—7193.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—7191.

If the New Brunswick legislature sees fit to abolish this court, what business is it of ours?—7192.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7193.

The government cannot be obliged in advance to make any declaration directly or indirectly which shall declare a determination in a matter in which no determination has been reached—7193.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7188.

It would seem to be nothing more than right in cases of this kind, which have the aspect of interference by the provincial authorities with the independence of the court, that the statement might be made that the seniority of the judges would be preserved—7188-9.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7190.

The government is not bound to disclose to-day what course they shall follow in the event of their having to make appointments to these new courts. I shall endeavour to do my duty to the House in the selection of a chief justice—7190.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7189.

The legislation proposed by the province of New Brunswick is for the purpose of removing a judge from the bench of the Supreme Court. Asks Prime Minister to state upon the floor of parliament that when the appointments are made the present status of the judges of that court shall be maintained—7189-90.

SUTHERLAND, GEORGE M., AND JOHN D. LAMONT.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Boyce said that there were two questions on the order paper of Friday last with reference to the employment of George M. Sutherland and John D. Lamont, which were only partly answered—2701.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—2701.

Had asked the Prime Minister to allow the questions to stand as against all of the departments, as it would be very easy to get the information from the civil service list—2701. There can be no objection to allowing the question to be restored, so that the information can be given definitely—2702.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2702.

So far as my information goes they are not employed by the government—2702.

TARIFFS OF GERMANY AND CANADA.

Motion for copies of all correspondence between government of Canada and German or British governments respecting the tariffs of Germany and Canada, in relation to each other—Mr. J. E. Armstrong—1871. Motion agreed to—1939.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—1871.

Believes government has been careless and indifferent towards forming industry of Canada in not encouraging German trade; quotes remarks of Minister of Agriculture made at fruit conference held at Ottawa on 21st March last—1872-3. United States apples are admitted into Germany at a duty of 50c per barrel, while Canadian apples are taxed $1.50 per barrel. Quotes old German tariff; since 1st March German government has placed an extra surtax on all goods going into country; it is duty of Minister of Agriculture to open new markets for farmers of Canada—1873. Quotes prices on apples obtained at sales on Feb. 20th, 1906 in Germany; quotes views of Port Elgin Fruit Growers' Association, Ontario Association and fruit growers at Sparta—1874-5. All the colonies of empire, Canada alone excepted, have privilege of favoured nation clause on entering goods into German empire; quotes Minister of Agriculture's remarks with reference to preferential tariff—1875-6. Quotes figures of German trade with United States—1877. Trade between Germany and Canada to-day is practically nothing; quotes imports of agricultural products from official German records—1878-9. The farm will always remain the chief asset of the Dominion; trade once lost by Canada will take years to recover—1879. Did German government put tariff into force in 1903?—1897.

Was merely placing before House a number of facts and asking government to take immediate action with reference to question brought up—1939.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—1922.

There was not a minister from Ontario who had the hardihood to go into a fighting constituency the last election—1922. British preference had nothing to do with election results in Nova Scotia and British Columbia—1923. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Paterson) knows that his talk about sentiment increasing trade is not borne out by facts or figures; quotes figures; quotes report of Minister of Agriculture's speech in Montreal—1924. Quotes memorandum submitted to parliament in 1902 *re* visit of ministers to Great Britain respecting preferential trade—1925. Government are prepared to take up anything that will keep them in power and they are preparing to drive out any man from cabinet who upholds principle; Liberal party is dead in Ontario—1926. Premier would sooner have a majority in province of Ontario than in any other province in whole confederacy—1927. Rises to point of order; denies statement of member for Cape Breton (Mr. Johnston—1931.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.).

Why has rest of empire better terms with Germany than Canada?—1883.

Seems remarkable that government knows so little about German tariff which is said to have been in force since first of March—1894. If German and Belgium treaties were denounced in interest of empire as a whole why is it that rest of British empire secures from German empire better tariff conditions than Canada does—1895. Has there been any remonstrance to British government in regard to this?—1896. Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Fisher) say that preference to Canadian products, such as grain and other foodstuffs, in English market, would disrupt the British empire?—1915.

Chisholm, Thomas (East Huron)—1891.

Germany after Great Britain is the largest and best market in world for fruit, dairy products and bacon; easy to see why farmers of older Ontario are interested in removal of German surtax—1892. German settler is very likely to resent discrimination against fatherland—1893.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—1879.

Farmers of country have been sadly neglected by present government in reference to German trade; not one farmer in seventy-five in West Kent is making three per cent on his investment; sincerely trusts that Minister of Agriculture can be induced to take up interests of farmers at earliest possible moment—1880-1.

Derbyshire, Dan. (Brockville)—1909.

Quotes figures to show increase in exports of butter, cheese and bacon since establishment of preference in 1897; believes prices will continue to advance; exports in dairy products in 1905 were $50,000,000, and consumption at home $50,000,000—1909-10.

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Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —1881.

Motion deals with requirement for papers in connection with German tariff question; statement that 'German government and Canadian authorities are drifting farther and farther apart, not correct—1881. Down to years 1897 and 1898, when preferential tariff was introduced, Canada had benefit of favoured-nation treatment with Germany—1882. It was not until adoption of preferential tariff that commercial freedom of British Empire was won; German government took offence at tariff and undertook to penalize trade of Canada; Canada's representations as to injustice were without success—1883. Canada was willing to continue to give Germany every privilege given to any foreign nation, and therefore the principle of the favoured-nation treaty was not broken—1884. Germany wanted same terms as mother country with Canada; Canada opened negotiations with German consul in Montreal; exports from Germany are not large and have never been large—1885. Adoption of surtax was regarded by every patriotic Canadian as a necessary step for vindication of Canada on question; German government has now shown that they appreciate the position of Canada—1886.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —1911.

It was preference given to Great Britain by Canada that brought about action of Germany; policy of Canadian government was good policy, and it was followed by British government—1911. Canada was quite ready to trade with Germany, but was not willing to go cap in hand and beg Germany for favours—1912. Farmers of Canada make no demand on Great Britain for preference for their foodstuffs in her market; they have a preference—1913. If England were to impose tax on food imported for her working classes, she would impair the purchasing power of those classes and would strike a blow against the farmers of Canada—1914. Regrets that parliament is not unanimously in favour of British preference in Canadian market—1915. Explains benefits of preferential tariff—1916-17. Quotes Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding); treaty extended to Great Britain and colonies, but particularly excluded Canada—1918. Quite ready to open negotiations with Germany if they will treat Canada fairly—1919. Opposition have at last come out into the open and now say they do not want preference—1920-1.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—1910.

Percentage of Canadian trade has increased with United States since 1894, whereas with Great Britain it has fallen off by over three per cent; sentiment has very little to do with trade—1910.

Henderson, David (Halton)—1901.

Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) says that agriculturists of Canada do not want

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any preference in British markets—1901. Does not believe in taking bread out of mouths of children of Canadian workingmen for purpose of helping British workingmen—1902. Preference given in 1897 and increased in 1898 and 1899, has not resulted in any substantial benefit to country; not in favour of preference that is wholly one-sided—1903. Nothing in Minister of Customs' argument that Canada sells more farm products in Great Britain—1904. Something strange about way revision of tariff is postponed; government have admitted preferential tariff is a failure by restoring protection to woollen industry—1905. German market is one that will consume a great deal of Canadian products, and government should do something to get that market. Canada never had a preference in British market and has not got one to-day—1906.

Johnston, Alex. (Cape Breton)—1928.

Conservative party is pledged from now, henceforth, to do away with British preference and the German surtax—1928. People of Canada are with government of to-day; quotes results of last election by provinces—1929-30. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) is a conspirator against his own party—1930. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) is an expert in methods of getting elected to House; would not be quite parliamentary to say that hon. gentleman is a self-confessed briber—1931-2. Hon. gentleman has been convicted of slander by jury of his fellow-countrymen—1932. Hon. gentleman purposely refrained from giving true statement of export trade with Great Britain—1933. Record of Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) in province of Nova Scotia and generally throughout Canada is one which can well stand on its own merits; name 'Conservative' is a lost one in Nova Scotia—1934.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1935.

Discussion of case of Wilson vs. Bennett redounds to the credit of member for East Simcoe—1935. Mr. Bennett said to Mr. Wilson, 'We bought you before and we can do it again'—1936. Jury awarded Wilson $100 where he had claimed $10,000—1937. Had charge of bribery been established hon. friend (Mr. Bennett) could not have been convicted at all—1938.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—1903.

Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Henderson) vote a mutual preference upon our statute-books?—1903.

Rises to point of order; hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) is not discussing question before House—1923.

Paterson, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Customs) —1896.

British preference was fully discussed in country in 1900, and Liberal party were sent back to power by an overwhelming majority—1896. German statute-book contains a law that if any country should

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Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —*Con.*

discriminate against German empire, Germany may put a surtax on goods of that country equal to 100 per cent; government are anxious to extend trade everywhere, but extension must be on fair terms—1897. Feeling was aroused in Britain in favour of Canadian goods by British preference—1898. The $150,000,000 trade that farmers send to England is worth a great deal more than German market of $1,500,000, and they will stick to British preference—1899. No nation must attempt to discipline Canada if she sees fit to enact a tariff giving preference to other parts of the empire—1900. While government is anxious to do what is right and fair with Germany, they are not prepared to be dictated to—1901.

Schell, M. S. (South Oxford)—1906.

Canadian farmers receive a better price in British markets to-day than they did before surtax was imposed—1906. To-day Canadian cheese supplies almost the entire English market; quotes figures—1907. Because of preference English consumers have been led to ask for Canadian goods; quotes export of apples—1908. English markets better than German markets; should not sacrifice national dignity and pander to German market when there is no compulsion to do so; satisfied that Canadian people will stand by government in their policy—1909.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—1937.

How did it hapen that all twelve jurors in Wilson vs. Bennett case were Conservatives?—1937.

Speaker, Mr.—1931.

Statement has been denied by hon. member for East Simcoe (Mr. Bennett) and must be withdrawn—1931.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1887.

Country will appreciate object and aim of hon. member for Lambton (Mr. Armstrong) in bringing question to attention of House—1887. Quotes Sir Charles Tupper on preferential tariff; contention of Sir Charles Tupper was that in making reduction on British goods government was violating treaty which England had with Germany and Belgium—1888-9. Government practically declared commercial war against Germany when Canada had a growing market—1889. Quotes Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding); government has a right to ask Great Britain for more favourable treatment—1890. No class of Canadians suffer more from loss of German Trade than farmers—1891.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—1935.

If First Minister intends making this a short session he will have to chastise hon. gentlemen sitting beside him—1935.

TASCHEREAU, SIR HENRI ELZEAR, RESIGNATION OF

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Monk enquires if the published report of the retirement of Sir Elzéar Taschereau from the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the appointment of Mr. Fitzpatrick is correct—2243.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —2243.

Sir Henri has resigned and his resignation has been accepted. The choice of his successor has not been considered—2243.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2243.

Would like to know if either or both of these rumours is well founded—2243.

TELEPHONE BILL, THE

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Lennox asks the Prime Minister if he has conferred with the Minister of Justice in reference to proceeding with the Bill of the Telephone Company?—4250.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4250.

I have had no opportunity of talking the matter over with the Minister of Justice, and do not expect to be able to do so until next Saturday—4250.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4250.

The understanding was that the Bill would be proceeded with until the telephone clauses of the amendments of the Minister of Railways to the Railway Act were reported back to the committee and considered by the committee—4250.

TELEPHONE LINES IN MANITOBA, EXPROPRIATION OF

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Roche (Marquette) asked the Prime Minister concerning the expropriation of the telephone lines in Manitoba—6247.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6248.

The government, having raised the point, ought in all fairness to be prepared to state to the House what its opinion is as to the validity of the proposed legislation—6248.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —6247.

My hon. friend the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) is not sure whether there is yet a report on this point—6247. We will deal with my hon. friend's (Mr. Roche's) amendment when he introduces it—6248.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—6247.

When the Bill for the amendment of the Railway Act is considered again will the hon. Minister of Justice be prepared to give his opinion?—6247. About two months ago the Prime Minister informed me it had been referred to the Minister of Justice—6248.

TELEPHONE QUESTION.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Maclean (South York) read a letter from the Canadian Independent Telephone Association, and moved the adjournment of the House—347-8. Motion negatived—348.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—348.

The Bill is on the order paper to-day—An Act to amend the Railway Act, 1903—348.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—348.

Reads letter from the Canadian Independent Telephone Company—347. Was glad to hear Prime Minister announce that legislation was contemplated. Moves adjournment—348.

THAMES RIVER, FLOODING OF

Motion for copies of all papers pertaining to relief from River Thames, from overflow, between city of London and Lake St. Clair, &c.—Mr. Clements—774. Motion agreed to—781.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—780.

Dredging is required, especially at the mouth of the river—780. Believes that such an expense is justifiable—781.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—774.

Brought matter up in a somewhat different form last session—774 For last four or five years serious damage has been done by the overflow of the river. Believes that dredging the mouth of the St. Clair River would lessen the floods—775. One flood placed seven to nine feet of water over the farm lands and the people had to be rescued from straw stacks and the tops of houses. The damage in four or five years would reach $1,000,000—776. Numbers of farmers have been practically ruined by these floods—777.

Prominent men thoroughly acquainted with the conditions, have advised a cut-off either to Lake Erie, or to other points—781.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—777.

Realized the importance of the subject. London suffered very heavily in 1881. The difficulty in dealing with the matter is that floods occur in a great many constituencies—777. This House fully realizes that this is a provincial question—778.

The Thames River navigable from its mouth to Chatham, and possibly a few miles further up. Tried to get up an ice-breaker last year—779. Was it not claimed that government works on the river caused the flood?—780.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—779.

The Grand River overflowed the land on both sides on two occasions and the government not only paid damages, but bought the land on both sides where the overflow took place—779. The government had works and embankments on the

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river which forced the river back and caused the overflow—780.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—779.

The Thames, being a navigable river, lies within the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government and not of the province. Possibly a little dredging at the mouth of the river would remove all difficulties—779.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—778.

Money was voted some years ago for draining the Nation River to prevent it flooding the land as the Thames is doing. What would prevent them putting an ice-breaker on the Thames—778.

TOLEDO GLASS COMPANY, PATENTS OF THE —IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (No. 110) respecting certain patents of the Toledo Glass Company—Mr. Stewart—3674. No action taken.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—3676.

If this privilege were not granted, and the public were allowed to purchase these machines, and enter on the manufacture of glass, would it reduce the price to the consumers?—3676. Has the application been made to the Commissioner of Patents as provided by section 5 of the Act of 1903? Suppose they had made the application and failed?—3681.

Chairman (*Mr. Campbell*) —(Centre York)—3683.

Mr. Gordon moves that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—3683.

Demers, L. P. (St. John and Iberville)—3677.

Explains his vote when the Bill came up to be reported in the House—3677. Bills similar to this were granted last year. What is the nature of the privilege asked for?—3678. If it can be shown that we have granted a privilege that has not been granted in other cases, then, I ask hon. members to vote against the Bill—3679.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) 3680.

An important section, which in all such Bills ought to be inserted has been omitted. This Bill asks to deal with two patents, one of which expired on the of March last, and the other on the 10th of May last—3680. Personally, I have always objected to this class of Bill. The owners of this patent had a perfect right three months before the expiry of the two years in which they were entitled not to manufacture in Canada, but they did not do so—3681. The Bill also asks for the privilege of having the patent come under clause 7 of the Patent Act, which authorizes the issuing of a license for the manufacture of the article in the country instead of the patentee manufacturing it himself. I could not allow the Bill to pass in this form without protest—3682.

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Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —*Con.*

Conditions in the United States and conditions in Canada are so different that we must legislate for ourselves—3683.

Gordon, D. A. (East Kent)—3674.

On the preamble—I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. There are strong reasons why the Bill should be amended and be fully considered in committee, on account of the effects of this legislation. The statements that the licensees have erected in Montreal a factory costing $100,000 for the sole purpose of operating the machines in question is incorrect—3675. The operation of the machine, is to be carried on in the same way as in the United States, except that they ask parliament to allow them to pay to the American Company the sum of $100,000. If you give to this company the absolute right to operate these machines in Canada, you simply put into their pockets the money that now goes into the pockets of the wage-earners—3676. The Diamond Glass Company is a monopoly which has driven a number of factories out of existence. We are not legislating for the city of Montreal, but for the people of Canada—3677.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3683.

I want again to enter my protest against that section of the Patent Act which compels the patentee to manufacture in Canada—3683.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Solicitor General) —3679.

When the Bill came before the committee, the deputy minister of Agriculture was asked by me if the department had any objection, and he said there was no objection except on some minor points—3678. The licensee, Mr. Herdt, already has spent for the patent $17,000, and is willing to pay the $100,000 more that is required—3680.

Speaker, Mr.

The hour for private Bills having expired, we will proceed to the next order—3683.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3682.

The exemption they ask under clause A of section 4 is even worse than that—3682.

House again in committee on Bill (10) respecting certain patents of the Toledo Glass Company—Mr. Stewart—3715. Motion that committee rise and report progress—Mr. Borden. Motion agreed to, and progress reported—3738.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3736.

The three gentlemen who have taken the side of the Diamond Glass Company have been able to show no just cause for the passage of the measure—3736. Mr. Herdt had had his remedy under the existing law, had he chosen to avail himself of it—3737.

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Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—3727.

If they had applied, there would have been no complaint of it, I suppose? Why did they not apply in time?—3727.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3720.

What was the letter, and what was the statement accompanying it?—3720. Why did not the committee report the Bill with the usual clause?—3721. There are three patents, one for improvements in glass tanks or pots; one for improvements in glass shaping machines, and another for improvements in the methods of blowing glass—3727. May I ask three questions? Does there exist in this case sufficient reason to have justified the commissioner of patents in allowing the extension? Why did the patentee not go to the commissioner instead of coming to parliament? Is the nature of the patent such as would in the ordinary course, have resulted in the granting of an application under section 7—3729. The Minister of Agriculture is not a member of the committee?—3730. If the Bill does not pass it will not prevent the bottles being manufactured in Canada—3732. Moves that committee rise and report progress. Does the right hon. leader of the government not intend to move that the Bill go back to the Private Bills Committee?—3738.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—3737.

The member for Kent (Mr. Gordon) said he intended to make a motion, but no motion was made—3737.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—3734.

We have not yet heard of any satisfactory reason why the owners of this patent did not apply to the Commissioner of Patents to have the time extended—3734. There must be a strong reason why they did not go before the commissioner, and that is one of the strongest reasons why we should vote against this Bill. It looks as if this were simply an attempt to evade the patent law—3735. If this man (Mr. Herdt) bought this patent for $17,000 or any other amount he did so with his eyes open, and I understand is allied with the Diamond Glass Company, which is worth millions, and, as the member for Vancouver says, has been making us all dance to a lively tune—3736.

Clarke, A. H. (South Essex)—3723.

It seems to me that the Bill is one which the House should not lightly pass : First, it seeks to relieve the applicants of negligence in respect of their patent; second, it seeks to relieve them of every provision in the Patent Act for the protection of the public; third, it seeks to validate a patent about which there seems to be some question; and fourth, it seeks to create a monopoly—3723. It seems to me a dangerous practice to substitute section 7 for section 4; and the last part of section 2 of the proposed Act—is something that should not go into any Act—

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3724. I find that there is a practice of reinstating a patent, but I have not found any practice where the company is absolutely absolved from the provisions of section 4.

Demers, L. P. (St. John and Iberville)—3721.

I did not contend even that my hon. friend (Mr. Gordon) had not the right to vote; I merely answered his contention that I should not have voted as chairman of the committee—3721. All these patent Bills are examined by the Department of Agriculture, and an officer of the department was there and assented to this Bill—3722. Every invention that is patented is a monopoly, and if it were not, it would be of no use to the inventor—2723. I did not preside in the committee during the discussion of the Bill—3728.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.

Shall the preamble carry? I will put the question on the preamble—3737.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—3725.

I think the House does not quite understand the meaning of the wording in section 1, as amended in the printed Bill. Quotes section. Previous to 1903 our Patent Act absolutely required the manufacture of every patented article in Canada within two years of the issuing of the patent—3725. The time for manufacture could also be extended by order of the commissioner. Explains the change made in 1903—3726. The company have not manufactured or used this process within two years—3727. After the issue of their patent, within six months, they could have applied to the department to be put under section 7 of the Act, instead of remaining under section 4; this is considered in the same way as an application for an extension of time—3728. This Bill asks that we should by statute give these gentlemen an extension of a year; it is not the practice of the department to give such a long extension as that—3730. This company has failed to fulfil the law—3731. There is another company which is manufacturing bottles by another patent and the adoption of this Bill would remove this company from competition with the other—3734.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—3725.

The rights of those who have got rights within a certain time allowed by law should be protected, and any company for whom the extension is made should not be relieved from the necessity of manufacturing under the general terms of the patent law—3725. Why did they not adopt one or other of the methods open to them rather than let the matter run out and be obliged to come to parliament? Were there any reasons before the committee?—3728.

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Gordon, D. A. (East Kent)—3715.

Quotes from Mr. Demers' speech at former meeting of committee, and says that because he is one of 84 stockholders in a gas company which is operating certain patents they should not disqualify him from looking fairly at the question before the House. Also quotes Mr. Leonard's speech and contends his argument is not well taken—3716. Quotes an eminent attorney on the question involved—3717. Takes exception to the use of the Solicitor General's name in a letter asking members to attend the committee meeting to support the Bill. Quotes a number of protests from existing concerns against the Bill—3718. Are we going to legislate to put the bottle business into the hands of one individual company, or are we going to encourage competition in Canada?—3719. So far as the ruination of Mr. Herdt is concerned, that is drawn from the realms of the Solicitor General's imagination, pure and simple. We ask that the Bill be referred back to the committee, because it was not fully discussed at the previous meetings—3721.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—3726.

But that does not apply to 'articles' covered by this Bill—3726. Suppose it is not manufactured, is there machinery in the country which will manufacture bottles anything like as well?—3732.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3726.

Have they applied to have the time extended?—3726. We are not in a position to vote intelligently on the question whether or not this Bill ought to be sent back to the committee unless we know the reasons—3728. The better course to adopt would be to recommit the Bill to the Private Bills Committee so that they may discuss it again, and bring before the House such information as would justify the House in passing it—3734. If the hon. member from Kent does not move that the committee rise, I shall have to support the Bill—3737.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—3737.

The general rule of the government with regard to private legislation is to support the report of the committee. However, the promoters of the Bill should have been able to give some reason why the owners of the patent had come to parliament instead of going to the patent office—3737. I would not kill the preamble of the Bill, but I would certainly favour its being referred back to the committee. I do not think I shirked the responsibility at all—3738. I think it had better stand in the meantime—3739.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Solicitor General)—3719.

The use of my name in the letter quoted by the member for Kent (Mr. Gordon) is absolutely unauthorized, and I regret the incident has occurred. I believe the Bill

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is simply a matter of Justice and fair play—3720. I believe if this Bill is not passed an injustice will be done Mr. Herdt. The committee was willing to accept the usual clause as a rider to the Bill, but it was said it was not needed because the patent had not expired at the time—3721. It was shown before the committee what are to be manufactured with this machine are to-day imported exclusively from Germany and Belgium, and, therefore, would not interfere with the output of the Sydenham Glass Company; $17,000 has actually been spent, and it would be a glaring injustice not to extend a measure of relief—3732. It is the hon. member for Ottawa (Mr. Stewart) who presents the Bill—3736.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3738.

The Prime Minister is shifting the responsibility onto the House. The doctrine is that the government is responsible for all legislation whether it be public or private Bills, and the Prime Minister cannot shirk the responsibility—3738.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—3732.

The druggists and manufacturing chemists of this country—some 4,500—are to-day paying too much for their bottles, and would pay a great deal more if the Sydenham and Wallaceburg people were not in business—3732. This House should not stand behind any Bill which is designed to promote a monopoly—3733.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3722.

If this Bill should pass then we exempt the patent from the clause of the Act of 1903, which provides that within a certain time the patented article must be manufactured in Canada—3722.

TOLEDO GLASS COMPANY, PATENTS OF THE—IN COMMITTEE.

House again in committee on Bill (110) respecting certain patents of the Toledo Glass Company—Mr. Stewart—3952. Motion that order be discharged and Bill referred back to committee on miscellaneous Private Bills —Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to —3952.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —3952.

Moves that order be discharged, and that the Bill be referred back to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills—3952.

TORONTO, NIAGARA AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY—THIRD READING.

House went into committee on Bill (134) respecting the Toronto and Hamilton Company, and to change its name to the Toronto, Niagara and Western Railway Company—Mr. Guthrie—4389. Motion to amend

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—Mr. Guthrie—4389. Amendment withdrawn —4396. Bill reported and read the third time. Motion that the Bill be now passed— Mr. Guthrie. Motion agreed to—4397.

Barker, S. (Hamilton)—4393.

The power company has paid for only the right of way for a power line, and I think it a most impudent Bill to bring into the House to seek power from parliament to allow the power company to transfer its rights to a railway company—4393.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —4390.

We want to protect the rights of those who alienated their lands for the purpose of a power company only and not for a railway—4390. I certainly could not give my assent as a member of the committee to the proposed amendment—4395. I think that covers everything—4397.

Guthrie, Hugh (South Wellington)—4389.

On sections 6 and 6a—I gave notice of a motion to amend both section 6 and section 6a—4389. The power company have now an eighty year purchase for power purposes, and the railway proposes to utilize that right of way—4390. The sense of the committee was entirely in favour of the proposal that one right of way should serve all purposes—4391. I cannot see any reason for delay such as would be involved in sending the company before the Railway Commission. I think we have properly safeguarded the interests of all parties—4392. The power company, in purchasing this right of way in all cases, with the exception of a matter of some two or three miles, took deeds for the use of the land both for power and for railway purposes—4393. The deeds were all before the Railway Committee—4394. I ask leave to withdraw the amendment, and to let the Bill stand as it came from the Railway Committee 4396.

Henderson, David (Halton)—4395.

I would say that the contract as contained in the deed after the grant has been made would prevail rather than a recital in the earlier part of the deed—4395. If the farmers are entitled to additional compensation for the additional injury which is done to their property, I say we ought to give it to them—4396.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—4390.

I think the Bill, as sent from the committee, is right, and that the promoters got all they reasonably ought to expect in this case—4390. It would be a dangerous precedent to put into a special Act of this kind a privilege which is not allowed to other railway companies—4391. I think the Bill, as it is, makes it safe for the land owner, because the Railway Commission is required to sanction it—4394.

On section 6a—I think it might have been more clearly worded—4396. I think the Railway Commission will probably have

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their attention drawn to this debate, and will take proper steps to protect those land holders in whatever their rights may be—4397.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4389.

That is tantamount to the old clause—4389. Except the interest of the farmer over whose property the right of way has been secured—4392.

On section 6a—I think it is a distinct injustice to any farmer who sold his land for power purposes to divert it to other purposes without giving him a fair compensation for it—4397.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John's City and Co.)—4392.

How do you get the consent of the power company?—4392. It changes the condition altogether—4393.

TORONTO POST OFFICE FIRE.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. A. C. Macdonell brings before the Postmaster General a matter of urgency arising from the fire in the post office yesterday morning—2238.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General)—2239.

No registered mail was destroyed; the quantity of mailable matter destroyed was not so large as at first thought, and the damage to the building is less than at first believed to be—2239. The fact that the watchman or caretaker lost his life is the best answer to the charge that he was absent from his post of duty—2240.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—2238.

If the country was informed from what sections the mail matter came which was destroyed in the fire, it would aid matters very greatly. There is an immediate need of increased accommodation—2238.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—2238.

The time has come when a post office ought to be a fire-proof structure, with plenty of light and elevators, and sufficient accommodation to meet the requirements of the country—2239.

TORONTO TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (No. 138) to incorporate the Toronto Union Station Company—Mr. Macdonell—Bill reported, read the third time and passed—4397.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.

The title of the company is changed from the 'Toronto Union Station Company' to the 'Toronto Terminal Railway Company.'—4397.

Henderson, David (Halton)—4397.

That place will always be known as the Union Station, and to adopt such a long-fangled name as this, I think, is a decided mistake—4397.

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Henderson, David (Halton)—*Con.*

Tisdale, Hon. David (Norfolk)—4397.

Everybody agreed to it—4397.

TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY CONTRACTS

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks if contracts mentioned on Friday have been awarded—973? Ans.—Understand that papers will be laid before Railway Department tomorrow—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—974.

TRANS-NIAGARA BRIDGE COMPANY, THE—SECOND READING.

Motion that the amendment made by the Senate to Bill (161) to incorporate the Trans--Niagara Bridge Company, be read the second time—Mr. Calvert—7270.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7270.

I think in all cases, where the amendment is of any importance, the House should not pass it blindly, but whoever has charge of the Bill should state what the effect of the amendment is—7270.

Calvert, W. S. (West Middlesex)—7270.

I do not see any reason why the Bill should stand over when it has been approved by all parties in the Senate—7270.

TRANS-NIAGARA BRIDGE COMPANY, THE—CONCURENCE.

Motion that an amendment made by the Senate to Bill (161) to incorporate the Trans-Niagara Bridge Company be concurred in—Mr. W. S. Calvert. Motion agreed to—7370.

Calvert, W. S. (West Middlesex)—7370.

Quotes Senate amendment. If the Park Commissioners wish to build a low level bridge, the company must get the consent of Railway Commissioners so as to have ample space to enable them to do so—7370.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, REPORT OF

On the order being called, Mr. Bennett moves for the report of the Transportation Commission, together with all evidence taken before it at the earliest possible day. Resolution stands—770.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—770.

When will report be published? Asks that resolution be allowed to stand—770.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Public Works)—770.

Have communicated with printers and they promise it early next week—770.

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On notice of motion, that the government should at the earliest day present the report of the Transportation Commission, together with the evidence taken before the commission, and that the same should be dealt with by the House—1105. Motion allowed to stand—1106.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—1106.

If the minister can give some assurance that the report will be brought down soon, will ask that the motion be allowed to stand—1106.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Public Works) —1106.

Regrets delay. Is in communication with printers, and will give hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) the information as soon as answer comes—1106.

On the order, proposed resolution, that the government should at the earliest possible day present the report of the Transportation commission, together with all the evidence taken before the said commission—Mr. Bennett—1679.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—1679.

I intend to move that resolution next Monday—1679.

Motion that government should present report of Transportation Commission, together with all evidence taken before commission and that same should be dealt with by House—Mr. Bennett—2038.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—2038.

Question of transportation has been before country for past twenty years; is of great importance—2038. Question of transportation in Canada embraces movement of grain from west; quotes receipts of grain at Buffalo by decades from 1846 to 1896; American system of railroading has been successful in promoting trade from west to east—2039. While progressing in matter of railways the people of Canada have not failed to also emulate the United States in development of rail transportation—2040. There is a great handicap upon Canadian vessels in competing with those owned by Americans—2041. Government have not taken hold of problem in manner which they should; a purely Canadian policy would have been the best policy in interests of Dominion—2042. Canadian Pacific Railway Company have today practically in course of construction a line from Victoria Harbour to Peterborough; quotes evidence of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy before Railway Commission —2043. Quotes evidence of Mr. C. M. Hays, general manager of Grand Trunk—2044-5. Quotes opinion expressed by commission as to making a national pjort of Midland—2045. Canada Atlantic Railway was never built as a first-class railway system; Grand Trunk company propose

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concentrating business of Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at Midland—2046. If government owned lake front property all railroads could come to Midland and have benefit of conditions prevailing—2047. Means a great deal to Toronto to have national port at Midland—2048. Export grain trade at Montreal has diminished nearly 10,000,000 bushels from year 1901 to 1904 despite expenditure of millions on port; quotes report of 'Ottawa Journal' of April 21 *re* Wolvin line—2049. Proper way to carry grain is by largest vessels on great lakes and thus get advantage of water competition with railway system; question is shall grain go by way of Buffalo or by way of Canada—2050. Distance from any point west of great lakes to Buffalo is a slower and longer running distance than distance to port of Midland; out of vast expenditure each year not a dollar is spent on work that will be available in future development of transportation system—2051. Quotes report of Governor Simcoe made in year 1794 to Lords of Trade—2052. Government should bring down a broad comprehensive plan at earliest possible moment and concentrate efforts at some point on Georgian Bay; Canada should make grasp for American trade on great lakes—2053.

Devlin, E. B. (Wright)—3308.

The transportation question is of such vital importance that it demands non-partisan treatment. Canada is to-day making greater progress than the United States. When the three great transcontinental railways are completed Canadian trade will demand as a necessity additional channels of transportation—3309. Hon. gentleman from Glengarry (Mr. Schell) should have stated all the facts in connection with Georgian Bay Canal; quotes Mr. Shanley's report of the Ottawa and French river navigation project. Canada has to-day a guarantee of immense and hitherto unthought of commercial prosperity, which justifies us in expending money on works which will prove a rich asset to the nation—3310. Quotes rates on wheat via the Canadian Pacific Railway during 1905 from principal wheat-shipping stations in the west to Fort William; rate by water is much less than that by rail—3311. Quotes number of bushels that went forward from Fort William from 1899—1905. Quotes report made to Bureau of Statistics by Mr. George G. Tunell of Chicago, on lake commerce dated Feb. 3, 1898—3312. Reads a report taken from 'Engineering News' of New York, published March 5, 1903—3313-4. If we build the Georgian Bay Canal we shall have the means to excel any country on the face of the earth in the matter of transportation—3314.

Hall, R. R. (West Peterborough)—2053.

Quotes statement of Transportation Commission on page 22 of report; quotes page 19 of same report—2053. Quotes Hon. R. L. Borden's speech at Peterborough, October 4, 1904; wishes to impress on

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House the importance of Trent Canal waterway system—2054. Quotes from report of deputy Minister of Railways and Canals—2055. Whole Trent canal waterway system is very near completion—2056. There are many local advantages which could be derived from construction of canal; county of Peterborough would save in coal alone about $90,000 a year—2057. Midland is the point where grain might be economically brought with view to taking it to ocean ports and Trent waterway affords cheap barge transportation between Midland and Montreal—2058. Quotes statement prepared by Mr. L. Richard's traffic manager of American Cereal Company—2059. Rates made by Grand Trunk Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway from Midland to Montreal are made to compete as far as possible with carriage of grain from Buffalo to New York—2060. Cost of Trent canal per mile when completed will be about $47,-169; cost of keeping canal in repair is nothing compared with cost of maintaining and operating a railway line—2061. Compares American freight rates with Canadian—2062. If canal were built the milling industry along Trent canal would be stimulated and water powers would be developed—2063 Of utmost importance to Canada that raw material which is produced should, as far as possible, be sent out to foreign markets in its manufactured state—2064-5. Rates charged by ocean vessels on flour do not handicap Canadian mills in favour of English mills as much as is supposed—2066. In 1905, there was shipped from Canada only $5,-890,258 worth of flour to Great Britain, Africa, the West Indies, Newfoundland, Australia and different countries of Europe. The government of the State of New York are expending upwards of $100,-000,000 in improving and deepening the Erie canal—3279. Quotes Canadian freight information furnished by Mr. H. W. Richardson, of Kingston, grain dealer; quotes statement of Mr. S. A. Thompson, of Duluth, Minn., furnished to committee on rivers and harbours at Washington, on April 11, 1898—3280-1-2. 'A ship canal through Canadian territory would destroy American supremacy upon the great lakes.' No canals can be built in the United States to compete with canals which may be constructed on Canadian territory—3282. It is because the Germans have been so thoroughly alive to the importance of canal navigation and the improvement of their waterways that they have been able to make such an excellent showing in the financial and commercial world. There is no investment that this country could make better than to expend a large amount in improvement of waterways—3283. If the United States could stand the enormous drains on her resources of forty-five years ago, we in Canada, who propose to make this century the century of Canada, could well afford to increase the national debt by upwards of $100,000,000 or $200,000,000 —3284.

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Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—3285.

Compliments hon. member for West Peterborough (Mr. Hall) on the array of facts and figures presented in reference to traffic and expenditure in matter of transportation. Explains opposition leader's absence during last discussion of question—3285. Quotes hon. gentleman (Mr. (Hall); quotes citation from speech of leader of opposition. Not one Liberal in that whole region was committed to Trent Canal prior to 1896, and not one of them has been committed to it for some time since—3286. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Hall) who ought to know something about route, knew personally so little about construction of work that he had to quote from report of the deputy minister in order to place facts before House—3287. Cordially endorses the proposition of my hon. friend from West Kent (Mr. Clements) for the construction of a waterway to connect Lake St. Clair with Lake Erie in order to facilitate transport of grain by that route; will endorse just as cordially any reasonable proposition for development of other waterways—3288.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Public Works) —2043.

Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) speak by book when he says that Canadian Pacific Railway have in course of construction a line from Victoria Harbour to Peterborough?—2043.

Paterson, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Customs) —2046.

What is the distance from Midland to Port Hope ?—2046.

Schell, J. T. (Glengarry)—3294.

The question we are most concerned with now is the method of transporting the produce of the western part of the country to the sea-board. The reason of the appointment of the Transportation Commission was to discover by which route our produce could reach tide water the cheapest, and whether we can take it there cheaper than it can be taken through American ports—3294. Traces development of railroads from 1873. It has taken over 20 years to wear out the old rolling stock, to relay the rails, to build new rolling stock and to put the roads in a position to handle freight so as to compete with the canal system. The St. Lawrence and Erie canals are practically put out of business by railroads—3295. It is a question as to the amount of money we shall spend in developing our water routes as against railroad carriage—3296. Quotes rates on wheat prevalent on certain railroads—3297. Quotes rates on wheat prevalent on lakes. Shall it be the Trent Valley canal or the railways or the Georgian Bay canal that shall carry our produce from Georgian Bay to tide water?—3298. Are we going to build the Georgian Bay canal at a cost of from $100,000,000 to $120,000,-000?—3299. If the government propose to expend that large amount on the Georgian Bay canal I say halt; give it as a

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Schell, J. T. (Glengarry)—*Con.*

bonus to the railways until our system is a little better developed. Quotes statement from the Trade and Commerce Department dealing with year 1904-5. Exports of wheat from United States are growing less each year; quotes exports of domestic wheat from United States through port of New York from 1902 to 1905; quotes exports of wheat from all other ports of United States—3300. Quotes amount of foreign wheat exported from port of New York from 1902 to 1905. We must equip Port Colborne to make it equal to Buffalo. Whenever a small vessel going through the St. Lawrence canal takes its loads from the upper lakes, the freight is costing considerable more than it should if the grain were carried on a large vessel to Port Colborne and then transhipped into vessels of proper size on the Welland canal—3301. Within recent years there have been as much as 10,000,000 bushels of American corn carried out through Canadian ports to Montreal. If the Port Colborne elevators are properly constructed and Montreal harbour properly equipped, that will be the largest corn carrying route this continent has seen—3302. We ought not to build the Georgian Bay canal; good railway rates more effective and of more importance—3303. Believes the Grand Trunk Pacific will carry grain all through the winter and deliver it at a profitable rate at the port of St. John. Hopes Halifax in the not distant future will be port for Northwest; has not a word to say against building of Trent Valley canal—3304. Rail carriage has to-day entirely superseded any canal traffic that there is on the continent of America. Comparison of Canadian railways and canals with German railways and canals is absurd. In this country and in the United States the ablest scientific minds have devoted themselves to lowering the freight rates on railways—3305. With heavier equipment on railroads present rates will be cut nearly in two; railroad authorities state that difference between cost of hauling on a 1 per cent grade or 3-10 or 4-10 per cent grade is equal to 40 per cent. This country would not be warranted in building Georgian Bay canal because of what lies in the future—3306. Jim Hill wants canal because it will benefit Jim Hill—3307. The more prosperous the west is and the cheaper the western farmers can get their products to the markets of the world, the more prosperous and progressive will be the commercial life of Canada generally—3308.

Watson, R. J. (Parry Sound)—3288.

There should be no argument at all on question of transportation—3288. Depot Harbour is one of the best harbours on Georgian Bay, and the railway line going out of Depot Harbour is not sufficient to afford accommodation necessary for a large grain traffic. Does not think House ought to adopt report of Transportation Commission in its entirety—3289. Quotes

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twelve ports chosen by commission as national ports. Points out some details of programme recommended by Transportation Commission. Would accomplish purpose of House much better to consider question in a smaller committee —3290. The relative failure of the St. Lawrence canal route is due to the fact that the ocean terminus of that route—Montreal harbour—has never been adapted to handle a large traffic coming to it from the upper lakes.. Is it not a fact that during the summer a large quantity of freight destined for Europe passes through Montreal, and reaches its destination by way of Boston and Portland?—3291. The Royal Transportation Commission has virtually submitted for the consideration of the government four Canadian routes by which the product of the west can reach ocean navigation—3292. The government deserves great credit for the steps they have taken in having a complete and thorough survey made for the great project of the Georgian Bay canal; refers to the three great railways of Canada—3293.

TRUST FUNDS, INVESTMENT OF IN PROVINCIAL SECURITIES.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks some questions regarding a return dated the 17th July, 1905, which called for copies of papers relating to any proposals to authorize the investments of trust funds in the United Kingdom in the securities of any province of Canada—1577.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1577.

Believes that this subject is governed almost completely by chap. 62 of the Imperial Acts of 1900. A memorial from the government of the province of Ontario sets forth pretty fully certain difficulties in the way that have been found to exist—1577. If the Prime Minister or the Minister of Finance is not prepared to give an answer on the subject to-day, would either of them take note of it and give an answer at some future day?—1578.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—1579.

The difficulties in the way of obtaining admission to the trustee list are very much greater than are supposed. There is no reason why the Dominion government should not do anything it can to that good end—1579.

TWELVE MILE POWER COMPANY.

Motion by Mr. Macpherson (for Mr. Thompson) that in accordance with the recommendation of the tenth report of the Select Standing Committee that the 49th rule of this House be suspended in reference to the petition for the incorporation of the Twelve

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Mile Power Company, Limited. Motion agreed to—3064.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3064.

What is the reason for this extension of time?—3064.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—3064.

Has the report of the Standing Orders Committee been adopted?—3064.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—3064.

The petition was forwarded on March 18. It reached here on the day the House rose for the Easter holidays, and the day after the time for receiving petitions elapsed—3064.

TWELVE MILE POWER COMPANY, LIMITED —SECOND READING.

Motion that the amendment made by the Senate to Bill (183), to incorporate the Twelve Mile Power Company, Limited, be read the second time—Mr. Thompson—7271. Motion agreed to—7271.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—7271.

The only amendment made by the Senate was to confine the operations and works of this company to the Yukon Territory—7271.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)

My impression is that this Bill was before the Railway Committee, that it was amended by the Railway Committee and went to the Senate as amended—7271.

UNITED EMPIRE BANK OF CANADA—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (50) respecting the Pacific Bank of Canada—Mr. Belcourt —3242.

On section 1—Treasury bond certificate—3242.

On section 2—Name changed to United Empire Bank of Canada—3248.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed —3248.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance).

In this case, evidence having been given that the capital was ready to be deposited, a very reasonable extension of three months is allowed. The Act provides that the capital may be increased by order of the treasury board upon evidence that the demand is well founded—3242.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3242.

On section 1—There should be a general Act so that any man who desires to go into banking and has the capital can file his certificate and begin business if he has complied with the law. The charter does not protect the public, but the General Act does—3242.

UNITED EMPIRE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY—SECOND READING.

Motion that the amendment made by the Senate to Bill (90) to incorporate the United Empire Life Insurance Company, be read the second time—Mr. Pardee—7271. Stands —7271.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7271.

I do not think that was the amendment which was made by the Senate. Quotes Senate's amendment. They have made all the Company's Clause Act apply except sections 7, 18 and 39—7271. The effect of the amendment is to make section 41 of the Company's Clauses Act apply to this company, although it did not apply as the Bill left this House—7272.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7271.

They have struck out one clause—7271. As private Bills is the first order for to-morrow morning, we had better not delay the House now—7272.

Pardee, F. F. (West Lambton)—7271.

There was an objection raised in the Senate to the name, which was the International Life Insurance Company, and the Senate changed it to the United Empire Life Insurance Company—7271

UNITED EMPIRE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, THE—CONCURRENCE.

Motion that the amendment made by the Senate to Bill (No. 90) the United Empire Life Insurance Bill be concurred in—Mr. Pardee. Motion agreed to—7370.

Pardee, F. F. (W. Lambton)—7370.

Whether the amendment of the Senate is included or not makes no difference, because the matter is dealt with in the Insurance Act, which governs all insurance companies—7370.

UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES' GAME PRESERVATION ACT AMENDMENT—THIRD READING.

Bill (No. 154) to amend the Unorganized Territories' Game Preservation Act, 1904 —Mr. Oliver—Read second time and House went into committee thereon—2825. Bill reported, read third time and passed—2826.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—2825.

What is the explanation of Bill—2825.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—2826.

Would it not be possible for hon. Minister of Interior (Mr. Oliver) to make some arrangement with the government of the province of Alberta in order that the buffalo might be protected while they are in that province. Purpose of Bill is a grand one—2826.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark) —2826.

Are there any herds of wild buffalo—2826.

UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES' GAME PRESERVATION ACT AMENDMENT—THIRD READING—*Con.*

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of Interior)—2826.

Bill provides for protection of wood buffalo. Present Act expires Jan. 1, 1907; it was thought well to extend it from January 1, 1907, to January 1, 1912. Bill will apply only to organized territory—2826.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2826.

This is the only place from which authority can emanate to regulate the game laws—2826.

USURY, BILL RELATING TO.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks whether it is anticipated that the Bill relating to usury will pass this session—6126.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6126.

The matter has attracted a good deal of attention. What is the probability of its being passed this session?—6126.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—6126.

I cannot speak just now as to the probability, but my desire is to deal with the question—6126.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden inquired whether or not the government intended to go on with the Usury Bill—6677.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6677.

I understand that it has been reported by the Committee on Banking and Commerce, with some amendments, the nature of which I do not know—6677.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6677.

As I recollect, the committee has made no amendment to the Bill except by providing that it shall not apply to sums under 50 cents—6678.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—6677.

It is our intention—6677.

Speaker, Mr.—3.

Has received notification that the following vacancies have occurred in the representation: Walter Scott, Assiniboia West, by resignation; John Henderson Lamont, Saskatchewan, by resignation; Hon. Sir William Mulock, North York, by accepting office of emolument under the Crown; Colin F. McIsaac, Antigonish, by accepting office of emolument under the Crown; Thomas George Johnston, West Lambton, by decease; Hon. J. Raymond P éfontaine, Maisonneuve, by decease ; George Riley, Victoria City, B.C., by resignat on; Daniel D. McKenzie, North Cape Breton and Victoria, by accepting office of emolument under the Crown; Peter Talbot, Strathcona, resigned—3.

VANCOUVER, FRASER VALLEY AND SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in Committee on Bill (No. 87) to incorporate the Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Southern Railway Company—Mr. Macpherson—2709. Motion that committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again—Mr. Macpherson. Motion agreed to and progress reported. Motion that order be discharged and Bill be referred back—Mr. Macpherson. Motion agreed to—2712.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—2710.

If they are really going to double track the line, and want power to issue securities to the extent of so much per mile for each track, they certainly need this amendment—2710.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—2709.

Double tracking the road will not cost twice as much as the original construction—2709. Is the amendment of sufficient importance to justify us in sending it back to the committee?—2710. It is proposed to amend the Bill so that it shall be restored to its original form—2711.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—2709.

On section 13—The purpose of the promoters of the Bill is to double track the line all through. Am informed that it costs just twice as much to double track as it does to build a single line—2709. It is necessary that the bonding powers asked for be given—2710. They are going practically through the garden of British Columbia and they are obliged to buy the right of way—2711. I have no objection to allowing the Bill to go back to the committee—2712.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo).

It is simply delaying the matter to send the Bill back to the Railway Committee—2712.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2710.

It is intended to be an electric road, and it is proposed to give bonding powers to the extent of $50,000 per mile. It was not claimed before the committee that this was an exceptionally expensive road to build—2710. The right of way will be just as available for a double track as for a single track—2711. To introduce it again without referring it back to the committee, is to take a rather unusual course—2712.

House in Committee on Bill (No. 87) to incorporate the Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Southern Railway Company—Mr. Macpherson. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—3187.

Campbell, Archibald (Centre York)—3187.

It was thought by the committee that, as the work was very expensive, $25,000 a mile was not an unreasonable amount to allow for double tracking—3187.

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Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways) —3187.

The Bill as amended will be as it was in the original Bill—section 13—3187.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3187.

That is $25,000 a mile for each track of the double track—3187.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—3187.

It allows $50,000 a mile for double-tracked road—3187.

VANCOUVER AND LULU ISLAND RAILWAY —IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (29) respecting the Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Company—1141. Progress reported—1145.

Barker, Samuel (East Hamilton)—1142.

On section 1—When committee has adopted second section, clause 1, without words 'and branches,' is all right—1142.

Campbell, Archibald (Centre York)—1142.

On section 1—Bill provides for a main line and some branches. The words 'and branches' were struck out by committee, and another clause inserted providing that branches should be commenced within two years of passing of order by Governor in Council—1142. Committee was practically unanimous as to terms of second clause—1144.

Demers, L. Philippe (St. John and Iberville) —1141.

On section 1—Thinks it is a mistake to strike out words 'and branches' in third line. Section 2 provides that delay for constructing a branch should commence only after permission is granted by Governor in Council—1141. Moves that words 'and branches' be inserted again in clause 1—1145.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—1143.

On section 1—A new section has been added to Bill as section 2—1143. Cannot make motion under rule 72—1145.

Henderson, David (Halton)—1145.

On section 1—Thinks there is grave doubt whether it was intention of committee or not to strike out words 'and branches'—1145.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1141.

On section 1—Explains understanding of committee in regard to Bill—1141. Moves that Bill be referred back to committee—1142. Did not understand words 'and branches' were to be struck out; requires both clauses. Committee was unanimous in view that provision re order of Governor in Council was fair, having regard to circumstances as they exist—1143.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1141.

On section 1—Provision was made in Bill that two years time limit for commencing

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was to begin from date of passing of order in council—1141. Reason why words 'and branches' were struck out was that original Act provided for completion of railways—1144. Moves that committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again—1145.

On the order: House in committee on Bill (29) respecting the Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Company—Mr. Macpherson. Mr. Campbell moved that order of House for House again in committee on Bill (29) be discharged and the Bill be referred back to Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines for further consideration—1295. Motion agreed to—1297.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1295.

Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Campbell) explain reason for this?—1295.

Campbell, Archibald (Centre York)—1295.

Reason is that Bill grants extension of time for building of main line as well as certain branches and this railway company has also power, by getting consent of Governor in Council, to build branches not exceeding 30 miles in length—1295. Committee thought it wise to amend clause by providing that branches should be commenced within two years and completed within five years from time of passage of order in council—1296.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1296.

Does not understand why hon. gentleman says that House came to conclusion that powers granted were too large—1296. Has no objection to Bill being referred back to committee—1297.

VAUGHAN, WILLIAM NAPOLEON, RELIEF OF—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (180) for the relief of William Napoleon Vaughan—Mr. Stewart. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—6035.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —6035.

If the evidence as printed in this book is true I think a clearer case for a divorce it would be hardly possible to imagine—6035.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—6035.

On the preamble—If the Minister of Justice says that in his opinion this divorce should be granted, then I have nothing further to say. I do not believe what these witnesses have said—6035.

VENTILATION OF THE CHAMBER.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Taylor draws the attention of the Minister of Public Works to the fact that the temperature in

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the Chamber last night was about 82 degrees—5616.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5618.

Last year a man made an offer to the Minister of Public Works to put this chamber into a perfect state of ventilation for a certain consideration—5619. My hon. friend (Mr. Hyman) is mistaken; he has an immense foundry where his men never suffer from heat—5619.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5617.

I do not think that the air which is pumped in through these apertures can be as good as the air that comes in through the open windows—5617. After three or four months of the session the effect of the vitiated air is plainly noticeable on the health of the members of this House—5618.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5617.

What was done? I would suggest that the Minister of Customs (Mr. Paterson) be allowed to raise the roof—5617.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—5616.

I regret that, owing to lack of time, the department has not been able to carry out the improvements in the ventilation of the chamber contemplated last year—5616. We have engaged one of the best Canadian experts and one of the best American experts to make the ventilation of the chamber as perfect as possible. The air comes directly from the outside—5617. The double windows will have nothing to do with the matter whatever—5618. The offer Mr. Bergeron refers to was made by a man whose system of ventilation had never been tried in any building; it was to be wholly an experiment—5619. The main feature of the system now proposed is to pump into the chamber a given quantity of fresh air scientifically calculated—5620.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—5617.

If we both made a joint effort I think we could do it—5617.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)——5620.

What is the nature of the system?—5620.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—5616.

I hope the Minister of Public Works will have the matter attended to before the afternoon session—5616. I understand the present fans are broken; the double windows increase the heat—5617. I also wish to call attention to the fact that we have had no fans running since Monday, as they are in the repair shop—5620.

On the orders of the Day, Mr. Bristol calls the attention of the Minister of Public Works to the utter impossibility of any member sitting back of the first three rows of benches hearing one half of what takes place in this chamber—7359.

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Black, J. B. (Hants)—7366.

Everybody knows the necessity for the sun's rays in the maintenance of life. We want this room flooded with pure air; we want it no less flooded for a certain number of hours with sunshine—7366.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7367.

I shall be very glad to co-operate with the Minister of Public Works in any way. Undoubtedly the members at the back cannot hear what goes on in the front—7367.

Bristol, Edmund (Centre Toronto)—7359.

I would suggest to the minister that he should endeavour to so arrange the chamber that members can hear what is being said. I wish also to complain of the bad ventilation—7359. When members cannot hear what is going on they either have to sit like dummies or discuss the question with some of those about them—7361.

Chisholm, Thomas (East Huron)—7359.

I wish to enter my protest, Mr. Speaker, against the imperfect lighting of this chamber—7359. I would suggest that in the rearrangement of the chamber we should have more sunlight so that we need not be obliged to work by lamp-light in the middle of the day—7360.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7367.

We cannot expect perfection in this matter more than in others. I know of no public chamber of this character better than the one we occupy—7367.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—7361.

I am satisfied that if the members would make a little more effort to hear what is going on, they would hear a great deal better than they do—7361. Those of us on the front benches have just as much difficulty hearing as those on the back benches—7362.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7362.

There is a good deal in what was complained of that depends somewhat on the pitch of the voice—7362. If we are going to have any improvement in the ventilation system it will be very necessary that it should be completed before we get back here in the autumn—7363. It would be better first to have somebody study the matter out and make a plan—7365.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7364.

I have never heard any great complaint in regard to the acoustic properties, but I agree with what has been said that in the last two or three sessions the members have not the same degree of order which we had previously. There is a great difficulty no matter how seats may be arranged—7365. I think the practical way would be to have a small committee of members of the House to consult with me—7366.

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Kennedy, J. B. (New Westminster)—7364.

The reason we don't hear in this corner is because the business near Mr. Speaker is transacted in a conversational tone; they do not speak as if they meant every one to hear—7364.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—7360.

The difficulty of hearing members speaking has arisen not so much from the voice of the speaker as by the noises made by other members in conversation—7360.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—7363.

If we all could condense our remarks as far as possible, and not talk on any subject except there was an eminent necessity for it, the condition would be greatly improved—7364.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7360.

One of the difficulties of hearing in this chamber is than when one starts to talk half a dozen others begin at the same time—7360. If members could hear each other better their interest in what is going on would be greatly increased—7361.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—7364.

It is said there is not as good order now as used to be. That is probably accounted for by the length of many of the speeches—7364.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden calls attention to an inaccuracy in the Journals of the House on Friday last—972.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—972.

Draws attention to inaccuracy in Friday's Journal. Quotes Journal. Told clerk there was no objection to ignoring proceedings then in committee, upon the understanding that the items discussed and passed should, as soon as the House resumed supply regularly, be passed without further discussion—972. Think the Journals should be amended—973.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—973.

Hon. friend (Mr. Borden) is quite correct. If the Clerk will correct the procès verbal, we will resume the discussion at the stage at which it was left—973.

VOYAGEURS, RECOGNITION OF

On Orders of the Day, Mr. S. Hughes draws attention of Minister of Militia to answer which was given yesterday to the question about the voyageurs in the Red River expedition—485.

Borden, Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia)—486.

I am informed that they did not. Will inquire about it—485.

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Hughes, S. (Victoria and Haliburton)—485.

Draws attention to answer by Minister—485. Did not the teamsters in 1885 receive medals? This is for 1870, not for 1885—486.

WAGNER, PHILIP.

Mr. Foster gives notice that to-morrow, on going into Supply, the matter of Philip Wagner, an employee of the Department of the Interior, will be taken up, and possibly a motion moved—5185.

WATER-POWER IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, SALE OF

Motion by Mr. F. D. Monk for a statement containing information concerning the water-powers in the possession and under the control of the government—594. Motion agreed to—613.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—607.

Power generated by coal can be transmitted along a wire as easily as power generated by water—607. Suggests that leases be for short terms or that government at end of five or ten years should have power to deal with question of rental—608.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—598.

Importance of this national asset just beginning to be known—598. The French government now taking back water-powers that were alienated years ago. The valuation of the hydrographical richness of this country should be under control of government just as is the geological survey—599. The encouragement to forestry a step in the right direction—600.

Haggart, Hon. John (South Lanark)—606.

The question uppermost is, 'What jurisdiction have we over it?' The new uses for electricity—606.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—607.

Does the government control the electrical power of the water-powers of the Trent canal in Victoria county?—606.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—606.

Believes that the Ontario government asked that the Dominion government take over the dams on the Trent canal, but not able to say that the arrangement has been consummated—607.

In hearty sympathy with motion of hon. member for Jacques Cartier—608. Very much at sea over question of jurisdiction over water-powers. Cites Chaudière case. The question in relation to the Niagara river is being dealt with by Waterways Commission. It cannot be questioned that government has complete jurisdiction as to export power—609. As to preserving scenic beauty of Niagara Falls, thinks a solution will be found—610. Interim report of commission will be laid on table within a week or ten days—611.

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Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—603.

All information possible will be collected, will be speedily collected and laid before the House—603. Canada has the greatest water-power resources in the world. In all laws made in future the government should retain the power to regulate price to the consumer—604. A water-power which is in the vicinity of Montreal is a far more valuable property than one two or three hundred miles away—605.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—600.

The water-powers of this country are the greatest source of wealth to-day—600. Niagara Falls power alienated without proper conservation of the rights of the people—601. Efforts are being made to move trains on the American side with Niagara Falls power. Much power can be developed below the rapids—602. The time has come for government to declare that these water-powers are for the use of all of the people of Canada—603.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—594.

Information asked for really an inventory of all the water-powers under the control of the Dominion government. Desirable that the information should be in possession of parliament as soon as possible—594. Quotes Mr. T. C. Keefer, in his presidential address before the Royal Society of Canada in 1899—595. Parliament has never had laid before it a complete statement as to this source of our national wealth—596. On existing leases in and around Montreal little or no control is exercised by government. There are still large undeveloped powers which ought to be valuable assets—597. Growing sentiment in favour of municipalization and nationalization of public utilities—598.

The best way would be to make such a return as is available in the department and then the government might institute further inquiry. On the question of jurisdiction, cites cases of Chambly Electric Company and Lachine Hydraulic Works—612. Have large water-powers in the canals—613.

Wright, A. A. (Renfrew)—612.

Objects to five year leases. No capitalists would put in plant on a five years' lease—611. The government should see that water-powers be sold so that the public may get the full benefit—612.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Monk calls the attention of the House to the water-powers in Quebec province advertised for sale by the Quebec government—4991.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Minister of Public Works)—4992.

I have had a memorandum prepared which will be sent to the Minister of Justice to-morrow, asking him to take what steps he thinks proper to protect the Dominion in whatever rights it may possess in these water-powers—4992.

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Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—4991.

I fail to see how the government of Quebec can validly dispose of these water-powers, which I think are under the control of the Dominion government—4991. I think that a postponement of the sale and a wider advertisement would be advisable on the part of the parties entitled to dispose of them—4992.

WAYS AND MEANS—RAISING SUPPLY.

Motion that the House resolve into a committee of ways and means for raising supply—Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister). Motion agreed to—125.

WAYS AND MEANS—INTERIM SUPPLY BILL.

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for financial year ending 30th June, 1906, the sum of $161,000 be granted out of consolidated revenue fund of Canada—Hon. Wm. Paterson—658.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—666.

How much is annual expenditure going to be?—666. During a visit to Glasgow last winter noticed an exhibit in a store, labelled 'Canadian exhibit'—677. It would appear that Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) is not much in touch with work being carried on in Great Britain with reference to exhibit in Imperial Institute. Asked hon. minister a question the other day to find out what discriminatory duties were imposed by German government on Canadian apples—686. Was it not stated at fruit convention last week that Canadian apple industry faced a very serious situation so far as export to Germany was considered, because of the duty of $1.50 a barrel?

Barr, John (Dufferin)—693.

First time I ever heard minister say that he had reached the last day and the last hour at which he could continue public works unless the opposition came to his aid and voted money without being in possession of necessary information—693. What does minister propose to do with this $18,000? Is it to replace present exhibits, to collect new exhibits, and what kind of exhibits; and does the Imperial Institute bear any part of the expense?—698.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—661.

Did you give names of curators and all information? Is it a permanent exhibition in the city of London—662. Can hon. friend (Mr. Fisher) tell us what it costs each province, and also whether the Dominion government, in taking over these exhibits, will come in conflict with provinces which exhibited there before, and whether, if we exhibit along with provinces, they will share in the expense?—677. Is Mr. Harrison Watson a Canadian?—678. Would

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like to ask about some other items of resolution ; have not had a report of proceedings of Royal Commission on Insurance yet ; what have we to do with paying money to Japan—684. How much did exhibition at Liège cost country?—685.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—678.

Will minister state whether it is proposed to change the location of the exhibit in the Imperial Institute or not ? What is the total space to be given ? Will minister when bringing down Mr. Hutchison's report also bring down reports of Mr. Brodie and Mr. Hay ?—678-9.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—661.

Has no recollection of scheme ever having been laid before parliament—661. Whole difficulty is owing to fact that Minister of Agriculture absented himself from House when he should have been in his place—669. Grave neglect of duty by gentlemen who have place on Treasury benches—670. Under circumstances opposition should have information—671. Finds situation with regard to explanations promised by government worse than expected ; thinks minister should insist that item be withdrawn—680-1. Let items either stand, or if they are passed upon the promise that information will be brought down at a particular time let that information be brought down—689. Prime Minister or any other minister should not make promises unless they are capable of carrying them out—690. One of the items is $20,000 to provide for expenses in connection with Royal Commission on insurance. On what is this estimate founded ? Has any arrangement been made with commissioners as to compensation they are to receive ? Generally speaking what is the basis of this estimate ? Did not observe in Mr. Hutchison's report any reference to any exhibit of fisheries. Is that not provided for in any way ?—708.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—681.

Exhibition cannot be considered as representative of products of this country ; needs to be a constant change if exhibits are to be kept up to date. It is desirable that we should have either one or two things, either an exhibition that is up to date, and of an entirely different character to what we have had in past, or else abandonment of this vote. Are exhibits property of the government or property of exhibitors ?—682.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —658.

For several years have had small votes for Imperial Institute in London. Asked Mr. Hutchison, the Exhibition Commissioner, to go to London and thoroughly investigate the condition of the Canadian exhibit in the Imperial Institute. Mr. Hutchison investigated and communicated with Lord Strathcona, who was one of the commissioners in charge of the Imperial Institute. They went into matter with officer of the Imperial Institute, and eventually submitted a scheme that was going to involve expenditure of some $20,000—659. Lord Strathcona agreed that the carrying out of the plans as arranged by Mr. Hutchison will add very considerably to the appearance and success of the Imperial Institute and that when scheme is carried out Canadian exhibit will be best in institute. Intention to make Canadian exhibit of a national and not a provincial character—660. Vote for current year is $8,000; last year it was $6,000—662. Scheme of organization was matter for the imperial government; commissioner only examined space allotted Canada—663. Does not believe parliament wants minute details—665. Promises that plan will be brought down and full opportunity for discussion given when main estimate for next year is brought up—675. Could not make any kind of exhibit at all worthy of Canada, outside of Imperial Institute, without spending perhaps $100,000—676-7. The Imperial Institute was started with intention of dispensing information concerning Canadian industrial products; a permanent popular exhibition would probably cost $200,000 before it was thoroughly established—683. Believes people of Canada would like to extend their sympathy in substantial manner in their hour of need—685. Reads Mr. Hutchison's report *re* Imperial Institute Exhibition—705-6-7-8.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—658.

What is it proposed to do with this $18,000 for the Imperial Institute?—658. Has scheme ever been laid before parliament? What is parliament for if it is not to obtain information from officers upon which is predicated the expenditure of large sums of money?—660. How much money has been spent up to present time? —662. Is institute likely to be a success if plan in view is carried out?—664. Has the minister any information as to number of visitors annually at the Imperial Institute? What would be cost of upkeep so far as staff is concerned?—710.

Fowler, George W. (King's and Albert)—683.

If Imperial Institute is not for purpose of attracting immigration what is it for?—683. What tangible and material results have ever come from this expenditure—683-4.

Ganong, Gilbert W. (Charlotte)—704.

Has minister anything to do with Canadian exhibit in the Crystal Palace? How much of this $18,000 goes to new officials who are clamouring for positions?—704.

Henderson, David (Halton)—690.

All opposition ask is to see grounds upon which money should be paid; why pass this vote at this time?—690-1.

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Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—673.

High time vote should come to end—673. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Fisher) cannot put his finger on a single line of plan that has been submitted to this House. Hon. friend (Mr. Foster) quite correct when he says that explanation should be given—674. Remembers a few years ago, when the hon. gentleman was exercised very much over the census question, he did not hesitate to take money voted for other purposes and expend it on the investigation of a census that had been taken ten years previous—694. Is any part of this $18,000 to be paid out for debts contracted within last two or three years?—697. How far is the Cheapside office from the Imperial Institute buildings?—698. It would seem that there has been gross carelessness in paying that amount of rent for a building which was not occupied—699.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—677.

Are the expenses in connection with the city office in London included in these votes?—677. Is this exhibit bringing any returns that are worth while, and if we are going to locate a first-class exhibit in London to-day, to attract immigrants or to interest capital, where would we locate it if Imperial Institute was not in existence?—682.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—702.

Would the hon. minister tell us what class of goods are exhibited in the Canadian exhibit at London? Minister seems to admit that class of goods on exhibition in London is not a credit to this country —702. No benefit to country whatever unless the exhibit is made a very much better one than it is now—703.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—666.

Minister must take responsibility of position he assumes—666. Quotes Mr. Fisher on page 1836 of last year's 'Hansard.' Expenditure in the last three years on institute has not been productive of an advantage equal to cost involved; opposition must have adequate and sufficient information from various Ministers of Crown—667. Did minister say that at one time he entertained doubts as to advisability of continuing exhibit? Will minister tell committee when he entertained doubts? When does minister say that House adopted policy of expending this money?—679.

Paterson, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Customs) —667.

Quotes R. L. Borden in Committee of Supply—667. Minister has explained there was a condition of affairs in the Imperial Institute and that a plan was devised whereby, by the expenditure of a sum of money we would make a national exhibition that would be creditable—668. Item came up for consideration late and minister didn't happen to be in his place

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Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —*Con.*

—672. Hon. friend, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) is the last member of government to be suspected of withholding information when asked for—687. Item concerning Royal Insurance Commission was asked at request of the Minister of Finance but was not based on a detailed estimate. Difficult to make a close estimate owing to uncertainty as to time to be occupied by commission. Having regard to number of persons employed and the probability that the inquiry may occupy considerable time, the minister thought that appropriation of $20,000 was not unreasonable—696.

Perley, Geo. H. (Argenteuil)—699.

If the country wishes, as a matter of sentiment, to keep an exhibit in the Imperial Institute, well and good; but as a means of bringing business to the people of this country, it seems to be absolutely useless—699. Quotes last year's argument of Minister of Agriculture—700. Quotes extract from Minister of Agriculture's speech in 1903—701. In view of the debates which took place in 1903 and 1905 it seems to be rather strange for hon. minister to do exactly the same things he promised to do three years ago and one year ago—762. Undertands that the periodical exhibits of poultry, perishable products, &c., has not been carried out and would like to know reason for not doing so?—711.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—692.

Minister of Agriculture always gets wrathy when asked for information about estimates—692. Government should have no fault to find with opposition that this item should remain over until necessary information is procured—693. There has been practically nothing but mineral exhibits up to the present time—711.

Sproule, Thomas S. (East Grey)—663.

We are asked to vote a large sum for an organization that was never submitted to parliament and which parliament never sanctioned—663. Report should be before the House before parliament votes the money—696. Wishes particularly to know whether the original plan upon which the Imperial Institute used to be conducted is to be continued or whether some change is to be made—705. Before money is voted minister should tell what other colonies intend to do, how the money is to be spent; what proportion if any is to be spent for buying exhibits, what proportion for salaries and what proportion for rent —705.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—679.

Compares minister's statement in 'Hansard' with Auditor General's Report re Brockville cheese curing room—679-80.

WAYS AND MEANS—SAN FRANCISCO SUFFERERS.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Fielding asks the co-operation of the House in the various stages which are necessary to give effect to the vote to provide $100,000 by way of aid to the afflicted people of San Francisco, and moves a motion to that effect. Motion agreed to, and item concurred in—4352. Motion that the House do resolve itself into committee to consider ways and means for raising supply to be granted to His Majesty—Mr. Fielding. Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Ways and Means—4352. Motion by Mr. Fielding—Resolved that the sum of $100,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada—Resolution reported, read the first and second time and agreed to—4353. Motion for leave to introduce Bill (No. 178) for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the financial year ending June 30, 1906—Mr. Fielding. Motion agreed to, Bill read the first and second time, considered in committee, reported, read the third time and passed—4354.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4352.

Before the resolution is adopted, I would like to know just what the position is in regard to making this aid available—4352. Has the hon. Minister of Finance any further information to give the House on that subject? I understand the government are satisfied the aid can be made effective by transmitting it to some responsible body?—4353.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—4352.

We have come to the conclusion that the money should be made available—4352. We have ascertained that no exception will be taken to any action that the parliament of Canada may wish to take in order to make the money effective in some way—4353.

WAYS AND MEANS—SUPPLY GRANTED, 1906.

House in Committee of Ways and Means. Motion by Mr. Fielding that on account of certain expenses of the public service for the period of nine months ending the 31st of March, 1907, the sum of $54,642,468.72 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada. That toward making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of public service for the financial year ending 30th June, 1906, the sum of $2,929,502.05 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada. Resolutions reported, read the first and second time, and agreed to—7636.

Motion by Mr. Fielding, for leave to introduce Bill (No. 225) for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending June 30, 1906, and the period of nine months ending the 31st of March, 1907. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first and second time, considered in committee and reported—7636.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT AMENDMENT—SECOND READING.

Motion for second reading of Bill (14) to amend Weights and Measures Act—Mr. A. Campbell—874. Motion agreed to, Bill read second time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Colonization—883.

Avery, M. (Frontenac)—879.

There might be a special reason why some would want a larger can than is provided for by Bill—879.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—876.

Much pleased that hon. friend from York (Mr. Campbell) has introduced Bill—876. Who pays for inspection?—877.

Blain, R. (Peel)—875.

In accord with principle of Bill. Thinks remedy should be found to meet grievance of farmer—875. Hopes Bill of hon. gentleman (Mr. Campbell) will receive that fair and just treatment the importance of question deserves—876.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—880.

Does not know whether Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Templeman) has had his attention directed to view expressed by his predecessor whose observations seem to be cogent; would commend attention of minister to observations of his predecessor in 1903, which he will find in 'Hansard' of that year at page 2304—880.

Campbell, Archibald (Centre York)—874.

Object of Bill to remove grievance in province of Ontario and more particularly in neighbourhood of city of Toronto. Milk cans supposed to contain eight gallons but vary in size—874. This measure will fix legal standard when milk is sold by can; will not affect matters in other province when milk is sold largely by gallon—875. Has no objection to referring Bill to Committee on Agriculture; am satisfied that committee will see the good points in Bill and recommend them to the House—882.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—882.

Agrees with hon. minister (Mr. Templeman) not to change the Weights and Measures Act simply to meet an emergency that may arise in a case of this kind—883.

Fowler, Geo. W. (King's, N.B.)—879.

The gentlemen from Ontario are bringing a very serious indictment against dealers near Toronto in saying that these men want to get nine gallons when they only

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pay for eight gallons. Proposes to vote against Bill—879.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—878.

Would suggest that section 2 be made to read 'milk cans referred to section 1' or otherwise amended to cover point—878.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—877.

Farmer should be paid for milk he actually supplies. Best way is to try the experiment; if it does not succeed can repeal the law—878.

Piché, Camille (Montreal, St. Mary's)—878.

Seems hardly worth while to make a general statute with view to reaching a particular case—878. If hon. member (Mr. Campbell) will specify that Bill should apply to Toronto will not complain—881.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—877.

Regrets absence when mover of Bill explained provisions. Would suggest that standard gallon be maintained rather than standard can. Would also suggest that this Bill go before Committtee on Agriculture, as that is committee best equipped for discussion of matters of this kind—877.

Wright, A. A. (South Renfrew)—879.

Men who buy milk have whole thing in their own hands. Matter of inspecting cans and making a standard just the same as making a standard fruit package—879.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT AMENDMENT—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committtee on Bill (14) to amend the Weights and Measures Act—Mr. Campbell. Bill reported—2068

Blain Richard (Peel)—2038.

On section 2—The Bill was printed only to-day, and I think it would not be wise to give the Bill its third reading to-night—2068.

Campbell, Archibald (Centre York)—2068.

I think we might pass it through committee to-night, and let the third reading stand—2068.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT AMENDMENT—THIRD READING.

Motion for third reading of Bill (14) to amend the Weights and Measures Act—Mr. Oliver—2971. Amendment moved by Mr. Kemp—2973. Amendment (Mr. Kemp) negatived, Bill read third time and passed—2975.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—2974.

Hopes that the hon. member for Toronto (Mr. Kemp) will not press his amendment. This Bill meets the approval of those engaged in the business and is satisfactory—2974.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2973.

What is the object of stamping the cans?—2973.

Campbell, Archibald (Centre York)—2972.

Bill does not in any way, shape or manner affect those who buy milk by weight; it only affects those who buy by measure—2972. It will not improve the Bill to substitute the word 'owner' for 'maker'; amendment is not necessary—2973.

Derbyshire, Dan. (Brockville)—2974.

Bill is all right as it is, and it ought to pass, for the people who use these cans require this measure to come into effect at once—2975.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—2971

Has no opposition to offer to Bill; but those who came before Committee on Agriculture to give evidence are perfectly willing to buy milk by pound weight instead of by measurement—2971. In the case of milk bought by the pound, there is no stamping or inspection to be done. Milk dealers want word 'owner' inserted in section 3—2972. If a can become bruised and dinted after it is stamped by the government it will have less capacity, and if the name of the owner is stamped on it, the government can follow him up—2974.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—2974.

Thinks Bill should stand over, as Minister of Inland Revenue is not in his place—2974.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—2973.

Is it not the intention to provide against the capacity of a can being diminished after it was originally constructed? What hon. friend from East Toronto (Mr. Kemp) wants to get at is the owner—2973.

Perley, G. H. (Argenteuil)—2974.

The consensus of opinion in the committee is that this Bill is very much needed. The object of having the maker's name on the can is to ensure that when made it is of the capacity indicated—2974.

WHALE FISHERIES IN HUDSON BAY.

Motion that the House do to-morrow go into Committee of the Whole to consider the proposal to provide a license fee for each boat employed in the whale fishery in Hudson Bay—Mr. Brodeur. Motion agreed to—6088.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—6088.

His Excellency having been apprised of this matter, commends it to the favourable consideration of the House—6088.

WHALE FISHERIES IN HUDSON BAY—SECOND READING.

Bill (223) to amend the Fisheries Act—Mr. Brodeur—read the second time, and House went into committee thereon—6854.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6855.

On section 1—How do you propose to enforce the law?—6855.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—6854.

On section 1—By the Act of 1904 the license fee for those engaged in the whale fishing industry was made $50 instead of $500; two years later it was again increased to $500, and now, owing to circumstances, it is again decreased—6855.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—6855.

On section 1—Can the government enforce the collection of this license fee in the Gulf of St. Lawrence?—6856.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6855.

On section 1—What proportion of the whale fishing vessels are foreign?—6855.

WHITE, THE LATE HON. PETER

On the Orders of the Day, Sir Wilfrid Laurier informs the House of the death of the late Hon. Peter White, member for Renfrew—2545.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont)—2546.

I had not the good fortune to be associated for any great length of time in this House with the late Mr. White—2546. However, I know enough of his public career to be able to say that his public life was characterized by strength, courage and dignity. His loss is a great loss, not only to those who were associated with him in this House, but to parliament and the country—2547.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2545.

It is my duty and it gives me a certain sad pleasure to testify that a more respectable, able or honourable member never sat in this House—2545. For dignity, for courtesy, for firmness, for impartiality, he never had a superior in the Speaker's chair. I give this testimony all the more freely as not having shared the views of the hon. gentleman upon political questions generally—2546.

WEST ONTARIO PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (No. 26) respecting the West Ontario Pacific Railway Company—Mr. Pardee—1140. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—1141.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—1140.

Draws attention to words 'that period' in the fourth line of section 4—1140. Draws attention to uncertainty resulting from use of words 'or period.' Cannot say whether it refers to two years or to five. Proposes to add words 'a period of five years'—1141.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1140.

Bill provides that Governor in Council may grant permission to build branches to the extent of thirty miles—1140.

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Bill (199) to incorporate the Western Assurance Company was, on the motion of Mr. L. G. McCarthy, read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Banking and Finance—5181.

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, THE—THIRD READING.

The House went into committee on Bill (199) respecting the Western Assurance Company—Mr. L. G. McCarthy—5501. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—5502.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5502.

There is no change except of three-fourths for two-thirds—5502.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—5501.

On section 2, subsection 2—Moves to amend subsection 2—5501. The only change is in the first three lines—5502.

WESTERN BLOCK—COLLAPSE OF NEW TOWER.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden makes inquiry of government as to the collapse of the new tower in the West Block—1155.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1155.

Would like to know to what the accident is supposed to be due, and who is charged with the supervision of the work. In addition to the architect was there a permanent inspector whose duty it was to examine the work as it went along—1155.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—1156.

The Minister should immediately have an outside inspection made—1156.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1156.

Let not the corpse be removed until the coroner has done his work—1156.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—1156.

Who was the inspector of masonry ?—1156.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—1155.

The contractor is Mr. Geo. Goodwin, and Mr. Taylor, one of the most experienced architects in the department had full and complete control of the work—1155. In addition to Mr. Taylor, an inspector was employed. The moment I get an opportunity, I will bring down full details. Will see that an outside inspection is made—1156.

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On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks the Minister of Public Works whether he has any further information for the House regarding the investigation—1579.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1579.

Asks for the name of the inspector who was on the work all of the time outside of Mr. Taylor—1579.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —1580.

No inspector was on the work all of the time outside of Mr. Taylor—1580.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden desires to ask the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Hyman) when he expects to present to the House the report with regard to the falling of the tower of the Western Block extension, together with the evidence in the matter—3712.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3712

Asks when will report be presented—3712. The report has been made, I understand —3713.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —3713.

The report was handed to the department on Friday or Saturday. It is quite voluminous, requiring some four or five days for the copying of it. The report could not be considered without the plans and other details, which are now being copied—3713.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden inquires for evidence taken in the investigation concerning the fall of the tower—5364.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5364.

When does the Minister of Public Works propose to place on the table the evidence taken in the investigation concerning the fall of the tower?—5364.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —5364.

I will inquire and let the hon. gentleman know—5364.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks who drew up the plans of the tower?—5529.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5529.

I observe that Mr. Taylor, in his letter, says: 'I neither drew the plans of the addition to the tower, nor made up the specifications.' I would ask whether there is any further correspondence dealing with matters connected with the fall of the tower?—5529. The minister thinks it does show it. I thought he was referring to some well known fact—5530.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —5529.

With reference to Mr. Taylor's letter, I presume the evidence will show whether

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the conclusion arrived at in his letter is correct or not—5529. I am in receipt of a letter from the contractor, which will be brought down at the earliest possible moment—5530.

WESTERN BLOCK, COLLAPSE OF TOWER—REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.

Motion for power to lay upon the table of the House the report of the commissioners appointed to investigate the collapse of a portion of the tower in the addition to the western departmental building—Mr. Hyman—4029.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —4029.

I am laying the report of the commissioners upon the table at the present moment; the evidence is being copied and with the plans and specifications will be laid on the table of the House at the very earliest moment possible—4029.

WESTERN LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (35) to incorporate the Western Loan and Trust Company —Mr. Adamson—3236. Bill reported—3241.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—3237.

It would be well to lay down the rule that such Bills should be reprinted, but this Bill was passed quite to the satisfaction of the committee, subject to the minister comparing it with other Bills—3237. Trust companies should be subject to inspection—3238. I do think the state should take charge of the interests of the widows and orphans, and that there should be a very exact and minute inspection made —3239.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3238.

I suppose the experts in the Finance Department have examined these clauses—3238. I would like to ask if these trust companies are obliged to make reports under a general statute, and whether there is any penalty for failure to do so—3240. It might be as well to let the third reading stand until the Minister of Finance can get information as to the number of these companies making returns—3241.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —3237.

When this Bill was being considered in committee it was understood that if it did not conform to other Bills of like character, attention should be called to the matter. I propose to insert that trust funds may invest in the securities of municipal corporations—3237. I am informed that the committee having charge of the revision of the rules of the House contemplates the reprinting of Bills when there are many amendments

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to them. I cannot tell at the moment whether all of the trust companies make annual returns—3238. I will see that the suggestions made are carefully considered. They may furnish the subject for future legislation—3239. I presume that the charters contain the requirement that they shall make returns. I do not think there is any penalty—3240. As a rule, I should think the companies would make the returns—3241.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—3241.

How is it proposed to enforce such a section when there is no penalty attached for refusing to comply with it?—3241.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—3240.

The province of Ontario has a General Trust Companies Act, and no trust company can operate in the province without coming under it. Under the law these companies must make annual returns to the registrar of the province—3241.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—3237.

A great many alterations were made in the Grand Trunk Telegraph Bill, but it was reprinted, and when it came before the House we could discuss it intelligently—3237. Do all trust companies make annual reports? Publicity is the one great protection the public has in relation to these great financial corporations—3238. The inspection of the insurance companies takes place at the cost of the companies—3239. So far the evidence taken before the Insurance Commission has shown that some kind of so-called little trust companies are associated with some of the life insurance companies, and that being so they should be dealt with by legislation—3240.

Speaker, Mr.—3241.

When shall the Bill be read the third time? Third reading at next sitting of the House—3241.

Turriff, John G. (East Assiniboia)—3237.

I have no objection to their being inserted—Every amendment suggested by the Finance Minister as to the trust features of the Bill has been adopted—3237.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox and Addington)—3237.

So many changes have been made in this Bill, that the Bill should have been reprinted before being brought to the House—3237.

WINDSOR, ESSEX AND LAKE SHORE RAPID RAILWAY COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE.

House in committee on Bill (No. 150) respecting the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Railway Company—Mr. Clarke—5223.

Section 2 allowed to stand—5227.

Borden, Hon. R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5224.

What is the effect of the excepted clause of the Railway Act?—5224.

WINDSOR, ESSEX AND LAKE SHORE RAPID RAILWAY COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Clarke, A. H. (South Essex)—5224.

The section excepted is the Act passed in 1904, amending the Railway Act, making the provincial legislation regarding the Lord's Day applicable to companies incorporated by the Dominion—5224. I do not think, myself, that the Act would affect it one way or the other—5225. There can be no danger in giving this power, because there is a provision allowing the municipalities to prohibit the running of trains on Sunday—5226.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—5225.

I think that it was the opinion of the committee that we should not give the companies charters that would place them in a different position, as respects Sunday operation, from any railway operated under provincial charter—5225. There is a question as to the interpretation of the Act of 1904—5226. With respect to one of the Bills, I understood that it had been struck out—5227.

Henderson, David (Halton)—5225.

I think it would be well to let this Bill stand in committee for a few days until this matter is more fully considered—5225. Does Mr. Clarke say that without this clause, the railway would have the right to run on Sundays?—5226.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5226.

The minister had to leave the committee, and probably this section was not very thoroughly considered—5226. In the Railway Committee this Bill came up first and Bill No. 146 afterwards. They have come before us here in reverse order—5227.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5224.

Of what use will that be in the present Bill if the observance of the Sabbath Bill passes?—5224. If this Bill goes through the committee, we should hold it up a little to see what will be the operation of the general Act—5225.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—5226.

I do not think we should pass legislation here giving any railway the right to run on Sunday—5226.

WINNIPEG LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (129), an Act to incorporate the Winnipeg Loan and Trust Company—Mr. Lefurgey—6053. Bill reported, read the third time and passed—6055.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6055.

On section 13—I would be very glad to see a general Act passed by which some safe standard would be adopted in regard to the investments of companies of this character—6055.

WINNIPEG LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY—THIRD READING—*Con.*

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—6053.

On section 1—There is a change in section 1—6053.

On section 13—No; it has been inserted in writing—6054.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6053.

On section 1—Although objection was taken to the title my hon. friend (Mr. Lefurgey) did not change it—6053.

On section 13—There is a departure from the form which we have usually adopted—6053. It may be that we may find it necessary to have a general trust companies Act—6054. This is, however, a class of question upon which it is very difficult to enforce a general rule—6055.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—6053.

On section 1—I had a notice on the paper of a motion in this regard—6053.

WINNIPEG STREET CAR STRIKE.

On Orders of the Day, Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron asks Minister of Labour (Mr. Aylesworth) if services of his department have been called for in settlement of strike in Winnipeg—1259.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Labour)—1259.

Sent word to Winnipeg that law could be enforced by any one who wished to do so, subject to assent of Attorney General—1259.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—1259.

In former times the Department of Labour has offered its services towards settlement of such difficulties; has department done anything in this case?—1259.

WRITS FOR BY-ELECTION.

Mr. Speaker informs the House that he has issued warrants to the clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out new writs of election in East Elgin and North Renfrew—6165.

WRITS FOR BY-ELECTIONS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggests that as there is nothing before the House, a recess be taken until a quarter of 3 o'clock this afternoon—7696.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7697.

Is the Prime Minister able to give any information as to the date on which the by-elections for which Mr. Speaker has issued his warrant will be held?—7697.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7697.

I have not thought of that recently; I have not given a thought to this matter—7697.

WURTS, HENRY, PATENTS OF

House in committee on Bill (106) respecting application for patents of Henry Wurts, jr.—Mr. Belcourt—2205. Bill reported, read third time and passed—2205.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—2205.

Was it proved that man was really a lunatic?—2205.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—2205.

What is the explanation?—2205.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—2205.

This Act was asked because there is no provision by which a guardian of a lunatic can file applications for a patent invented by person who afterwards became a lunatic—2205.

YUKON CITIZENS, RESOLUTION OF

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden brings to attention of the House resolutions recently passed by ministers of Yukon—6546.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6546.

Quotes first resolution—6546. Quotes second resolution—6547. Quotes third information. Will the minister be good enough to lay upon the table of the House the order in council cancelling the concessions—6548. Under what authority was the exception made—under some provision of the statute?—6550. But the dredge is only at the mouth of the Bear river and serves only a small part of the area covered by the concession—6552.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—6549.

Quotes clause under which hydraulic leases are held and nature of terms under which the cancellation notices are issued—6549. A number of these single areas have been bulked together and privileges called concessions have been granted to the holders of these hydraulic leases—6550. The whole purpose of passing these regulations and of the issue of these leases was that the gravels in these large areas should be efficiently worked. Proceedings will be taken to determine the issue between the lessee-holders and the government—6551. We wish to recognize the legitimate expenditure that has been made, and we are willing to permit certain claims of that kind—6552. Dawson City had municipal government and handed it over to the council as at present constituted. Quotes Dawson City 'World' in reference to Commissioner McInnes—6553. Quotes Dawson City 'News'—6554.

Thompson, Alfred (Yukon Territory)—6548.

The people of the Yukon want the right to elect a full council for themselves—6548. What the miners of the Yukon want is the hillsides of this concession to work themselves—6549. The people of Dawson gave up city government because they found municipal institutions there too expensive—6554.

YUKON CONCESSIONS—RAY-BRONSON.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Borden asks regarding the reported cancellation of the Ray-Bronson concession—1856.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1856.

Asks if the report in the press is correct, and if the government will lay the order in council on the table?—1856.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1856.

There has been no cancellation of the concession in question—1856.

YUKON, MINING CODE FOR THE.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (153) respecting placer mining in the Yukon Territory—Mr. Oliver. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—2452.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —2452.

This Bill is introduced in accordance with the request of the Yukon Council and the generally expressed wish of the people of the Territory to have the law in regard to placer mining, which has hitherto been by regulation; made statutory—2452.

YUKON—PLACER MINING IN THE—IN COMMITTEE.

Bill (No. 153) respecting placer mining in the Yukon Territory—Mr. Oliver—read the second time, and the House went into committee thereon—3412.

On section 5—Section allowed to stand—3416.

On section 21—Section allowed to stand—3419.

On section 23—Section allowed to stand—3420.

On section 37—Section allowed to stand—3422.

On section 64—Section allowed to stand—3426.

On section 68—Section allowed to stand—3427.

On section 72—Section allowed to stand—3428.

Progress reported—3428.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.,—3412.

I believe the Minister has not yet given us any statement of the scope and purpose of this Bill—3412. The provisions of this statute are, to some extent at least, to take the place of the regulations now in force—3413. So far as the idea of giving statutory permanence to the regulations is concerned, I think it is a very desirable thing to do—3414. Have the persons interested in mining in the Yukon been consulted?—3415.

On section 12—Does the section mean that if there were three discoveries the size of the location would be 3,500 feet?—3417.

On section 18—The language of section 18 is peculiar; it does not speak of a discovery. Quotes—3417. My point is that you are limiting the claims by a condition which would be very difficult to fulfil within the legal meaning of the words—3418.

On section 21—That is stating claims by proxy. Is it the desire of the miners to have that permission? It seems to me possible that this might lead to some abuse—3419.

On section 29—You deal in the end with the expenses of the re-locator. Does it mean compensation for his time?—3420. I am not objecting, but endeavouring to find how this measure would work out in that actual practice—3421.

On section 40—I am not sure that I understand thoroughly the effects of sections 39 and 40, taken together. Are the two sections thoroughly consistent, and does section 40 deal with something not at all dealt with by section 39?—3422. The suggestion that section 43 affords a means of adjudication in case of any dispute arising under section 39 would not seem to be warranted. Cites a hypothetical case—3423.

On section 41—My criticism was that there was no machinery by which the mining inspector could call persons before him to determine a question—3424. Section 39 says: So much of the water as is necessary for the due working thereof in the opinion of the mining inspector—3425.

On section 60—The Minister will observe that in section 40 it is the mining recorder who acts, and in section 39 it is the mining inspector—3425. If the intention of the statute is that you shall have a decision by the mining recorder, and then an appeal to the board of arbitration, you would require a more specific expression of that intention than is to be found in the clause at present—3426.

On section 68—Quotes section in reference to mining property of insane or deceased persons. What does that mean?—3426. Suppose the person the commissioner appointed be guilty of mal-administration, would there be any claim upon the government of Canada or the government of the Yukon?—3427.

On section 90—Is it the intention that the powers referred to in sections 72 and 90 should be exercised by the Commissioner alone or by the Council?—3427. There may be some force in what the minister says, but I was under the impression that the Council exercised not only legislative powers but executive powers of a certain character as well—3428.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—3416.

On section 5—When the member for Yukon (Mr. Thompson) wishes the section to stand it would be very convenient for us if he would indicate what line he is thinking of as an amendment; his knowledge of the Yukon would help the rest of us—3416. Is the mining recorder stationary, or does he make periodical visits?—3417.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —3422.

On section 39—Is there any machinery provided by which the inspector is to act in case of a conflict of claim between two parties?—3422.

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Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—3424.

On section 40—There is ample machinery for working out what the mining recorder shall determine, but there does not appear to be any provision for hearing the parties, and considering the matter to the same extent in the case of the mining inspector—3424.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—3412.

It seems reasonable that, now that conditions have become fairly well established, our regulations or laws governing mining in the Yukon should be brought up to date—3412. The people of the Yukon have represented that the time has come when it is possible to establish a permanent mining law which will meet existing conditions—3413. The Bill now presented to the House is the code which was prepared by the special committee of the Yukon council last session, after it had been supervised by the law officers of the Crown and of parliament—3414.

On section 12—The ordinary claim is 500 feet, and the purpose of this section is to give to the discoverer locating the first claim something more—3417.

On section 18—It is impossible to have a mining recorder at every group of claims—3417. It is to provide for the discovery claim, and the early locators whether they are discoverers or not—3418.

On section 21—That is what is called a grub stake provision—3419.

On section 29—The intention in increasing the fee is to put a penalty upon the man who defers the renewal of his grant—3420.

On section 39—Under section 43, the mining recorder adjudicates on application. The mining inspector makes an examination and gives his report; if the report is dissented from the question comes before the recorder—3422.

On section 40—I spoke without due consideration when I unswered the Prime Minister. The intent of section 39 is that the owner of the claim shall have the same right to the water that is either on the claim or flows through the claim, that he has to the land area of the claim itself—3423. In practice, it is the question of simple fact that has to be decided, and which, we think the mining inspector is the proper person to decide—3424.

On section 60—If there is a dispute, this provides for the adjustment of the dispute—3425.

On section 68—If there was not this provision the time for representation work might lapse, or the time for the renewal of the grant might lapse, and there would be no person in authority to do the work—3426. It is not the purpose to place any financial responsibility upon the commissioner—3427.

On section 90—The powers shall be exercised by the commissioner—3427. Laying out the road is an executive matter and should be left to the commissioner; the division of the country into mining districts might be made a legislative matter—3428.

YUKON—PLACER MINING IN THE—IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

Thompson, Alfred (Yukon Territory)—3415.

This Bill crystallizes the thought that has been given to this subject in the Yukon Territory for a number of years—3415. In a word, the Bill now before the House represents as nearly as may be the consensus of the opinions of the mining men of the Yukon—3416.

On section 5—Would like that section to stand over until I discuss it with the Minister—3416.

On section 12—I have very recently received from the Yukon, objections to this section which I wish to discuss with the minister—3417.

On section 15—In the main, the mining recorder is stationary, but in some of the outlying districts he makes an itinerary—3417.

On section 18—The prospectors may be 300 or 400 miles away from the nearest mining recorder, and it would be very unjust to require one of these men to return to the recorder after he makes his discovery—3417. I think the language of this clause has been taken from the regulations as they exist to-day, and if that is so, there never has been any difficulty under them—3418.

On section 21—The people of the Yukon are really not a unit on this question of giving power of attorney at all. I would like, with the permission of the committee to have this clause stand over until it can be further discussed—3419.

On section 29—This is intended as protection against claim jumping. If a claim jumper puts himself on a claim and works it and spends a lot of money on it, he is doing so entirely at his own risk—3421.

On section 31—This clause provides that if the co-worker does not do his share of the representation work, his interest will be vested in the co-worker who keeps the title alive—3421.

On section 40—A creek claim owner has the right to use the water that naturally flows past or through his claim—3422. I think that the intention was that section 40 refers solely to the question of the water grant, and section 39 to the water that runs through the claim and which the mine-owner requires in mining—3423.

On section 41—The man who owns the claim owns all the water that passes through the claim or originates on the claim—3425.

On section 60—This is a simple method of settling disputes among the miners themselves—3425.

On section 64—The cost of appealing to the Superior Court is very great, but I think you might reduce the limit of $10,000 in this clause to $5,000—3426.

On section 90—The commissioner up to the present time has had these powers, and it is proposed to continue them—3427. It would be well for the commissioner to have the power to build roads, but the division of the territory into mining districts is a big question, and it might be as well to have that defined—3428.

YUKON, PLACER MINING IN THE—THIRD READING.

House in committee on Bill (153) respecting placer mining in the Yukon Territory—Mr. Oliver—4802.

On section 21—Amendment moved by Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—4803.

On section 27—Amendment moved by Mr. Thompson—4803. Section as amended agreed to—4803.

On section 48—Amendment moved by Mr. Thompson. Section as amended agreed to—4803.

On section 60—Amendment by Mr. Oliver substituting a new section. Amendment agreed to—4804.

On section 72—Section amended by substituting 'council' for commissioner—Mr. Oliver. Section as amended agreed to—4805,

Bill reported, read the third time and passed 4805.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4804.

On section 60—That seems an improvement. It might be worth while to make provision for an arbitrator dying, or going away, or refusing to act, or becoming incapable to act—4804.

On section 68—If any practical difficulty be found to arise, the section can be amended in the future—4805.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4803.

On section 5—I have been asked: Why, when you bring down a Mining Act for the Yukon, you confine it entirely to placer mining?—4803.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—4802.

On Section 5—The member for the Yukon (Mr. Thompson) felt that this section should pass as printed. Placer mining is the great industry of the Yukon, and its conditions are now so thoroughly understood that they may be provided for by statute instead of by regulation—4803.

On Section 21—Moves that section be amended. This means that the privilege will only appertain to the first find of gold upon any certain creek—4803.

On Section 60—Moves that section be struck out and replaced by another. As the whole basis of the proposition, as it now stands is permissive. It does not seem likely that serious difficulty will arise—4804.

On section 68—My hon. friend the leader of the opposition had some suggestion to make with regard to this section, but I do not myself see that any amendment can be made that would be an improvement—4804. The provision is made to meet urgent cases, and we have to run some risks—4805.

On section 72—I am quite willing to substitute the word 'council' for 'commissioner,' so that the dividing the country into mining divisions will be a matter for the council—4805.

YUKON, PLACER MINING IN THE—THIRD READING—*Con.*

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

Thompson, Alfred (Yukon)—4803.

On section 21—That is all right—4803.

On section 27—Moves that the words 'and is in direct proximity' be struck out—4803.

On section 48—Moves an amendment—4803.

YUKON, PLACER MINING IN THE—CONCURRENCE.

Consideration of amendments made by the Senate to Bill (153) respecting placer mining in the Yukon Territory—Mr. Oliver—6828.

Amendments read a second time and concurred in—6829.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6828.

Are the amendments of any importance?—6828.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—6828.

There are several minor amendments, but the principal amendment is the addition of a new clause 93; there is also a provision that this Bill shall not come into effect before the 1st of August—6829.

YUKON, WOOD IN

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. Foster asks as to papers with regard to the wood inquiry in the Yukon—7639.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7639.

I would like to know whether the Minister has learned as to these papers?—7639.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—7639.

We wired the commissioner in Dawson, and received a reply that the papers were there, and he was mailing them. I am afraid they will not arrive in time for this session—7639.

SUPPLY.

Motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply—Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister). Motion agreed to—125.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, IMPROVEMENT OF

For the development of the live stock, dairying and fruit industries, the improvement of seeds, and the promotion of the sale of food and other agricultural products, $150,000—7412.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7412.

Protests against the estimates coming down at this late period of the session, when we have not sufficient time to discuss them; what we need is a forward policy

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, IMPROVEMENT OF—*Con.*

Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—*Con.*

in the Agricultural Department—7412. The Minister of Agriculture (Hon. Sydney Fisher) has been very negligent of the interests of the farmers of this country with reference to the transportation of their perishable products to the markets of the world; experiments have been proven failures—7413. Is it not possible for us to develop a cold storage system that will carry our goods properly from the factory to the consumer? It would be to the interests of the farmers of the Dominion of Canada if we had a government weigher established at Montreal—7414. The Seeds Bill has not been a practical law—7415. The time is coming when the Minister of Agriculture and his government will have to take more definite action to open the markets of the world to the products of the Canadian Farm—7416. The butter industry has not been developing for the last few years as it should have been; quotes table contrasting imports into Great Britain with amount sent by Canada—7417. The experimental farm in Ottawa is anything but a credit to Canada. A separation of the Departments of Fruit and Dairying is needed. There is no department so lacking in push and energy as the Department of Agriculture—7418. Has the hon. gentleman (Hon. S. Fisher) anything to do with the cold storage in the steamers crossing the Atlantic ?—7419.

Dubeau, J. A. (Joliette)—7422.

Approves of this vote in its entirety as it will help the hog-raising industry in the county of Joliette. If our farmers were raising hogs on a larger scale, we could put an end to our importations from the States; gives exportation figures—7422. The raising of hogs are more favourable in my own province than anywhere else; in the hog-raising industry Quebec has remained stationary—7423. We need in the province of Quebec more practical conventions similar to those given in other provinces under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture—7424.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—7419.

I was afraid that the policy of the Department of Agriculture was rather too forward; I have been accused of expending too much money and taking up too much time in the House—7419. Nobody need be imposed upon unless he chooses, by Mr. McLeod's weighing certificates—7420. Mr. McLeod is the employee of the exporters and has no official status of any kind; prefers to leave the appointment of a weigher to an independent body like the board of trade. I am not prepared to advocate the sacrifice of our preference with Great Britain in order to obtain access to the German market—7421. Nothing will be neglected to improve the conditions of the hog raising industry in the province of Quebec—7425. The inspection of grain and grain handling is under the

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, IMPROVEMENT OF—*Con.*

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—*Con.*

control and management of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. There is an impression amongst the grain growers of the West that there are great evils in the management of the grain business; the grain grower will be the preponderating interest on the commission—7429. Three representative commissioners with a well-informed secretary is what the government has in mind as a commission; the scope of the commission will be wide enough to cover the whole grain business—7430. If I can find anything that I can do that would tend to improve the conditions of the cattle trade in the west I would be glad to do it—7432.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—7430.

The farmers in the Northwest are of the opinion that a combine exists in the beef cattle industry—7430. Reads a letter from Edwin G. Smith, dated May 9, 1906; as the cattle trade is of immense importance to the three provinces a commission should be appointed to investigate into the matter—7431-2.

Jackson, Wm. (West Elgin)—7433.

If our cattle are not diseased we should know the reason why they are excluded from the British market—7433. We have no preference in the British market over American cattle—7434. We have no facilities here at present for handling the dead meat trade. I am in perfect sympathy with all the actions of the Minister of Agriculture for the prevention of disease in this country—7435.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7425.

Is glad to hear that a royal commission has been decided upon to look into the grain trade—7425. The wheat grown in the Northwest is more valuable than the wheat of any other country in the world for milling purposes. The instruction of the commission should include the taking of evidence in regard to the shipping conveniences and facilities at the initial point of shipment; instances some grievances and complaints that the commission should look into—7426. Instances reforms that might be instituted by commission. The wheat growing business of the country is bound to be such an enormous factor in the whole future of Canada that it deserves the very greatest care and consideration—7427.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—7428.

Hopes the commission appointed to investigate the wheat conditions will study the transportation question thoroughly; the appropriation to attain this very desirable result is inadequate—7428. The men who handle cattle in Winnipeg are so manipulating things that the producer is not receiving the price he should for his cattle—7432. This condition of affairs is a matter for investigation by the government—7433.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—ANIMAL QUARANTINE.

Quarantine, health of animals — further amount required, $125,000—2682.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—2682.

Where is this money used ?—2682. Is it the intention of the Minister to quarantine any part of the country? Understands that course pursued by veterinaries is to keep people as much as possible in the dark rather than let them know that disease exists—2683.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—2692.

Is there any cure for glanders or for ordinary hog cholera ?—2692. Is there government inspection at all the border towns of all stock coming from the United States or any other country ?—2693.

Daniel, John W. (St. John City, N.B.)—2685.

Is there much glanders in Canada at the present time ? Does the department adopt radical methods of cure as soon as they are notified of existence of disease in any part of the country ?—2685. Is anything being done by the department, or will anything be done, to prevent diseased animals from being shipped from one province to another?—2692.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —2883.

This vote is due to the great increase in compensation paid for glanders. There is a bad outbreak in British Columbia and the Territories and a little has been found in Quebec and Ontario—2683. Local veterinaries are not allowed to give compensation ; it must be done by permanent officers of the department—2684. Government have been making regulations regarding diseases very stringent, but it is very difficult to absolutely shut out horses from the United States—2685. We have four or five officers in Manitoba, any one of whom can assess the value of a slaughtered animal. We took over the handling of the disease about a year ago —2686. Act requires that we shall pay on animals slaughtered by our own officers ; we have no power to pay when a provincial officer or an ordinary veterinary orders the slaughter—2687 It is not within my discretion to violate the Act— 2688 According to British North America Act there is no doubt that diseases of animals are within the purview of this government—2689 Certain powers are quite within the purview of the provincial legislature ; any Act concerning these matters which is not repugnant to the authority of the Dominion parliament is valid, and the provincial authorities can work under it—2690 The only way to stamp out disease among horses is to make thorough tests by the mallein method—2692 Has not heard of any case of glanders in the maritime provinces as yet—2693 The work for prevention of animal disease in western country is done largely through the mounted police—2695. There are many instances in which the individual must suffer in the public interest, but if the disease is to be stamped

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—AMINAL QUARANTINE—*Con.*

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —*Con.*

out we must act decisively in these matters—2696. Department holds itself free to test any horses that are suspicious— 2697.

Herron, John (Alberta)—2684.

Does hon. minister (Mr. Fisher) not think it is impossible to examine herds of wild horses coming over the line?—2684. Thinks there should be some steps taken to keep out diseases that are prevalent in the United States—2685. It is necessary that government veterinaries should be not only thoroughly qualified in their profession, but also men of good judgment, to deal with these contagious diseases and epidemics—2694.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2696.

Describes the deadliness of the glanders disease. The only difference between a well horse and an afflicted horse is a continual running of the nose—2696.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette, Man.)—2686.

When the local veterinary notifies the department's veterinary in the province of Manitoba of a case, does the veterinary in every instance visit the point and make an investigation? Has the minister (Mr. Fisher) had any complaints or claims for damages for animals slaughtered between the time the Dominion government took the work over in other provinces and the time of taking it over in Manitoba—2686. Produces certificates for horses destroyed on January 15, 1905, for which no compensation has been rendered—2687. Has the minister been in receipt of any complaints as to the manner in which the mallein test has been applied to horses? Reads a letter of protest from British Columbia—2691.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2689.

Never understood that the Dominion parliament has any authority to take charge of disease above quarantine. Under what arrangement with the provinces has the hon. minister taken over the whole of the work?—2689.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—2687.

Why did department not take over the province of Manitoba in the same manner as it did the other provinces? Is there any communication from province of Manitoba asking minister not to take charge of glanders in Manitoba the same as in other provinces—2687. Farmers in Manitoba are only asking for same treatment as is given other provinces; quotes Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher). Understands that owing to neglect of department the farmers who suffered loss are not to be compensated — 2688. Provincial government in Manitoba are quite willing that Federal government should deal with question there in the same manner as in other provinces—2691. When will hon. minister (Mr. Fisher) be able to furnish

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—AMINAL QUARANTINE—*Con.*

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—*Con.*

this information asked for on 19th March —2693. Explains a case of horse destruction by mallein test; dissatisfaction is prevalent among farmers on this point—2695. Approves of the policy that has been followed by the minister to stamp out disease—2696. Thinks it would be better to increase compensation and officials —2697.

Quarantine, health of animals, $75,000—7440.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —7440.

The Pictou Cattle Disease has been local in its character affecting cattle in the counties of Pictou, Antigonish and just lately a few on Prince Edward Island. By experimenting we came to the undoubted conclusion that the disease was the result of the eating of the Stinking Willie weed, and therefore is no longer a contagious disease. Would be glad to aid in any way in the destruction of this hurtful weed—7540-1-2.. Were these horses killed by authority of the Manitoba government? The hon. gentleman (Mr. Staples) is asking me to make a special exception and thereby a general rule—7443. With the information we have at present, we cannot see that it is necessary to pass a compulsory dipping order for the whole area—7444.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—7443.

Has the department come to any conclusion with reference to compulsory dipping for cattle mange?—7443.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—7440.

Would like to know the exact position of matters in regard to what is called the Pictou Cattle Disease?—7440. Would like to impress on the minister the great importance and wisdom of formulating a plan by which some effort should be put forth to secure the removal of the cause of the disease—7441.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—7442.

There is an unfair discrimination against Manitoba as regards the slaughtering of horses for glanders; appeals to minister (Mr. Fisher) to make an allowance by special vote to the unfortunate farmers who have their horses slaughtered—7442.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—ARCHIVES.

Archives—further amount required, $2,000—2669.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—2670.

Asks that the reports be properly bound—2670.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—2669.

Will that amount be deducted from the Records vote?—2669.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —2669.

The Department of Agriculture has taken over the archives from the different departments which will necessitate a vast amount of work and require some additional expenditure—2669. The archives report is always submitted to parliament in a volume by itself and if anybody wishes one we can always supply a copy—2670. The work of research has been going on in England for many years. An officer chooses such documents as are thought to be of value and which have a bearing on Canadian history and then we make arrangements through the High Commissioner's office in London for the copying of these documents by professional copyists —2671. Has made arrangements with Mr. Biggar for certain research work—2672. There are eleven employees altogether at this work; seven are permanent clerks, the others are temporaries who have passed their civil service examinations—2673. Explains nature and history of work—2674. Are giving special attention to documents—2676.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—ARCHIVES—*Con.*

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —*Con.*

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2673.

How many officers are engaged in this work?—2673. What is meant by archives? —2674-5.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John Co. and City, N.B.) —2675.

Hon. friend (Mr. Fisher) is taking the right course to preserve the documentary history of our country. Bears testimony to the progressiveness of the Archives Department—2675. Perfectly willing to vote a great deal more than $2,000, if necessary, for the purpose of prosecuting work. Explains sample of department's efficiency—2676.

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—2670.

What is in the main estimates for this work? Will there be any increase for the coming year—2670. If the department got track of certain books in certain localities that were thought valuable, would you be willing to pay for them?—2673.

Archives, $15,000—7372.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7374.

The government would be making no mistake in placing at the disposal of Dr. Doughty a very liberal vote and giving him a free hand as to the manner of carrying on his work—7374. Would suggest to minister (Mr. Fisher) that the books containing the treaties and early history of Quebec should not be issued as an ordinary blue book but should have a substantial binding—7375.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —7373.

We have undertaken the construction of a building especially for the archives and records; the country is to be congratulated on securing the services for this work of so distinguished a man as Dr. Doughty—7373. Until we get into our new building we have not enough room

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—ARCHIVES—*Con.*

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —*Con.*

to proceed any faster than we are proceeding—7374. I never had the satisfaction of such general endorsation of the Archives as we have had to-day. Where actual historical documents have not been obtained, we are now able to tell students of history where they can find the information they desire—7377. We print 4 000 copies of the Archives report as an appendix to the report of the department and it is printed by parliament—7378.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7372.

What steps have been taken with reference to this branch and what is proposed in the way of extending the work of the archivist?—7372. A catalogue should be at once made of the historical papers in the possession of private parties and the originals or copies obtained for the archives of the country—7374.

Lemieux, R. (Postmaster General)—7375.

Not only has Mr. Doughty added to the knowledge of our history, but he has destroyed many errors that have been published all over the world in regard to the early history; joins with leader of the opposition in expressing gratification that country has secured such a man as Mr. Doughty, as Dominion archivist—7376.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7378.

I can only imagine the fulsome eulogies of Dr. Doughty are due largely to some adverse criticism I made some time ago; my criticism was based on the explanations of the minister who has always told us how badly the Archives branch was conducted—7378.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7373.

The government should not be niggardly in the expenditure of money in connection with the Archives; understands there are large quantities of documents that have not been tabulated—7373-4.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—ARTS AND STATISTICS.

Arts, agricultural and statistics—'Patent Record,' $12,750—7379.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7379.

Is this the periodical that is issued by the Patent Department ?—7379.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—7379.

Is there a yearly volume as well as the monthly volume ?—7379.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

Census and statistics, $22,650—7379.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7381.

Not only should the minister issue crop bulletins throughout the country but he

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—CENSUS AND STATISTICS—*Con.*

Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—*Con.*

should gather statistics with referenece to the prices that are paid in foreign markets for products of the farm—7381.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) 7381.

This is for the census and statistics bureau; explains new system of census returns—7379-80.

Jackson, S. J. (Selkirk)—7380.

Could the minister give us any information as to how the census is going on in the provinces of the Northwest ?—7380.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—7381.

When the minister was before the committee last year, he stated that he was going to undertake the work of issuing bulletins with regard to the crops all over Canada as well as other statistical information—7381.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7379.

Is the department taking a census now ?—7379. How many are there on the statistical staff now ?—7381.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—EXHIBITIONS.

Exhibitions, additional amount required, $75,000—304.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton. Ont.)—304.

Who is in charge of Canadian exhibit?—304. What will be nature of exhibition? —305. Did exhibition in Belgium show mineral resources of country?—305.

Exhibitions, additional amount required, $75,000.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —304.

Intended for exhibition at Milan—304. Mr. Hutchison is in charge; according to American papers Canadian exhibit was best—305.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —305.

Item 260 intended to remedy condition of affairs in London—305.

Additional amount required for improving Canadian exhibit at Imperial Institute, London—$18,000—315.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton. Ont.)—315.

Will right hon. gentleman explain what has been done—315.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —315.

Arrangement made by Lord Strathcona to put an end to disgrace in connection with Canadian exhibit—315.

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.

Experimental Farms, $82,500—7386.

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — EXPERIMENTAL FARMS—*Con.*

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7388.

Is it the intention to establish these experimental farms in the Niagara district?—7388. Will the minister explain to the House how it is that the average amount of milk per cow for a year is only 3,000 pounds in Canada, while in Denmark it is 6,000 pounds?—7395.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—7407.

Draws attention to dissatisfaction that exists in connection with agricultural excursions to Ottawa to visit the experimental farm; the treatment to excursionists at Guelph is far better than at the Central Farm here—7407-8.

Blain. R, (Peel)—7390.

Directs the attention of the minister and his officers to the untidy condition of the Central Experimental Farm—7390. It is important that the experimental farm should be a means of instruction and inspiration to our farmers. This parliament will willingly vote any reasonable sum that the minister will use in effecting an improvement of the condition—7391-2.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—7397

There are farmers in my own district who have farm buildings that would discount the Experimental Farm buildings ten times over; hopes lesson given minister about the management of the farm will have its effect—7398.

Cochrane, E. (East Northumberland)—7395.

In my riding the dairy Shorthorns are the best milkers and produce the best milk that goes to the factory—7395. What breed of pigs has minister decided on as the best?—7397.

Elson, P. (East Middlesex)—7408.

Why is it that the government should purchase binder twine from other manufacturers when they have so much of our own binder twine on hand?—7408.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—7586.

It has not yet been determined what is the cause of the cedar blight; there has not been found any general attack of either disease or insects. On the five experimental farms alone we expend about $75,000—7387. At the central farm the whole management is centred, as well as all the correspondence, the whole distribution of seed grain, and the work of the head officers; I am asking for a sum of money to increase some branch experimental farm stations—7388. We have up to the present time made no difference in our organization and expenditure at the farms at Indian Head and Brandon from years gone by—7389. Gives annual expenditures of different branches—7390. The work of keeping the crops clean and the fences in order on the Experimental Farm is a pretty large work, and the hon. gentleman (Mr. Blain) is a little hypercritical when he says that the farm

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — EXPERIMENTAL FARMS—*Con.*

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—*Con.*

is not in good order—7393. I have been waiting for an opportunity to put the cattle stable in order; is proud of the cattle on the Experimental Farm—7394. The only way we can deal with mustard weed is by hand picking it; our pig-pens and arrangements have been acknowledged by men competent to judge as models for the management and the care of the bacon hog in Canada—7396. The best breed of pigs for bacon hogs are the Yorkshire Tamworths, and a certain class of Berkshires—7397. We send out enough seed grain to sow one-twentieth of an acre; we have distributed 43,000 samples this year—7398. Mr. Grisdale, when he goes to buy cattle for feeding purposes, gets them at the best price he possibly can—7399. The price per pound for the cattle bought was given the Auditor General but was not put in the Report—7400. We do not ripen corn seed at the Central Farm; last year we sent out 1,479 samples of corn seed distribution—7402. Dr. Saunders has entire management of the Central Experimental Farm; he created the whole system; Mr. Grisdale is an agriculturist of the experimental farm division—7403. When Mr. Grisdale is asked a question he is justified in answering it to the best of his knowledge obtained from successful experiments elsewhere—7404. All the accounts are sent to the Auditor General and he puts them in the Report, lumping them together in many instances—7405.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—7409.

The system of distributing the seeds is a very proper one and it would be a very great misfortune if the number of people to whom samples were sent was reduced; trusts the barns at the Central Experimental Farm will be remodelled—7409-10.

Jackson, W. (West Elgin)—7398.

What is the area of the experimental farm, and what part of it is alloted for each crop?—7398. Who does the buying of the stock, and how much a pound was paid for the cattle?—7399. The price paid for these cattle was an exorbitant price—7400. Could the minister tell the price at which the last bunch of red bullocks at the Experimental Farm were sold?—7401. With less than $9,000 spent for actual farm labour does the minister think it ought to cost $11,000 to keep the lawns and shrubbery?—7403. Quotes Mr. Grisdale's evidence before the Committee on Agriculture and Colonization; is ashamed to send out the report—7404. What does the second line on page 89 of the Auditor General's Report mean?—7405.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—7406.

The establishment of an experimental farm has been called for by several agricultural meetings held in Prince Edward Island; we are entitled to it.

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — EXPERIMENTAL FARMS—*Con.*

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—7388.

$8,000 is rather a small amount for the western farms in proportion to the amount expended on the central farm—7388. The Central Experimental Farm is not what the people of Canada should set up as an example; would strongly recommend that the mustard be cleaned out even if you are to lose the rotation of crops two or three years—7396.

The results of seed distribution would be much better if the quantity was increased—7410.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and Co.)—7386.

What are the views of the minister (Mr. Fisher) on the blight or decay that has fallen upon the cedar tree this season?—7386.

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—7387.

How many men are regularly employed on the staff of the Central Experimental Farms and how much does it cost?—7387. I have never heard the officials of the Central Experimental Farm charged with discourtsey by any one—7409.

Experimental farms—towards establishment of additional branch stations, $20,000—7411.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—7411.

I propose to establish two stations in Alberta, one in the southern irrigated district and one in the northern part—7411.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—7411.

Is there anything included in this estimate for the establishment of an experimental farm in Alberta?—7411.

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — PATENT RECORDS.

Patent Record—Further amount required, $10,000—2676.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—2676.

This additional expenditure of $10,000 is all paid to the Printing Bureau for printing—2676. The 'Patent Record,' with this vote will cost about $27,000 this year, which would still leave about $120,000 from the patent office. Explains irregularity of accounts with Printing Bureau—2677. Explains difference in conditions in Canada from those in United States respecting the obligation to manufacture in patent law—2678. When a man gets a patent in the United States he immediately begins to manufacture—2680.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2678.

Asks minister whether he has any intention of amending the Patent Act by doing away with the obligation to manufacture—2678. Contends that parliament should continue the prohibition of the import of patented articles from the United States, but not compel the patentee to manufacture here. Wants to arrange the Patent

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — PATENT RECORDS—*Con.*

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—*Con.*

law so that no patentee can hold a monopoly to the injury of the public. We do not afford the encouragement to inventors in this country that we ought to afford—2680. In the United States if you want a copy of a patent, you can get it for ten cents, but in the department here you pay $3—2681.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2681.

Agrees with hon. member for East Elgin (Mr. Ingram) and sympathizes with inventors. No one should have the right to compel a patentee to sell at any figure—2681-2.

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—2676.

What is explanation for additional, $10,000—2676. Hon. minister (Mr. Fisher) does not know what his printing cost last year or what it will cost this year. Accounts ought to be submitted to House in proper shape—2677.

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — PRINTING OF REPORTS.

Printing and distribution of reports and bulletins of farms, $5,250—7411.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—7411.

The Department of Agriculture has nothing to do with the printing of evidence taken before the Committee on Agriculture—7411.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—7411.

The chairman of the Committee on Agriculture told me that it was not the intention to send out any copies of the evidence taken in regard to the inspection on grain until the beginning of next session—7411.

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — QUINQUENNIAL CENSUS.

For the quinquennial census of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, $50,000—7435.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—7436.

Mr. Moberley's name is not on the list of enumerators—7436. I quite agree that a man convicted of the offence charged to Moberley, should not be employed by the government—7347.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7437.

Quotes an article from the Prince Albert 'Advocate.'

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—7435.

Calls the attention of the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) to an item which appeared in the Winnipeg 'Free Press' on July 6, last—7435. If it is true that Mr. J. H. Moberley has been appointed by this government, either directly or indirectly, it is in the interests of the people that he be at once recalled—7436.

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — QUINQUENNIAL CENSUS—*Con.*

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—7436.

Does the hon. minister (Mr. Fisher) not consider it his duty to find out at once if such a character is a guide to one of the officers?

Quinquennial census, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta (revote), $70,000—7437.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —7438.

The last general census I had all sorts of complaints about my parsimony from the enumerators and all sorts of complaints on the floor of the House as to my extravagance; explains new system of payment to enumerators—7438-9.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7437.

Does the minister (Mr. Fisher) know that there is a feeling among the enumerators that their pay is too low?—7437. There is absolutely no cause for complaint in the figures given by the minister (Mr. Fisher)—7439. Will the census of the Northwest be taken township by township?—7440.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—7439.

Draws the attention of the minister to a complaint in regard to the mixing up of urban and rural populations—7439-40.

SUPPLY — AGRICULTURE — STATISTICAL YEAR-BOOK.

Statistical Year-book, $4,500—7382.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7382.

Strongly object to reducing the Year-book; we should have the fullest information in reference to the different markets of the world—7382. The government are deserving of severe censure for not being able to give tariff information to the House and the country—7384.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7383.

I do not find the last edition of this volume a very unwieldy one; reasons given by minister for eliminating statistics are not strong ; the persons to whom this volume is most useful cannot avail themselves of the year-books of every country in the world—7383.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7384.

It is very desirable that we should have all the information possible in the statistical year-book, but we cannot expect to get in it all the information in the wide world—7384.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) 7382.

We have been compelled to reduce the size of the Year-book and thought it best to leave out a lot of information contained in the various year-books of the different countries—7382. The clerks in the statistical branch devote part of the whole year to the year-book, and part of their time to other work at certain seasons—

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Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —*Con.*

7383. The information on which the year-book is compiled is largely departmental and is not available until the end of the fiscal year; Mr. Blue has charge of the statistical department—7386.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7382.

When is the Year-book coming out?—7382.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—7383.

Would the minister (Mr. Fisher) tell us how much will be saved in connection with the year book for statistics, by eliminating this foreign matter ?—7383. How many copies are printed ?—7385.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7384.

The criticisms with regard to the year-book are based on the statement of the minister himself, namely, that the intention was to procure the statistics of foreign countries and give them to use in a book—7384. It is necessary that we should disseminate the information which the year-book contains throughout the schools of Canada—7385. Who is compiling the year-book now ?—7386.

Wilson, U. (Leeds)—7385.

I do not think this year-book can be considered cumbersome in size in view of the great amount of useful information it contains; urges strongly that the information hitherto contained in the book should be published from year to year, that the edition be enlarged, and that it be published at an earlier date—7385-6.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—STEAMER 'GROSSE ISLE.'

Steamer 'Grosse Isle' — revote, $28,000—2697. Some resolutions reported—2698.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city, N.B.)—2697.

Is that the cost of the steamer for the year ?—2697.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) —2697.

This is for the purchase of a steamer to carry supplies and disinfecting apparatus. The vessel cost something over $80,000. $50,000 was got in one vote and this $28,000 is to meet the balance—2697.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—SALARIES.

Department of Agriculture—salaries, $63,798.76 ; contingencies, $16,312.50.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—370.

Have some of them got up to maximum ? —370.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—369.

The statutory increases only amount to $400 for the year. This is an extremely small amount for 63 clerks—369-70.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —369.

No changes ; same as last year. Asks for $63,798.76 for nine months—369.

SUPPLY—AGRICULTURE—YEAR BOOK.

Year Book, further amount required, $1,164—2682.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—2682.

What does the year book cost per year ?—2682.

Chisholm, Thos. (East Huron)—2682.

Is it the intention to give us a greater number of these books ?—2682.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—2682.

The year-book will cost $6,600 this year. It is intended to consolidate several tables and the size will be reduced this year—2682.

Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—2682.

Is it the intention to reduce the amount of information given in the year-book?—2682.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2682.

Is this book compiled by Mr. Johnston, the statistician?—2682.

SUPPLY—AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Salaries and contingencies, $55,343.75—7573.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7573.

The Auditor General's staff is actually increased by two, but otherwise there is no change other than readjustments in the way of statutory increases, promotions, &c.—7573.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7574.

Who are the clerks who have been promoted?—7574.

To increase the salary of E. D. Sutherland from $2,500 to $2,800 ; F. Hayter from $2,450 to $2,750 ; and John Gorman from $2,450 to $2,750 per annum, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $675—7574.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7574.

These are to give extra allowances to gentlemen who have been a very long time in the service—Mr. Sutherland thirty years, and Messrs. Hayter and Gorman twenty-five years.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7574.

Have these men been receiving the statutory increase right along, and when they reached the maximum of their class, have they been promoted to a higher class?—7574.

SUPPLY—CUSTOMS.

Department of Customs, $58,206.25—361.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city)—

In last year's estimates the salary of assistant commissioner was put down at $2,800—361.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—360.

What led minister to conclusion that he should change his theoretical organization and have more second-class clerks than formerly ; not necessary that you should increase number of second-class clerks to get more help in department—360.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—*Con.*

Fowler, Geo. W. (King's, N.B.)—361.

Has there been any increase in salary of assessment commissioner ? Was under impression it was $2,800—361. Do all the clerks get the statutory increase or are certain ones selected ? Is the assistant commissioner private secretary as well ?—362.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—361.

Principle is that deputy head of department shall report to minister when a change in the theoretical organization of department is required before minister comes to House for vote—361.

Henderson, David (Halton)—362.

Understands that gentleman who occupies position of assistant commissioner acted at one time as private secretary of minister : understands the only private secretary the minister has is the assistant commissioner ?—362.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—362.

Under what head do the officers come who are in the United States ?—362.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—360.

Commissioner and assistant commissioner remain the same. The three chief clerks get their statutory increase of $50 each. First class clerks not at maximum get $50 statutory increase. One junior second-class clerk is promoted to second class—360. Found that extra work was required on inside and men who have shown aptitude for work have been drawn from statistical branch ; thinks deputy's opinion is that when there is merit the promotions should go on as high as second class, but that unless there is special merit, they should not go beyond maximum of that class—361. There is a pretty good salary at the maximum of the second class, but it is not very great until that point is reached—362.

Salaries and contingent expenses of the several courts in the various provinces of Northwest Territories, including pay for overtime of officers, notwithstanding anything in Civil Service Act, $971,150—491.

Bergeron, Joseph G. H. (Beauharnois)—503.

Government paying $80,000 for work occasioned by transportation companies. Is government recouped for that or are they paying much more than they paid before—503. Payment of officer by bonded warehouse increases amount of money paid by importer—505.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—492.

Would hon. minister give a list of ports opened last year ?—492. Customs report

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Blain, Richard (Peel)—*Con.*

includes an amount for overtime for officers; overtime seems very large as compared with salary—502. What objection would hon. minister have to paying these men proper salaries rather than paying so much overtime?—508.

Cochrane, Edward (East Northumberland)—496.

You must be bleeding the farmers white now—496.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—492.

Did hon. minister take into consideration the application made last year for a new port in Muskoka district?—492. On what basis is overtime calculated? Are they paid same rate during ordinary day of work?—504.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—501.

Would like minister's views on statement in the statistical year-book concerning the per capita customs taxation—501.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city, N.B.)—491.

What is the cause of the increase in amount? Has the hon. minister any idea of what new ports will be opened?—491. Are these increases statutory increases or does government pick out certain employees or officials and give them certain increase?—492. On whose recommendation does Minister of Customs increase salaries of officers in outside service?—493. Are increases given on recommendation of the member of constituency, or have salaries been increased because they were low?—494. If government recognizes that it is their duty to pay customs officers additional in connection with transportation companies, what about the payment of officers who attend bonded warehouses—504.

Fowler, Geo. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.) 503.

Hon. gentleman (Mr. Paterson) has shown this afternoon that his mind is still active and that his physical strength is unimpaired—503.

Henderson, David (Halton)—498.

Thinks hon. gentleman (Mr. Paterson) had better revise his figures. Hon. gentleman cannot show by an honest calculation that he has reduced taxation on goods coming into this country, dutiable and free, by one-half of one per cent—499. Fails to see that average duty has been reduced—500.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—497.

Does minister say that government has saved farmers nearly $2 a year?—497. Seems that principle is wrong that warehouseman or man who pays duty should pay salary of this officer. Whether it places officer under obligation to warehouseman or not it gives him an impression that he is under obligation to man who pays him salary—506. Why not levy a special rate on goods that are left in bond and relieve warehouseman entirely from having to do with officer in charge?—507.

SUPPLY—CUSTOMS—*Con.*

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—491.

This is for the various ports covering Dominion and is for salaries and overtime 491. Increases for outside service have to be granted on merit as each case commends itself to department. Statutory increases are confined to inside service—492. New ports were opened last year at Alexandria, Ont., Bannerman and Yorkton, Man., and Crofton and Venanda, B.C.—492. If present ratio of increase is maintained may expect an increase of over $2,000,000 in Customs revenue—496. Have reduced rate of taxation—12½ per cent. Government's object is to give to business community such convenience as it is reasonably justified in giving—509.

Perley, Geo. H. (Argenteuil)—509.

Would like to ask hon. minister how, when there are a lot of applications for new ports of entry, he decides whether he will grant an application or not? If any place which applies to be made a port of entry has a revenue equal to the minimum revenue of already established ports is the application granted?—509. Alexandria, Ont., was constituted a new customs port during past year; was that done on account of revenue or some other reason? Do I understand that because a public building was erected with a customs office in it, that was the reason the port was established there?—510.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—500.

If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Paterson) was only discussing the customs revenue, why did he include the free goods?—500. Cannot minister understand that there is no customs revenue from free goods?—501.

Wright, W. (Muskoka)—493.

Would urge upon minister the necessity of establishing a customs port either at Bracebridge or Huntsville—493.

Zimmerman, A. (Hamilton, West)—494.

No hon. gentleman in House will accuse minister of over-manning department or being extravagant about salaries paid to officers. Trusts minister will see way clear to give Hamilton more assistance in near future—494.

Salaries and travelling expenses of inspectors of ports and of other officers of inspection and preventive service, including salaries and expenditure in connection with the Board of Customs and for the compiling of statistical reurns of exports and imports, $142,125—510.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—510.

Method of collecting customs statistics has been completely changed for some years—510. Does not think it would cost department a great deal to see that port of origin is credited with business which originates in it—511. Does minister think it would increase work of staff very much to have statistics compiled as they used to be?—514.

SUPPLY—CUSTOMS—*Con.*

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—512.

Is the minister going to do away with classification by ports or provinces?—512. Suppose goods in bond are lost, how does department recoup the owner of goods?—513.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—511.

When the province of Manitoba and the Northwest were being advertised as producing millions of bushels, the export grain came largely by Fort William and Port Arthur, as it does to-day. Millions of bushels went to sea-board by Buffalo, and Canada did not get a proper record for grain it had exported—511. If goods are destroyed by fire there is provision made for reimbursement—513. Thinks that taking port of exit as basis secures greater accuracy.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—514.

Of what use is Department of Trade and Commerce? Report of the Department of Trade and Commerce ought to give credit to each town for value of goods exported from that town—514.

Yukon—Amount required to meet expenditures in the Yukon Territory, $37,500—515.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont)—516.

Why do you keep this item separate?—516.

Henderson, David (Halton)—516.

Post Office Department has done away with system of keeping separate account for Yukon Territory, and the sooner the same thing is done by Customs Department the better—516.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—516.

Does not see why suggestion of leader of opposition should not be carried out. But as this was a new item arising after present government took office, it was commenced in this form and has been carried on in same way—516.

SUPPLY—CUSTOMS—CONTINGENCIES.

Further amount required for contingencies, $2,000—7514.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7514.

Is the minister taking any steps to extend the ports of entry in the West? I think that Indian Head would make a good port of entry—7514. Regina is the nearest place, 60 or 70 miles away—7515.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—7514.

This is for the year to July 1, 1906. There have been many requests from Indian Head and many other points—7514. We have ports of entry at Brandon, Regina and Moosejaw. Some of these are not very far distant from Indian Head—7515.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7514.

Why do you estimate for nine months instead of for the full year?—7514.

SUPPLY—CUSTOMS—MISCELLANEOUS—*Con.*

Printing and stationery, subscriptions to commercial papers, flags, dating stamps, locks, instruments, etc. for various ports of entry, legal expenses and uniforms for customs officers, $37,500—515.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—515.

Minister spoke of reduction in expense on account of new arrangement made in regard to bonding warehouses. Has he decreased his estimates any on that account?—515.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—515.

Are asking as much for nine months as we asked for whole of last year. There will be a considerable amount of extra printing if tariff is to be revised in November—515.

SUPPLY—CUSTOMS—MISCELLANEOUS.

Additional amount required, $7,500—7515.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—7515.

What is this to be expended for? The minister is very derelict in his duty—7515.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—7515.

It embraces printing, stationery, uniforms, dating stamps, and sundry items; it was prepared on the nine months' basis—7515.

Amount required to pay Messrs. I. G. Baker & Company, customs duties paid by them at customs stations in the Northwest Territories in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1880, on supplies for the Department of Indian Affairs anad for the Northwest Mounted Police, $2,033.07—516. Item stands—524.

Bergeron, Joseph G. H. (Beauharnois)—517.

For whom were purchases made? No duty was paid because they were imported for government?—517. Does firm still exist? Why should government repay money paid for customs duties on these goods?—518. When goods were delivered how were they paid?—519. Not a big item, but an extraordinary procedure. This item is 26 years old—523.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—519.

Department of Interior purchased goods at a fixed price, which price contemplated no payment of customs duty, as it had not been practice to charge customs duty in past—519.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—519.

When company presented bill did they charge for goods plus customs?—519.

Henderson, David (Halton)—516.

Could not the minister give us an idea of what documents contain—516.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—523.

Would like to ask hon. minister if claim is still property of the original claimant or has he assigned it to some one else?—523.

SUPPLY—CUSTOMS—MISCELLANEOUS—*Con.*

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —517.

Firm of I. G. Baker & Co. were a mercantile firm in Montana, in the early days, before the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. In those days the government made purchases from this firm of goods for Indians and the Northwest Mounted Police, as it was easier to get goods in from Montana than by long overland haul from Winnipeg. Large quantities of goods were bought from I. G. Baker & Co. Up to 1880 goods were bought on basis of free delivery—no customs duty to be charged. In 1879-80, orders were given for goods on same understanding. There had been a change of government meanwhile, and when the new government came in, they adopted plan of charging customs duty. Messrs. Baker & Co. say they were not notified of change. This $2,033.07 is to refund duties paid by them on goods brought in before notification that duty would be charged—517. Reads memorandum of commissioner of customs containing letters from Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs and Comptroller of Northwest Mounted Police—520-1-2-3.

Amount required to pay Messrs. I. G. Baker and Company customs duties paid on government supplies in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1880, $2,033.07—7515.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7517.

I believe we are not legally obliged to pay it, and I do not think we are morally obliged, either—7517.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—7517.

Do both departments acknowledge the debt?—7517.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—7517.

Has the claim ever been presented before? —7517. Is this rm still in existence?—7518.

Herron, John (Alberta)—7516.

The contractors paid the customs duties? And the money is owing to the Baker firm now—7516.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —7515

I explained this item at the time I was going through my main estimates—7515. The department feels it is an honest claim that has not been paid all these years just because two departments could not agree as to who was responsible—7516. If you don't want to pay it, don't pay it. For sixteen years down to 1896 the claim was tossed from one department to another. Both departments acknowledge the debt—7517. It will be charged to the Customs—7518.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7517.

Are you satisfied as to whether it is the Interior Department or the Customs Department that is responsible?—7517. Which department will it be charged to

SUPPLY—CUSTOMS—MISCELLANEOUS—*Con.*

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—*Con.*

as a matter of book-keeping? It ought to be charged to the Indian Department—7518.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and Co.)—7518.

There was no question of the liability, but only as to what department should pay? —7518.

SUPPLY—DEPARTMENTS GENERALLY.

Care and cleaning of departmental buildings, including amount of $100 required to pay for firing noon gun, which amount may be paid to a member of civil service, notwithstanding anything in Civil Service Act, $30,000—416.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—416.

Is there any increase in number of departmental buildings—416.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —416.

Increase of $5,000 is necessitated by increase in number of departmental buildings—416.

SUPPLY—DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Salaries and contingencies, $37,968.75—7573.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7573.

This is practically the same as before, subject to the statutory increases; there is one chief clerk more than before—7573.

Board of Civil Service Examiners, salaries and other expenses under Civil Service Act, including $400 for secretary and $150 for clerk, which sum may be paid notwithstanding anything in Civil Service Act, $2,250—416.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—416.

What is the system followed in these examinations and who are men who compose the board?—416.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —416.

The papers are collected by a secretary appointed in each city and sent to examiners—416.

SUPPLY—FINANCE.

Academy of Arts, $2,000—7576.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) 7576.

This vote is not for the purchase of pictures, but it is a contribution we make to the Academy of Arts—7576.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7576.

What has been done to replenish the Art Gallery this year?—7576.

Amount required to provide for expenses in connection with the Royal Commission on Life Insurance, $10,000—7581.

SUPPLY—FINANCE—*Con.*

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7581.

The Royal Commission on Life Insurance will continue their work of investigation right through the summer—7581.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—7581.

Quotes speech of hon. member for North Oxford (Mr. Smith) at page 6284 of 'Hansard'; quotes speech of hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Kennedy) at page 6465. Mormons do not practise polygamy in our country—7582. Quotes Minister of Justice quotes Prime Minister; quotes Minister of Finance. The Mormons are a law-abiding people—7583.

Hughes, S. (Victoria)—7584.

Quotes dates and amounts of cheques made payable by Kift and Company to H. D. Talbot. The Postmaster General was in the wrong when he denied that Mr. Kift had rented the post office building from Mr. Talbot, the late postmaster—7584.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7581.

Will the Insurance Commission continue with its work until it makes an inquiry into the conduct of the affairs of all the different companies—7581.

Contribution toward preparation Canadian Art International Catalogue of scientific literature, additional, $1,500—7578.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) 7578.

This matter has been arranged in connection with McGill College and a bureau will be established for the purpose of taking due account of Canada's advances in science and their proper recording in this volume, which is one of world wide standing—7578.

Expenses of litigated matters between the Dominion of Canada and the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, payments on account of services rendered may be made to any member of the Civil Service, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $2,000—7577.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7577.

The chief point in suspense is the account between Ontario and the Dominion, relating to Treaty No. 9; it is now in the courts awaiting judgment—7577.

Grant in aid of meeting of the British Medical Association, $10,000—7577.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7576.

An organization in Toronto is proposing to hold another meeting in Canada and this grant is to assist them to meet the expenses of the convention. The British Medical Association is the greatest medical organization in the world and a visit from these gentlemen will be of advantage to the country—7577-8.

SUPPLY—FINANCE—*Con.*

Grant to the imperial government to cover Canada's portion of probable losses in connection with the operation of the Pacific cable, $125,000—7577.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7577.

According to the method of payment, the whole of the payments will fall within the nine months—7577.

Miscellaneous—Contribution towards publication of International Catalogue of Scientific Literature, $500—7576.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7576.

This is a lump sum for a contribution to this scientific publication; there is nothing to administer—7576.

Pensions payable to militiamen on account of the rebellion of 1885 and active services generally (in advance), $19,000—7575.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7575.

There is no change in the rate, and any change in the figures is because of the change in the fiscal year—7575.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7575.

What means in 'in arrear' and 'in advance'?—7575.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—7576.

Has the government reconsidered its decision regarding Trooper Mulloy?—7576.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7575.

I brought up the case of a party who had been injured during attendance last year at the annual Niagara camp; would like Minister of Militia (Sir F. Borden) to give information before the session closes—7575.

Returns and other expenses under the Naturalization Act, $2,250—7576.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) 7576.

These are fees paid officials throughout the country who make returns to the department of persons who have been naturalized in various parts of the Dominion—7576.

Pensions payable to militiamen on account raid (in arrears), $1,200—7575.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)— 7575.

There is no reduction in these pensions, but only one payment falls within the fiscal year—7575.

SUPPLY—FINANCE—CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Civil Government—Department of Finance and Treasury Board—to provide for the appointment of an Assistant Deputy Min-

SUPPLY—FINANCE—CIVIL GOVERNMENT—*Con.*

ister at the rate of $3,600 per annum from Nov. 1, 1906, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $1,500; further amount required for contingencies, $1,200, $2,700—7452.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7454.

$25,000 is not unusual for a manager of a large bank in Canada to-day—7454.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7452.

I am proposing to make an appointment as deputy minister at a less salary than I am entitled to allow under the law, and to strengthen the department by bringing in an outside gentleman as assistant deputy minister—7452. There is really no increase in expenditure, and it is a strengthening of the staff—7453. With regard to these high class officials our salaries are not as liberal as they should be; this may be remedied in the future. This plan will, I am sure, prove satisfactory—7454.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—7453.

It is of great importance that the Deputy Minister of Finance should be one of the very best financial men in the country, and to reduce the salary from $5,000 to $4,000 would not produce that result—7453.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7454.

It would be necessary that the deputy should be a man familiar with the work of the department or there might be interminable trouble—7454.

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—7455.

What advantage is there in calling this new officer 'assistant deputy'?—745.

SUPPLY—FINANCE—CHARGES OF MANAGEMENT.

Charges of management, $218,937.50—7451.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7451.

These are the usual items of the vote on the basis substantially of the appropriation for the past year. We are asking $218,937.50, a little less than three-fourths, but it is fair to add that in connection with Dominion notes there will have to be a supplementary estimate later in the year—7451-2.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—7451.

Why is there such a difference in the cities? —7451.

Charges of management—Assistant Receiver General's office. Charlottetown — further amount required, $300; additonal amount required for printing Dominion notes, $30,000; additional amount required in connection with the issue and redemption of Dominion notes, $2,000—7451.

SUPPLY—FINANCE—CHARGES OF MANAGEMENT—*Con.*

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7451.

If these services are usual and customary, why do you put them in the main estimates?—7451.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7451.

The first item represents a few small increases in the salaries of officials for whom a sufficient provision has not been made. The second item is the usual supplementary vote for the printing of Dominion notes. The third item is for the employment of the young ladies who countersign the notes—7451.

SUPPLY—FINANCE—ROYAL COMMISSION ON INSURANCE.

Amount required to provide for expenses, $20,000—305.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—306.

Extremely desirable that some authority should define rights which counsel for any provincial government should have before commission—306-7. Commissioners should arrange their procedure so there will be no difficulty—308.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles—(Minister of Justice) —307.

Mr. Hellmuth thought that examination of witnesses should be proceeded continuously from day to day until completed; Mr. Shepley will be in regular attendance hereafter—307.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —306.

Investigation of first two or three days only preliminary—306. Not prepared to admit that parliamentary committee is preferable to royal commission for investigating insurance—311. Any man who has information to give will be heard by commission; not a matter of very infrequent occurrence to see counsel protest when not satisfied with proceedings—312.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—309.

Will the Insurance Commission make its report before close of session?—309. Regrets that government has not succeeded in expropriating whole of Mr. Shepley's time; prefers a parliamentary investigation—310-1.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—305.

Counsel from Ontario had to publicly protest against way the commission was conducting proceedings—305. Attempt was made to have Mr. Hellmuth state questions which he wished to have asked through counsel appointed by government—308. Was not a nominal protest, was a protest involving whole procedure of commission—309. Character of New York state commission was its thoroughness and quickness; confident that investigation will justify revision of insurance system—313.

SUPPLY—FINANCE—TARIFF INQUIRY—SALARIES.

Salaries, living, fees and travelling expenses of stenographers and clerical help and expenses incurred by the secretary; transportation of staff and living and travelling and other expenses, $10,238—7456.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7456.

There were some small incidental expenses including stationery, telegraph companies accounts, &c., making the total expenditure $14,368. There were four ministers on the Tariff Commission—the Minister of Customs (Mr. Paterson), the then Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Brodeur), the Minister of Trade and Commerce Sir Richard Cartwright) and myself—7457.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—7456.

Has the minister a memorandum of the different days of sittings?—7456.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7457.

How many pages does the report of the tariff commission cover?—7457.

Expenses of the several ministers—travelling and living expenses, say $3,867—7456.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7456.

The rate was not high considering the amount of travelling done. Everything in the way of personal expenses the ministers charged against themselves amounted to about $3,867—7456.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—7456.

Do the expenses include all charges of travelling?—7456.

Expenses in connection with the tariff inquiry, $5,000—7455.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7455.

We took an appropriation of $10,000 for that service, and now we ask for this vote, making $15,000; the $15,000 will about cover the expenditure to June 30 last—7455.

SUPPLY—FINANCE AND TREASURY BOARD—CONTINGENCIES.

Department of Finance and Treasury Board—further amount contingencies, $1,200—7452.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) 7452.

Moves that item be struck out; will provide for it in the estimates of the coming year. Motion agreed to—7452.

SUPPLY—FINANCE AND TREASURY BOARD—SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.

Salaries, $47,336.26; contingencies, $9,000.

Chairman (Mr. Campbell)—366.

It is proposed to amend resolution by adding after word 'contingencies' the following words 'notwithstanding anything to contrary in the Civil Service Act'—366.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—366.

Same as last year; includes insurance branch but not commission—366.

To provide a gratuity of one year's salary to W. L. Lambkin, in lieu of superannuation, $750—7579.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7579.

In the judgment of the Treasury Board this official did not come within the superannuation provision and he was granted a gratuity instead—7579.

To pay for professional advice to the Auditor General, travelling and other expenses in connection with the examination of accounts under the authority of section 57 of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, $3,750—7577.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7577.

The former Auditor General usually consulted Mr. Aylesworth. The Auditor General is the one independent office of the government—7577.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7577.

Whom does the Auditor General consult now?—7577.

To provide for the payment of Mr. R. B. Farrell at the rate of $600 per annum, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $75—7578.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7578.

This official is qualified in every respect, and this is simply to fix his salary—7578.

SUPPLY—FINANCE.

Towards the erection of a monument to Champlain at St. John, New Brunswick, revote, $5,000—7578.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7578.

Nothing has been done in relation to Fort Latour; in St. John a local organization has charge of the monument to Champlain—7579.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—7578.

Has the government taken any steps to reclaim the site of Fort Latour, and establish a monument there?—7578.

SUPPLY—GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Civil government—Governor General's secretary's office, salaries, $8,662.50. Contingencies, $14,525—357.

SUPPLY — GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE —*Con.*

Foster, Geo. E. (North Toronto)—357.

Easy way to get estimates through if Prime Minister had merely to say that it was required by department—357. $4,000 increase in one branch is a large item and we ought to know the reason why—358.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —357.

There is no increase in salaries; contingencies are increased; expenditures last year justify increase this year—357. Let item of contingencies stand—358.

Civil Government—Governor General's secretary's office—Salaries, $8,662.50, contingencies, $14,525—416.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —416.

Estimates for contingencies include statutory increases, increased expenditure for stationery and sundries and four additional temporary employees. The amount provided in main estimates was insufficient during past two years, and supplementary votes were found necessary—416.

Civil government — Contingencies, further amount required, $6,000—7579.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7579.

Quotes letter from Col. Hanbury-Williams, Governor-General's secretary, dated April 9, 1906—7579. The expedition is not under the command of a lady, but under her patronage, also under the patronage of English scientific societies—7580.

SUPPLY—HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Expenses of committees, sessional and extra clerks, &c.—$29,637.50—7572.

Speaker, Mr.—7572

This vote is based on an estimate of 150 days for the session instead of 130; the estimate of 130 was found too short—7572.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7572.

We are asked to vote for three quarters of the time more than we voted last year for the whole time—7572. Is there any increase in the number of sessional clerks this session as compared with last?—7573.

Publishing debates, $60,000—7573.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7573.

If there is $20,000 in the supplementary estimates you are out one-third in this calculation—7573.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR.

Department of the Interior, $128,224.94.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—365.

Why are not estimates properly prepared —365.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—*Con.*

Daniel, John W. (St. John)—363.

Really eighteen first-class clerks, although number is stated at seventeen—363-4. There were only sixteen last year—364.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—363.

Minister is voting salary to clerks for portion of year. Parliament can vote anything, but there are some things parliament ought not to be asked to vote—363. Only sixteen first-class clerks were paid last year. Have not the others passed the promotion examination? There were 28 second-class clerks paid last year; only 25 here, if one resigned that would be 27 —365.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —364.

For some reasons four parties did not qualify until month of September. The objection is that promotion is made retroactive from July 1. The point is well taken—364.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —362.

This is for salaries. It includes a revote of $197.44 to adjust the salaries of four clerks promoted to junior second class on September 20, 1905, so as to make their promotion date from July 1, 1905, notwithstanding anything in Civil Service Act—362. Fact of vote appearing now is because of precedent established last year —363. No change in number first-class clerks since last year. The Auditor General's Report does not tally with my information. That being the case, I must have opportunity of revising statement I have here, and ask that item stand—365.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —364.

Not saying whether parliament ought or ought not to pass such votes, but as to ability of parliament to pass them, it is in same category as votes passed with proviso 'notwithstanding anything in Civil Service Act.'

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—365.

Either there is something radically wrong or there has been carelessness in preparing estimates—365.

To increase the salary of Mr. C. H. Beddoe, chief clerk, accountant, to $2,500 per annum from the 1st of July, 1906 notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $75—5975.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—5975.

What is the reason for this increase?—5975.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5975.

The business of the department has increased to such an extent that the duties of the accountant have become very heavy and it has been decided to increase his salary to $2,500 from July 1, 1906—5975.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—*Con.*

To increase the salary of N. O. Côté and W. S. Gliddon—5509

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—5509.

This seems to be an increase of salary as well as a promotion. What was Mr. Goodeve's salary?—5509.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5509.

Mr. Coté was a chief clerk; he has been promoted in position, but not in rank. Mr. Gliddon, who has been promoted to the position of assistant in the patent branch, receives an increase in salary—5509.

To increase the salary of W. S. Gliddon to $1,850 per annum, $150—5975.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto).—5976.

What is the reason of this increase?—5976.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5976.

On the death of Mr. Goodeve, head of the patents branch, Mr. Coté was promoted and Mr. Gliddon has been put in Mr. Coté's place with increase of salary—5976.

To provide for salaries and contingencies of the registry offices in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, $15,000—5978.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—5978.

How many of these registry offices are there in the two provinces?—5978.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5978.

The officers are paid by salary, but fees are charged for the work done—5978.

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—5978.

Are the officers paid by fees or salaries?—5978.

To provide for a chief clerkship for Mr. H. H. Rowat, at $1,900 per annum from July 1, 1906, $1,425—5976.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5976.

How long has he been a first-class clerk?—5976.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5976.

It is believed that if we divide the timber and mines branch into a timber branch and a mines branch it will conduce to the good of the service—5976.

To provide for a chief clerkship for Mr. D. B. Symes at $1,900 per annum from the 1st of July, 1906, $1,425—5976.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5976.

What is the explanation of this?—5976. How far north do you propose to run the main surveys?—5977.

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Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5976.

Mr. Symes is in the Surveyor General's branch; he has been in the service for 33 years—5976.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—5977.

What is the policy of the department with regard to surveys which have been found to be incorrect?—5977.

Salaries, $128,224.94; contingencies, $21,500—404.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—404.

Was Mr. Nelson at top of his class? How many others were at top of class?—404. Is the minister able to say whether he drafted any of these clerks for his work in the Northwest during late provincial elections?—405.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —404.

Number of first-class clerks should have been stated as 18 and number of second-class as 24. Compared with current year there is an increase of one in first-class and a decrease of one in the second class. This is caused by promotion of F. Nelson from second to first class—404. Officers have called attention to error so there will be no longer danger of being carried through vote—405.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—405.

It was members on this side who called attention to error—405.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—404.

Surely after these estimates are printed the minister has some officer in his department who checks them with manuscript sent to printer. They should not be laid before House in misleading manner—405.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—DOMINION LANDS.

Amount required for protection of timber in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Northwest Territories and the railway belt in British Columbia; tree culture in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and inspection and management of forest reserves, $62,500—5939.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5939.

Will the minister explain each of these items in detail?—5939.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5939.

The responsibilities we have undertaken by the Forest Reserves Act accounts for a large increase in the vote; explains methods of tree culture—5940.

Chargeable to income—further amount required for salaries of the outside service, $12,000; further amount required for contingencies, advertising, &c., and salaries of extra clerks at head office, $50,000—5614.

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Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5614.

What is the explanation of this?—5614.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5614.

Gives details of expenditure—5614.

SUPPLY — INTERIOR — DOMINION LANDS— CONTINGENCIES.

Contingencies, advertising, &c., and salaries of extra clerks at head office, including $5,000 for extra services in connection with Dominion lands, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $112,500—5939.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5939.

How much of this is required for contingencies?—5939.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5939.

Enumerates contingencies—5939.

SUPPLY — INTERIOR — DOMINION LANDS —SALARIES.

Salaries of outside service, $165,350—5936.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5936.

Have there been any increases in these salaries?—5936.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5936.

The increase in this item is due both to the increased number of appointments and to some increases in salaries; reads new appointments with salaries attached—5936-7-8-9. The total amount voted in the estimates for the fiscal year 1905-6, for additional help when needed is $10,730 leaving a net increase on new appointments for the 12 months of $37,300—5939.

SUPPLY — INTERIOR — DOMINION LANDS —SURVEYS.

Surveys, examination of survey returns, printing of plans; including $9,750 for irrigation, surveys, &c., $450,000—5881.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—5885.

When a settler who has been allowed to purchase his land fails through inability to fulfil the homstead regulations, how many grades of prices are there?—5885.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5883.

Are there any areas of land held by persons under an agreement with the Department of the Interior where people have options on certain areas at a certain price per acre?—5884.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5882.

If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) will give us a case in which entry was granted in advance of survey we should have serious ground for dealing with the agent, because it is not a legal entry until survey is made—5882. A person in making entry has to declare that there are no other improvements on the land, and no one else could do that except the man in possession—5884.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5881.

It seems strange that when we write to parties who have asked for information and give them the information furnished by the department, that parties to whom we write are able to say that information is absurd—5882. Members should be informed whether land is for sale so that they can give proper information to those who write them—5883.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Additional amount required for boring operations in Alberta and Nova Scotia, $3,000—5983.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—5983.

Has the minister (Mr. Oliver) received a communication with regard to boring for coal in Prince Edward Island?—5983. Quotes Dr. Ellis' report; why have government changed their policy?—5984.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—5984.

Could not the machines in the province of Ontario be sent to Prince Edward Island by the government for the use of parties who wish to commence operations there? —5985.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5983.

We were not undertaking to assist the starting of such operations, but if such operations were undertaken then we were prepared to consider the question of assistance on the same terms as in regard to New Glasgow and Edmonton—5983. The report of Dr. Ells is not especially for the information of the government but for the information of the enterprising people of Prince Edward Island—5984.

Difference between amount voted for and salary of a deputy head and director from April 1, to June 30, 1906 at $3,500—$125.

To provide for the salary of a chief geologist and assistant director from April 1, to June 30, 1906, at $3,000 per annum—$750 —5978.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5978.

Will the hon. minister explain the arrangement made with regard to the chief geologist?—5978.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5978.

Mr. A. P. Lowe was appointed director at the minimum salary under the Civil Service Act of $3,500, and this amount is required to pay him at the better rate from May 1st. Dr. Bell has been appointed

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chief geologist at a salary of $3,000—5978-9.

To provide for the cost of an estimation of the present value of the gold gravels of the Klondike, $12,000—5985.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5985.

What is it supposed that this estimation will cost and what area will be embraced?—5985.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5985.

The total cost will be about $20,000; the area embraced is called the Klondike mining area—5985.

To pay A. Dickison for compiling and drawing a map of the Yukon Territory, $60—5980.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5980.

In January last Mr. Dickison made a compilation and drawing of a map of a portion of the Yukon, doing the work during outside hours; Mr. Dickison is on the temporary staff and cannot be paid otherwise than by special vote—5980.

To provide for the purchase of a power launch for use in coast survey, British Columbia, $2,500—5979.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5979.

Is that a new departure?—5979.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5979.

From whom has this launch been purchased?—5979.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5979.

It is desirable that the geology of the coast should be as well defined as possible, and it was thought sound economy to purchase a launch which would enable geologists to visit any part of the coast of British Columbia with the least possible loss of time—5979.

To pay Frank Nicholas one-half the cost of making a complete index of volumes 1 to 16, new series, annual report of the department, revote, $1,200—5980.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5980.

Is that the whole of his claim?—580.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5980.

The revote now asked for is in Mr. Nicholas' name, as otherwise payments cannot be made to him for the work; the preparation of the index was entrusted to Mr. Nicholas and Dr. Bell—5980.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY —*Con.*

To pay for experimental boring at Edmonton, Alberta, and New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, $3,000—5982.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5982.

What has become of the old boring machine?—5982.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5982.

This work has been attempted from time to time by the government, under the direct charge of the Geological Survey—5982.

To provide for the cost of an estimation of the present value of the gold gravels of the Klondike, $3,000—5980.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5981.

How does the minister propose to do that? —5981. I think this is a good idea—5982.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5981.

Are they going to examine the gravel and estimate the gold in it, or are they going to examine into the question of providing the water for working the gravel?—5981.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5981.

Messrs. McConnell, Keele, McLaren and O'Farrell, of the geological staff are on their way to Dawson to carry on this work; this vote is to cover expenses in connection with the work up to July 1, 1906—5981.

To provide for the purchase and preparation of geological, ethnological and natural history specimens for the Victoria Memorial Museum, $3,750—5983.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5983.

Where do you keep your specimens in the meantime?—5983.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5983.

That is the new museum being built at the end of Metcalfe street; it will be finished in about three years—5983.

To pay Marc Sauvalle for translation of geological reports into French, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act, $1,500—5983.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5983.

How is the payment graded, and what other work does he do?—5983.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—5983.

Is this the officer associated with Mr. McGillicuddy in making the 'Hansard' index?—5983.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5983.

Mr. Sauvalle is fully employed on this work —5983.

SUPPLY—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY—SALARIES.

Salaries, $49,931.25—405.

Armstrong, Joseph E. (East Lambton)—409.

Geological Department, one of the most important in Canada at present time. Has Minister of the Interior appointed Dr. Bell to be director of survey and if not, why has he not appointed Dr. Bell?—410. Why has director not received regular statutory increases? Is $3,000 that has been voted year after year to be given to Dr. Bell?—411. Would be serious drawback to Geological Department were Dr. Bell removed from its head. Large majority of departmental officials in sympathy with Dr. Bell—412.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—405.

Perhaps minister will tell us whether there are any errors in this item or not?—405.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—405.

This includes vote of $3,000 a year for the director of survey. Still no regularly appointed head of survey. Position of deputy head and director is filled by Dr. Bell as acting director. Will minister be good enough to tell us what is cause of delay in filling position? Government have placed Dr. Bell in a very anomalous position for three or four years by leaving him at head of department without authority which would appertain to his office if he were placed there permanently. Is informed that compilation and arrangement of information gathered is not properly carried out—414.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—411.

Concurs in remarks of hon. friend from West Toronto (Mr. Osler). Does geographical department come under geological survey?—411. Geographic survey and geological survey are of utmost importance to new country like Canada; constitute the best means of disseminating knowledge amongst citizens of natural resources—412.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—405.

Are there any extraordinary increases?—405. Put clever scientific editor at work on 'mountains of information.' Part of information is extremely technical, but it could be popularized. Government should have had firmness to appoint Dr. Bell at once or else to appoint some one else—415.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—415.

Suggested advisability of systematizing work of different departments in regard to map-making. Satisfied this would result in great saving of labour to departments and in advantage to public—415.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—406.

Present minister not responsible for long delay which has occurred in filling position. Office has been vacant for three years. Although Dr. Bell is eminent in his profession he has not the faculty of managing men which is essential to such

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

a position. Minister has come to a conclusion and in a few days appointment will be made—406.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—405.

Had not expected this item to come up; director not present; can assure House that figures are correct. There is an addition of a third-class clerk—405. Work is largely explanatory; results from scientific investigations in regard to matters of economic importance. It is the nature of the case that the work of the geological survey must be largely speculative—it is a work for the collection of information—407. Agrees with hon. member (Mr. Osler) that Geological Department should make thorough examination into natural resources of Canada. 'Mountains of information' moulding away in vaults of Geological Department. Government fully appreciates importance of work Geological Survey has been and is now doing—408-9. Late government is entitled to credit of having begun boring for oil north of Edmonton, and their efforts were continued by this government—413.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—406.

What work, speaking generally, is accomplished by the geological survey?—406. What is the total amount expended? Enormous interest is being taken in development of Canadian minerals. Government ought to have best man in world at head of Geological Department—407-08. There has been no attempt to distribute shortly and tersely the accumulated information of department, so that people can understand what has been result of expenditures; have obtained exceedingly little knowledge of our own country—409. What has been done of late years in experimenting for oil north of Edmonton?

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—IMMIGRATION:

Salaries of agents and employees in Canada, Great Britain and foreign countries, $150,000—1342.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—1347.

What is the total number of agents, all told? Are these agents employed the whole time?—1347. How long are agents in Ontario expected to remain at their posts?—1348. In order to make it effectual, it would be absolutely necessary to divide out territories in order that they would not overlap each other—1349.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—1347.

What are duties of agents employed in Ontario?—1347. What is date of their appointment?. Is territory for each of seven men in Ontario defined and laid out?—1348. Does not understand what advantage accrues to Ontario from having agent stationed at Clinton instead of at Toronto—1351. Will local agents be

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Blain, Richard (Peel)—*Con.*

permitted to take part in politics—1352. Minister should lay down a policy with regard to political interference of immigration agents—1353.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1342.

Observes there is an increase of $12,800 for the year—1342. Does not understand how a land company could blanket homesteads —1356. Seems desirable that some drastic remedy should be applied to ascertain what homesteads have been secured wrongfully—1358. If records of department are open to public, that would afford best guarantee that management of department would be above suspicion—1362. Would like to have complete correspondence during past two years between High Commissioner and Mr. Preston, also copies of correspondence between Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Preston—1363.

Chisholm, T. (East Huron)—1353.

Could minister state how many immigrants are likely to be sent to county of Huron? What steps would farmers take to get these immigrants?—1353. Would hon. minister be kind enough to give parliament information concerning female servants as soon as he can—1354. Do not parties who blanket homesteads get parties, for whom they assumed to make entry, to put in abandonment papers at opportune time?—1358.

Herron, John (Alberta)—1349.

Does minister say there are two agencies at Great Falls, Montana?—1349.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—1351.

Do port officers whom minister has appointed, consider it their duty to travel in train with immigrants to see that sharpers do not take advantage of them? 1351. Has minister given any permission to persons to buy a township of land, and in that way hold homesteads from settlement?—1358-9. If minister finds that any fake homesteads have been transferred, will he cancel them?—1360.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1342.

Have any steps been taken towards laying the ordinances of Yukon council on table? —1342 Would ask hon. minister when he gives names of agents in Ontario to specify points at which they are located—1343. Do agents in Ontario devote their time exclusively for six months to this work?—1348. What are the 15 agents in Halifax employed at and the 19 in Quebec? At which of the ports, Halifax, St. John, Quebec or Montreal do the larger number of immigrants arrive?—1350. What are duties of immigration agents in Ottawa—1353. Is immigration literature sent from head office at Ottawa? Does department carefully scan literature to see that nothing goes out but what should?—1354. What are duties of immigration agents in Winnipeg? Has it never been suggested to hon. minister that it was not necessary to employ

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Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—*Con.*

such a large staff of men in United States for purpose of advertising Northwest?—1355.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—1362.

Has minister a calculation of cost of procuring average individual immigrant?—1362. Can hon. minister bring down approximate statement of amount expended on immigration from United States, United Kingdom and continental Europe covering separately amounts spent in literature, advertising and salaries of officials? —1363.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—1358.

In cases which minister has observed were names given to department fictitious names, or names of actual persons?—1358.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—1357.

How long has practice of blanketing homesteads been carried out to knowledge of department?—1357. What action has been taken by department to ascertain what entries are fictitious and what bona fide? —1358. If a party inquires to ascertain who has made entry for a certain quarter section, are agents supposed to tell him? How many homestead inspectors are there in Saskatchewan at present time who are outside limits of their local offices?—1361.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1342.

Informs House that on March 23 of this year, the premier laid before House a copy of the ordinances passed by Yukon council in year 1905—1342. Quotes names and salaries of various agents who are employed in Canada—1343-4-5. Quotes names and salaries of various agents in United States and Europe—1346-7. There are two classes of American agents; there are the salaried agents who receive no commission and the sub-agents who are paid a commission. Quotes Toronto 'News' of April 5th with respect to overlapping of work of distributing agents in Ontario—1349. Quotes Mr. Macdiarmid in Toronto 'News'; larger number of immigrants landed in Quebec—61,000 last year—1350. Every immigration train has an agent on it. If all immigrants were to go to Toronto the advantage would accrue to farmers in vicinity of Toronto; benefit of whole province is sought—1351. Would militate against agents' usefulness to take an active part in politics —1352. Reads memorandum showing number of letters received at Immigration Department—1353. Land company exists for purpose of making profits for land company; government is in immigration business not for purpose of making money but for getting settlers into country who will make vacant land productive—1356. Has never been policy of department to facilitate claim jumping—1360.

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Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—1359.

Has not form of entry been altered in recent years? Is it not a fact that some years ago a person desiring to make entry through agent had to make a declaration? Existing form does not require applicant to make a declaration, though it requires agent to do so—1359.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1342.

Would like to ask minister if he could give names and salaries of various agents who are employed in Canada, Great Britain and foreign countries?—1342. Do you pay American agents by commission or salary?—1349.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—1351.

What is the machinery for making connection between agent at Clinton and immigrant when he lands?—1351. Will officials appointed to distribute immigrants arrange for distribution of any other classes of immigrants than agricultural labourers and domestic help?—1363.

Salaries, general employees Canada, Great Britain and other countries, $150,000—1635.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—1635.

Not surprised that only two or three immigrants were deported from Canada in view of loose system of examination prevailing—1635. Have larger number of immigrants coming from countries where there is not so large an expenditure—1644. Are getting from United States more desirable immigrants who will become better citizens than the people we may secure from Europe; has reached a point where immigration system must be changed—1645.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1652.

Thinks that members of opposition will be willing to take responsibility of having personnel of company published—1652. Might be opportune, when discussing immigration, to have some knowledge of results of efforts of the thirty or forty different agents in the old country—1653. Has minister any report from these gentleman, and what does this expenditure result in?—1654. Method of department is to select some men without particular record or qualifications, except those of services rendered the Liberal party, and to send them to old country on the theory that they can and will promote immigration as special delegates—1655-6.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1637.

When it was decided to establish an agency in Belgium Mr. De Cœli was selected partly because he was well known in Belgium and also because he was conversant with the Flemish language—1637.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1635.

Who is Mr. De Cœli, what does he do and where is his work done?—1636. Is Mr. De Cœli a Belgian himself? What experience had he in immigration matters and why was he selected?—1637. What is method of work followed in Belgium—1641. Minister must come prepared to give definite information on larger items—1642. Has always been considered in the interest of definiteness and good administration of expenditures that appropriations for colonization societies, &c., ought to be specialized in the vote—1645-6. Is Hamar Greenwood member of English parliament, and what has he been specially doing?—1646.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—*Con.*

Henderson, David (Halton)—1638.

Would hon. minister (Mr. Oliver) inform committee what success has attended agency in Belgium—1638. Believes that Canada is now sufficiently well known to attract all the people we want; present government benefiting from immigration policy of predecessors—1640.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—1646.

Did Mr. Hamar Greenwood write article commenting on speech of Minister of agriculture (Mr. Fisher) after recent English elections?—1646. Mr. Smart stated that the former Minister of Interior knew the names of gentlemen who were supposed to constitute the North Atlantic Trading Co., and that information was in department—1648.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1651.

Is parliament to understand that minister declines to give names which are already in his department?—1651.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—1665.

Is there different treatment accorded to British immigrant as compared with foreigner?—1665.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—1665.

What evidence does minister get as to occupation of immigrant?—1665.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Solicitor General)—1639.

Average number of Belgians coming to Dominion is about 400 or 500 yearly; are splendid farmers—1639.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1648.

Agriculture Committee and Public Accounts Committee have been unable to obtain any information as to personnel of North Atlantic Trading Co.—1648. Government is increasing continental Europe immigration much more rapidly than that from any other country; quotes 'Globe' newspaper—1649-50.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1637.

Evident from reports received from Belgium that there is not very successful work being carried on there. Would suggest that minister allow investigations before committees be completed before passing vote—1637. Thinks report of St. John Colonization Society exaggerated—1641.

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Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1635.

The deportations from Canada appear in the departmental report—1635. Quite agrees that investigation of immigration matters by committees would facilitate final passage of estimates in House—1638. Work of agent in Belgium is supervised from office of commissioner in London, Mr. Preston—1642. That the methods of immigration have been successful is evidenced by results; details of expenditure are found in Auditor General's Report; quotes agent's report—1643-4. Question before committee is not one of policy but simply a scandal hunt—1651. Men who have themselves succeeded in Canada are the men selected to act as special delegates—1655-6. Hon. gentleman's (Mr. Sproule) view is that immigration effort on the part of Canada should cease and that this vote as a matter of fact should be struck out—1660. Don't want class of immigration that is going into United States—1661. Immigration effort must be persistent in order to secure results; a million expenditure a year for which results can be shown is economy where $100,000 a year producing no results is an absolute waste—1662. Immigration methods must change with varying conditions; has given notice to amend law in respect to medical inspection of immigrants—1663. Change of bonus from expressed intention of immigrant to actual occupation; quotes notice of change—1664-5.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1635.

Will minister give information as to number of immigrants who were refused admission to Canada?—1635. Mr. Speers refers to a great many reports, but there is no information in report of department with regard to conditions he found existing—1647. Committee should first do its work and then these appropriations should be dealt with in supply—1648. Does minister think there is any analogy between this contract and giving a subsidy to the Allan Line, the Torrance Line or the Canadian Pacific Railway?—1651. Immigration efforts of government have not been attended with results that might be expected from expenditure made—1656. United States are charging $5 a head to let immigrants into country, while on the contrary Canada is paying bonus of $5 a head to come in—1657. Are not getting the most desirable class of immigrants to-day—1658. Immigrants not inspected properly; quotes Toronto papers on infectious eye diseases prevalent among immigrants—1659. Canada has reached the day when the attractions of country ought to be sufficient to bring immigrants—1660.

Further amounts required for contingencies in Canadian, British and foreign agencies, and general expenses, including salaries of extra clerks at head office, $50,000—5509.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—IMMIGRATION—*Con.*

Barr, John (Dufferin)—5513.

Where are you getting the printing done?—5513. Of course, it is well known that Leopold and Lazarus are the same individual—5517. If this state of things is going to continue in London, I think we should refuse to go on and supply the government with money to carry on such a nefarious combination as we have there—5519. Does the minister still contend that there is not sufficient evidence to show that Mr. Preston induced Lazarus to go there?—5527. Surely that official should be suspended during inquiry—5528.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5527.

Had you to use a steam shovel to get Lazarus out?—5527.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—5512.

Does that $26,450 take in both the salaries and the office expenses of the London office? Does Mr. Preston get house rent besides?—5512. Do the officials in London all have to pay income tax?—5519. There is a payment of $1,662 for parish taxes—5520.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—5514.

Has Mr. Preston supreme control and management of the advertising business in England, and of the printing business also?—5514. Are Messrs Street a printing company or do they devote themselves to advertising simply?—In the case of the Arundel Printing Company the printing was farmed out to a young man who had no printing office at all—5515. McCorquodale printed 60,000 copies of a pamphlet—'Classes Wanted'—for something over four cents a copy, and Street & Company charged something like six a copy for 130,000 copies of the same pamphlet—5516. While the minister is inquiring into that he might also inquire as to whether Mr. Leopold got any advertising done with Street & Company?—5517. I find the minister is doing exactly the reverse of what the Conservative Minister of the Interior did; in the estimates of 1891 I find that there are detailed items and sub-items—5523. All that we contend on this side is that you treat these estimates in a similar specialized form instead of taking a lump sum, as you are doing now—5524.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5517.

We sometimes hear of a man named Lazarus and another named Leopold, and I would like to know whether they are the same individual or separate individuals, or Siamese twins?—5517. If the same connection is to continue between Lazarus-Leopold and Preston, then we might naturally expect that the same extravagant expenditure will continue—5518. Do you pay the taxes of your employees on the other side? The employees here do not pay income tax, but they pay taxes on their property—5520. Does the minister know that Mr. Preston induced this man Lazarus to take his offices in these buildings?—5527.

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Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—5522.

Have these expenditures been already incurred?—5522.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—5527.

Is the minister satisfied that the London offices have been conducted in a way that he cannot approve and in a way which he would not have conducted them; up to the present are you satisfied with Mr. Preston, Mr. Jury and the rest?—5528.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—5511.

Is it the intention of the government, in view of the general dissatisfaction that has been manifested throughout the community, to dispense with the services of Mr. Preston?—5511. If the government is satisfied with the present condition of things they should say so, but we ought to know—5513. Do you ask us to vote this $50,000 on the understanding that this state of affairs is going to continue?—5514. Surely in the question of immigration we ought to know beforehand how much we are going to spend in one country and how much in another—5525.. I think it is my duty now to notify the minister that on the first occasion that will be available I will move a resolution declaring that causes were disclosed by evidence why Mr. Preston should be no longer continued in office—5526.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5509.

The $50,000 now asked for would make a total expenditure for this year of $660,000, or $175,000 less than last year—5509. Details given of proposed expenditure—5510. Just what the government are prepared to do to bring about a more amicable condition in the relations between the various officers in Great Britain I am not prepared to say—5511. The government must consider all phases of the question before taking action—5512. We get certain maps printed in the United States, but most of the printing, both for the United States and Canada, is now done in Canada. The atlases are being printed in Winnipeg by Scovill & Company—5513. We do not ask the committee to vote the money on the understanding that the objectionable features brought out before the committee will continue—5514. I am informed that practically all the printing required in England during the current year was done in Canada—5515. The Streets Company are not a printing company. Unless we have the two samples of printing to compare we could not make any definite statement as to the respective values—5516. I do not know by what means I am to find out what business Street & Company have with Mr. Leopold—5517. We are asking for a vote of $50,000 because our expenses for the current year have overrun our estimates on account of the increased immigration that has been taking place—5518. I understand that $386.90 is the income tax on the salaries of all the employees in the London office—5519. I understand that the employees here do not pay any income

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tax. My hon. friend (Mr. U. Wilson) is including salaries as well as contingencies—5520. The reason why the immigration vote is given in a bulk sum instead of in detail is because of the contingencies which arise and cannot be foreseen—5521. It is in an entirely different position from any other public service—5522. What my hon. friend (Mr. Foster) has read from the estimates of 1891 has proved what I said—5524. I think it is all the evidence that is necessary that it was then as it is now—6625. The immigration department has never had any connection of a business character with Lazarus, and if any of its officials has ever had any such connection, that was entirely contrary to the business of the department—5527. I have said half a dozen times that I am not satisfied with the conditions there, and hope to improve them—5528.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—5512.

Does this item cover anything for printing?—5512.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—5512.

Is the printing done in the United States and sent to Great Britain?—5512. Where are the atlases printed; how many are you getting—5513. I am satisfied that if the North Atlantic Trading Company's claims had been placed in the estimates by itself it would have been discussed years ago—5520. Will you kindly tell us how you arrive at the amount wanted?—5521. The difference between the present system and the system before 1896 is that now the minister has a much freer hand, and can use any part of the appropriation for what he likes—5522.

Salaries of agents and employees in Canada, Great Britain and foreign countries, $150,000—5862.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5871.

What is Mr. Blair's present position in the department? Is Mr. Hilliard a permanent officer of the department?—5871. How much of their time do Messrs. Dickey and Hawkins give to the duties in connection with their offices?—5872. What advertising is done by De Cœli in Belgium amounting to $1,198 37?—5873. What is the reason for difference in price between special issues of Winnipeg 'Free Press' and the Chicago 'Canadian-America'?—5875. What would a one-page advertisement in the 'Globe' of Toronto be worth?—5876.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—5869.

What is the name of the agent at Great Falls, Montana? Reads charges of misconduct from Macleod 'Gazette' of April 12, 1906—5869.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5866.

Does not the minister think that printing could be obtained in England at a lower price than the Arundel Printing Com-

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pany did it for?—5866. Would like to know how the sums are arrived at and how they are paid?—5870.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—5864.

Who acted for the government in this matter?—5864.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—5867.

Has the minister (Mr. Oliver) got in his department any copies of the Western Canada pamphlets or Western Canada newspaper?—5867.

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The sum of $187,200 was voted for the fiscal year 1905-6 in connection with immigration salaries, and for the nine months ending March 31, 1907, it is estimated that we will require $150,000 for this service—5862. During the past year the bulk of the printing was done in Canada—5863. The fact that the printing was done through a commission agent is no evidence that the government had to pay more than if they had dealt directly with printing firms—5866. The literature issued by the immigration branch is revised every time we get out a new edition—5867. The great bulk of immigration literature is placed in the hands of the steamboat agencies who are interested in sending people to Canada—5868. I have no knowledge of any charge being made for Canadian immigration pamphlets—5869. The names to whom bonuses are paid are all available in the Auditor General's office—5870. At the present time we have a contract with the 'Globe' for a page advertisement at $700—5876.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—5874.

Will minister bring down some of these articles for the writing of which he has paid C. C. Cliffe, the accounts in regard to which are found at page L—24 of Auditor General's Report?—5874-5.

Speaker, Mr. Deputy—5876.

I have marked 56 carried and 55 stands—5876.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5862.

We have not had much information as to how this money is being disbursed—5862. What evidence have you that this work is cheaper than the same work in Canada?—5865. How is the immigration literature generally distributed in the old country?—5868.

Wilson, U. (Lennox and Addington)—5863.

Why did a printing company, in England, have the job of printing 3,893,450 pamphlets, newspapers and other literature for Immigration Department?—5863. Quotes amount paid the Arundel Printing Company for three years—5864. What guarantee has minister (Mr. Oliver) that printing was done at right prices?—5865. Has minister (Mr. Oliver) any detailed report from agents as to what is done with the literature?—5866. Will the minister

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give us a statement of the bonuses on immigrants that he has paid?—5870. What is the policy of the department in dealing out uniforms to agents in cities?—5873. Would like to have some general information with respect to bonuses paid to the North Atlantic Trading Company?—5874. Quotes Auditor General's Report at page L—16; what is item for?—5875.

Salaries of agents and employees in Canada, Great Britain and foreign countries, $150,000—5967.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5967.

What are the divisions of that vote for Canada, Great Britain and foreign countries respectively?—5967. Is Mr. D. McGillicuddy a new appointment?—5968. What does Dr. Elliott do in New York? If the United States examiner finds the immigrant afflicted with any of the diseases which are held to justify his exclusion from the United States, would he be excluded, even though ticketed to Canada and deported?—5969. Who are the three appointees on the continent?—5975.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5967.

Gives division of vote in Canada and the United States—5967-8. The United States examiner is not interested in preventing the coming into Canada of diseased immigrants; the results of our placing a medical man in New York to examine immigrants ticketed to Canada has had good results—5962. The amount of bonuses to be paid the North Atlantic Company on the current year will probably be about $30,000—5970. The contract with the North Atlantic Trading Co. was cancelled because company were not fulfilling certain conditions of contract; gives reasons—5971. The purpose of the contract was to produce results and we proposed to pay for results but when the results were not satisfactory to us we ceased the business with the company—5973-4.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—5968.

Was Mr. McGillicuddy doing special work for the department in the western provinces last summer?—5968.

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—5969.

Endorses the government's policy of examining immigrants. What has the minister paid the North Atlantic Trading Company in bonuses for the current year, beginning with July 1, 1905—5970. In what way did company fail to fulfil their contract?—5972. Why did you pay the bonus all these years?—5973. Did the North Atlantic Company ever submit their pamphlets and other advertising matter to the government, and did the government approve of them?—5974. According to the minister the North Atlantic Trading Company did very little to earn the money they got amounting to over a quarter of a million—5975.

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Annuity, gratuity and expenses, treaty No. 9, from which payments may be made, notwithstanding anything to contrary in the Civil Service Act, $600, $29,200—733.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—734.

Is the treaty finally settled?—734.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—734.

This amount is required to complete negotiations with Indians and to pay annuities to those who came into treaty last summer—734.

Civil Government—Department of Indian Affairs, to provide for the payment of salary of J. D. McLean, secretary, at $2,700 per annum, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act, $150—5985.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto).—5985.

How long has Mr. McLean been there?—5985. Contingencies—To provide for the payment to widow of late A. Arcand, $35, and to A. M. P. Drouin for engrossing, $10, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act, $45—5985.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—5985.

Is this payment to widows universal or only for certain ones?—5985.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5985.

This is not a gratuity but for work which was done by her husband before his death—5985.

General legal expenses, $6,350—726.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—728.

The administration of justice in relation to the Indians of the county of Brant, is in a very unsatisfactory condition. It is estimated by the legal adviser of the county council of Brant that about $25,000 has been paid by the white population for the administration of justice to these tribes and no return whatever has been made. Indians are wards of whole Dominion, not of the county of Brant—729. Claim was recognized by department up to 1877—737. Does hon. minister contend that Indians are wards of the provincial government?—732.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—732.

The Indian Act defines a number of offences with respect to Indians and prescribes penalties—732. A good deal of uncertainty exists in minds of lawyers and judges as to just how an appeal should be taken under the Act. Quotes provision in Act—733.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles—(Minister of Justice)—731.

Will hon. friend (Mr. Northrup) be good enough to mention the name of counsel whose bill was raised in the way he mentions?—731.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—728.

How much was spent last year in legal expenses? Why do you take such a large vote in the presence of such a small expenditure?—728.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—730.

House has had experience of counsel sending in bill to the Department of Justice and that department kindly raising bill several hundred dollars—730.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—727.

Legal work is done by agents of the Department of Justice in the locality in which case is to be dealt with. Item is necessary to provide for any case that may arise in which it may be thought advisable to engage counsel for defence of Indians charged with serious crimes—727. There is nothing in the Indian Act or in the authority vested in the Department of Indian Affairs that would warrant the department in assuming responsibility on behalf of a municipality for the administration of justice in regard to Indians. It is impossible to foresee what legal expenses may amount to, and it has always been thought well to provide what would be a reasonable and sufficient amount—730. If province of Ontario is to be treated in same manner as the provinces in the Northwest, the expenditure is one appertaining to the province and not to the Dominion—732. There are no law officers connected with Indian Department—733.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—726.

Would like to have some explanation as to how item is made up—726. Will hon. minister tell us whether the hon. Solicitor General takes charge of the legal work of his department, or has he to farm it out to different lawyers throughout the country? Understands the practice is that Indians give an order on the annual grant for the payment of the solicitor they employ, and his fees are deducted—727.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—728.

In what stage of advancement toward completion is the Oka dispute? Are the Indians being removed as formerly, or are they still in possession of the property?—728.

Implements, tools, &c., $8,307—735.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—735.

How are those tools. &c., purchased, by tender?—735.

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The increase is principally accounted for by a request for a threshing outfit for the Saddle Lake agency, and more implements and tools for Indian Station No. 8—735.

Indians, General—J. A. Macrae, Inspector Indian agencies and reserves, $1,350—1228.

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Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—1250.

Wants to know the amount received from the trust fund and expended. Thinks the Indian Department most extravagantly managed—1250. Suggests placing the Indians in larger groups—1251.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—1228.

Renews subject of Giant's Tomb Island, Georgian Bay—1228. Quotes from minister's speech in 'Hansard' that no sale of timber on the island was made to Peter Ryan. Claims that, notwithstanding that statement, a sale was made—1229. Quotes from Mr. Ryan's letter in 'Globe' that such an offer was made. What Mr. Chitty says—1230. Mr. Beck was not prepared to pay the price ($9,230) placed on the timber by Mr. Chitty. Where Peter Ryan comes in—1231. Has a letter from a gentleman who intimates he would be willing to purchase the island for $15,000—1232. The department offered this island to Mr. Peter Ryan without tender in face of the secretary's report that it was illegal to make such a sale—1236. Where the middleman comes in—1237. Admires Peter Ryan as a political lever who can make most of the ministers sit up when he wants to—1238. Contrasts minister's denial that Mr. Ryan was told the island was for sale, with Mr. Chitty's report—1239. Have we the assurance of the minister that these islands will be put up to public competition by sale or tender—1240. Very little reliance can be placed upon statements that come from the deputy minister of that department—1241.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—1251.

Where is Treaty 8 located? How many reserves in British Columbia?—1251.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—1236.

Asks if Ryan's offer was not a certain figure and the department's price another figure—1236.

Asks for information concerning medical agency for Twatt's band in the Carleton agency. Exonerates Dr. Tyerman personally from election frauds, and would like to see him appointed medical officer—1245.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1241.

Asks for information as to date and conditions of the Canada Furnace Company lease of Giant's Tomb Island—1241.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—1241.

Inquires whether J. P. Hamilton has been appointed an Indian agent—1241. Asks further particulars as to location of Hamilton and salary. Says Hamilton was one of four farm instructors on the Touchwood agency, and yet that in the spring of last year no land whatever was ready for crop—1242. Claims that Hamilton, while on salary as instructor, was electioneering and acted as poll clerk—1243. Mr. Hamilton's duties are very onerous—1244. Of course, the minister takes the responsibility—1245. Has the minister any information as to whether the Muscowequan school is located on

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private property or not? Is the grant in aid of these schools given for half-breed children as well as for Indian children?—1246.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—1237.

Asks for terms of Ryan's offer—1237. The minister now in a position to clear $6,000 for the people of the country—1238.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Solicitor General)—1249.

Think the McLaren's are the members of that firm—1249.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—1249.

Is it a fact that the Department has deputed to this company the right to judge between the company and the Indians?—1249.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1230.

Is informed that no offer was made to Peter Ryan—1230. Produces report signed by George L. Chitty, dated May 1, 1900—1233. Also further report from Mr. Chitty, dated October 21, 1905—1234. There was no scandal, because there had been no transaction—1236. The department did not offer to take any price from Mr. Ryan. If the department offered the island at $9,000 where was the middleman?—1237. When this island is available for sale it will be sold by public competition, and if Peter Ryan offers the most money for it, Peter Ryan will get it—1238. Denies that Mr. Ryan was offered the island without competition—1239. Has a letter from Mr. D'Arcy Scott, in which that gentleman states he had no connection with the transaction. Reads letter to a former minister of the Interior from Mr. Bennett, dated August 24, 1894—1240. A license was issued to the Canada Furnace Company in 1870, and has been continued down to the present time—1241. P. J. Hamilton, not appointed Indian agent, but has charge of a reserve—1241. The reserve is Kinistino, and the salary is $800 a year—1242. Has no information that Hamilton was electioneering. Does not consider acting as poll clerk an offence—1243. Issued no departmental order prohibiting officials from taking part in elections. Each official must be responsible for his own action—1244.

Dr. Tyerman is the medical officer for Twatt's band, and has been asked to send in his resignation—1245.

Gives particulars to Mr. Lake concerning Muscowequan school—1246.

In reply to Mr. Staples says he cannot give information as to receipt of petition—1246. Does not know that it would be possible to secure the release of all the reserve, but would make effort to secure release of all that could be got—1247.

In answer to Mr. Sam Hughes—Lands are sold either, by tender or by auction—1247.

The Indians ownership or timber is as absolute as their ownership of land. On the Doncaster reserve there is a collision, and

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the department is doing its best to settle the mutual rights—1248. Department will do its best to deal with the Indian garden reserve at the same time—1250.

Amount expended from trust fund in the year 1904-5 was $346,660. The chief expenditure on Indians is for their education and management, and supplying to them that principle which is civilization —1250. The territory has been increased in the Yukon, in British Columbia, and by Treaty No. 8, in Athabaska. There are 1040 reserves in British Columbia—1251.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—1246.

Asks if petition has been received from citizens of Swan Lake, asking to have reserve thrown open for settlement—1246. The people of Swan Lake would feel grateful if the reserve could be opened for settlement—1247. Would ask the minister if it is possible to recover that section which is contained in the Indian Garden reserve—1249.

Walsh, Robert Nelson (Huntingdon)—1248.

Inquires as to rights of Indians to the timber on the reserves. Last year some of the Indians on the Doncaster reserve cut certain timber which they said was for building purposes, and a lumber company which has certain cutting rights there has seized the logs and given the Indians no satisfaction—1248.

Indian schools, $221,795—947.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —947.

Desire of department is to secure teachers who hold at least third-class certificates 947.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—947.

Do teachers in Indian schools require to have same qualifications as teachers in public schools of province? What inspection are they subject to?—947.

Live stock, $20,867—735.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont)—740.

Why were cattle purchased elsewhere when there are so many in the west—740. Are these cattle purchased under a written contract and what supervision is exercised to ensure that adequate value shall be received? Why do you persist in buying such an enormous proportion of bulls—741.

Herron, John (Alberta)—739.

Would hon. minister tell us if government have any system of inspection of these cattle on delivery at different agencies in Alberta? Could get a better class of stock for about $18 or $19 per head. Cattle supplied from Manitoba and Ontario not the best class to turn over to Indians—739. Does not understand why government does not call for tenders—739.

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Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—737.

Perhaps hon. minister can explain the necessity of purchasing more bulls when we have such an enormous quantity as 304?—737.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—741.

How are provisions purchased by public tenders—741.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —735.

Live stock is purchased by Inspector Markle for Alberta and by Inspector Graham for Saskatchewan—735. Hopes to buy what thoroughbreds are required for Alberta agencies at the Calgary sale and those for Saskatchewan agencies at the Regina sales. Auditor General's Report to which hon. gentleman (Mr. W. J. Roche) has referred deals with year ending June 30, 1905—736. Maximum price was $125 but inspector was allowed some latitude at Calgary sale—737. Does hon. member (Mr. Ingram) ask explanation as to why there is so much stock required? Much surprised to hear the definite statement made by hon. gentleman (Mr. Herron) that cattle were so far below in value the price paid for them. Many ranch men have found it profitable to purchase young stock in eastern Canada —740. Tenders are called for by public advertisement, and the supplies are taken from those giving the lowest tender according to sample—741.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—735.

Does the agent of department purchase this live stock or is there any special officer to perform this service? Can minister state how many cattle were purchased last year at Calgary cattle sales—735. Can minister say what the maximum price was? What agencies has Inspector Markle jurisdiction over?—737. Are there not sufficient cattle raised in the three provinces of west to supply demand?—739.

Medical attendance and medicines, $2,775—734.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—734.

Are physicians paid by salary or according to attendance? Why do you have two systems?—734.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —734.

Nineteen are paid by salaries running from $50 up to $400. Because in some cases the Indians are so scattered that the salary is not justifiable—734.

Medical attendance and medicines, $2,625—734.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—734.

'Medical attendance and medicines' seem to be about 50 per cent more than the relief and seed grain vote. If department gave less medicine and more seed grain would it not be better for them?—734.

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Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —734.

Will bring what has been said to the attention of the officers of the department; may be justification for them—734.

Payment of Robinison treaty annuities, $12,450—722.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—722.

Does this treaty continue in perpetuity? Is parliament to understand that for many years the Dominion government has been paying this, and the Ontario government, though receiving benefit, did not pay anything till 1903? Has House ever been favoured with papers on subject?—723.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —722.

Understands that question as between Dominion and province has been settled, and that the province has paid in a capitalized amount of $205,000, capitalized in 1903 at 3 per cent, and then a further amount of $88,000 capitalized in 1903 at 5 per cent, giving a total annual payment on revenue of $10,550—722.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—722.

How are the negotiations between the Dominion and Ontario in regard to this? There must be a payment made to Indians by somebody; has the federal government to pay it in the future, or the provincial government?—722. Since what date has the contract run?—723.

Salaries, $50,537.50; contingencies, $11,548.13.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—366.

Should ask each minister when he goes over every item to state exactly what total would be for twelve months. Would minister tell what chief clerks would amount to for whole year?—366.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—366.

Have you given the clerks the statutory increase? How is it the amount is just the same, without any decrease in the number of clerks at all—366.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior—366.

Estimates for Indian Affairs have been framed to meet the expenditure during nine months ending March 31, 1907—365. The total amount is not the same as last year; the statutory increases make difference—366.

Schools—To provide a further amount for boarding and industrial schools, $9,700—5990.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—5990.

There are no Indians at St. Paul de Métis—5990.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5990.

Gives school divisions with figures for maintenance—5990.

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Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—5991.

Have there not been some irregularities in connection with the File Hill agency, some shortage in accounts or misappropriation of funds?—5991

Sioux, $4,514—960.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—960.

What does that mean?—960.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —960.

There is a band of Sioux Indians who came to Canada in 1860, and for reasons between themselves and government of United States, have never been able to move back. Reservations have been set apart for them, and they have been given certain consideration, but they are not treated same as original inhabitants of country—960.

Survey of Indian reserves, $7,000—723.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—725.

Have any of these islands been sold? How was the money divided between the province and the Dominion?—725.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—723.

What is this big increase for?—723. What is the total area of the Caughnawaga reserve?—724.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —723.

Increase in this item is asked for to enable certain works which are pressing to be carried out—723. Surveys of Georgian Bay islands are completed as far as the north shore—724. Survey was made with a view to selling islands. The whole question is still finally unsettled but a provisional arrangement has been arrived at whereby the Ontario government will formally relinquish its right to the islands in order that islands may be sold—725. Indian Department has only made surveys south of Moose Deer Point and the matter of cost as between the Ontario government and this government has not yet been adjusted—726.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—724.

Is any of this money to be spent in surveying the islands in Georgian bay?—724. What is the department doing with reference to these islands? Is the department selling them? What arrangement has been come to between the Ontario government and the Dominion in regard to these islands?—725. If these islands belong to Ontario, and parliament would seem to admit that allegation on account of funding the money till the final disposition is made of it, how do you arrange as to cost of surveys?—726.

Surveys, $11,000—947.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—955.

Who has the lease of Blood reserve, when was it granted, for how many years and the consideration? Are not Peter Ryan

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and Charles Beck connected with the so-called McEwan Cattle Company and are they not known in the department as the actual lessees?—955. Is there any correspondence between Charles Beck and Peter Ryan with government in reference to lease? Is there a fixed two cent rate ordinarily on these leases in the department and for how many years is this lease granted? Can minister tell me of another 10 year grazing lease in the department?—956.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—948.

This case demands every effort of government to bring about better conditions in development of white population, without detriment to Indians, and realizing always that good faith must be kept with them—948. Was part of an Indian reserve secured for National Transcontinental Railway? Was it done with Indian's consent? Remarkable that law should give railway company power to do for promotors what government has not power to do for inhabitants of large community—949. Would like to say case appears to be more analogous than minister seems to think. Does not see much difference between expropriating land for right of way of railway and expropriating it so that community established by railway may have proper development—951. Who are the ostensible lessees of Blood reserve?—957. What is the area of reserve?—958. Condition of affairs seems to be unsatisfactory; Indians are simply wards and lease in end must be made with Crown—959.

Fowler, Geo. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—952.

Have any reserves in British Columbia been surrendered or are steps being taken to have such reserves surrendered?—952. More important that there should be surrenders of some reserves in British Columbia than of reserves in Northwest—953. If rights of Indians were extinguished by purchase would they have right of reversionary interest? Is that a statute or a decision of the courts?—954.

Herron, John (Alberta)—955.

In western country all recognize the importance of government keeping faith with Indians; would like minister to take case of Cardston into consideration when he is considering other Indian reservations—955.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—947.

People in section of Crooked Lakes Indian reserve are most anxious that position of reserve should be placed on market; existence of such a large tract, absolutely undeveloped, lying in old district on original main line of Canadian Pacific Railway is great drawback to progress of country—947-8. Would like to hear minister say that immediate effort would be made with regard to this particular reserve, because it has been hanging fire so long—951.

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McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—951.

Would like to know what action has been taken by department to obtain consent to surrender of Indians on Sarcee reserve. Did the department offer to negotiate with other Indians at same time? Have not surrenders been obtained from Indians or reserves further north?—952. What is the name of officer who negotiated with Sarcee Indians in February last? Who negotiated for reserve close to Edmonton? Has not a reserve been surrendered in vicinity of Edmonton within last two years?—960.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—950.

If it becomes a question between Indians and whites, the interests of whites will have to be provided for; very glad leader of opposition has drawn attention to it—950. Can assure hon. member (Mr. M. S. McCarthy) that at very first opportunity negotiations will be resumed with Indians on Sarcee reservation—952. There have been no surrenders in British Columbia in recent years. Might be worth while considering whether the terms in Indian Act might be somewhat relaxed; better move in that direction than adopt the somewhat drastic suggestion of expropriation—954. Understands that contention of British Columbia government is that whenever a reservation becomes vacant for any reason they then take possession of land—955. Does not know if House is as much interested in Mr. Beck as hon. friend (Mr. Bennett) is—957. Arrangement being a lease and not a sale, it is not dealt with by statute—958. Has been no surrender in vicinity of Edmonton within past year—959.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—949.

For past two or three years every effort has been made to induce Indians to give up portion of reserve—949.

Triennial clothing, $5237—943.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—943.

How much was paid for water-power sold to the Pulp Mill Co., known as the Imperial Pulp Mill Company in Sturgeon Falls? How much was paid for the twenty-five acres or the quantity of land that went along with the water-power, by this company? Who acted on behalf of Indians in sale?—943. What lawyer or counsel acted for Indians in contract that was drawn up?—944. Understands payments are $1,000 each year; if no interest was paid by company, Indians would still be paid 3 per cent on their money—945.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—943.

Does not see how item should be so much larger for nine months. Is clothing given every three years?—943.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—943.

Reason of increase is because of greater number of Indian chiefs—943. Indian

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Department is responsible for interests of Indians, and officers of department are parties who are responsible for Indian side of transaction—944. Indians are being paid 3 per cent; are getting exactly same treatment as all Indians similarly circumstanced—945. Has been no surrender of Crooked Lake Reserve—946.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—946.

Has there been any surrender of the Crook Lake Reserve? Are Indians subject to game laws of various provinces? If an hotelkeeper sells liquor to an Indian and he is fined by Indian agent, who is also justice of peace, does fine go to Dominion treasury?—946.

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Day Schools, $8,550—1087.

Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—1087.

Why have you not day schools in Ontario? —1087.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1087.

There are 72 day schools in Ontario and 37 in British Columbia—1087.

Industrial and boarding schools, $62,500—1087.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—1093.

Thinks the practice of paying the freight on clothing contributed should be continued—1093.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—1089.

Asks concerning the Lytton school in British Columbia—1089.

Henderson, David (Halton)—1091.

How much does government contribute to Alberni school? Do they contribute anything for clothing?—1091. Does the government send an inspector to the school? Does the government pay the freight on clothing sent out by different religious bodies to the Indian children?—1092.

Hughes, S. (Victoria and Haliburton)—1088.

Can the minister give statement showing the various denominations that are concerned, and what grant is made to each school by denomination?—1088. What is the difference between industrial boarding schools and those that are called ordinary boarding schools?—1090. Is any manufacturing done at Kootenay industrial school, and what becomes of the stuff manufactured?—1092. Does the government pay for one school and not for all? What is the policy?—1093.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—1087.

Are the boarding schools at or near the Indian reserve provided by the government. On what principle is the discrimination made—1088. Would the government give a grant for a school building on a private property, as readily as

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Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—*Con.*

for a school building on an Indian reserve?—1089. Asks for particulars of Muscowequau's boarding school in the Touchwood Hills agency—1090. Renews inquiry—1093. I understand that the principal of the school—Rev. Father Menston —did very good political work during the recent local elections—1094.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1088.

There is no principle governing the appropriation that is paid by the government to schools. It varies according to circumstances. Gives list of mission schools —1088. Industrial schools receive $130 per head; boarding schools receive $60 per head, the education being more limited. Metlakathla is a government school, where $140 is the payment for boys and $100 for girls. Lytton industrial school is under auspices of Church of England—40 pupils at $130 each. None of the industrtal schools are built on Indian reserves—1089. Boarding schools are on reserves and are owned and controlled by government. Cannot answer in regard to Touchwood Hills agency. Northwest Territories at the moment. Difference in instruction given in the two classes of schools—1090. Gives particulars as to Alberni industrial school—1090. Gives particulars as to Alberni industrial school 1091. The question of the Kootenay industrial school; do not know that the school authorities make a report of the product of the school. If charitable people desire to contribute clothing government is not bound to interfere—1092. It is the intention of government to cease paying the freight. From time to time assistance is given in the way of improving the conditions of the school. Report of Dr. Bryce's trip is in Indian Report. Department contributed $2,250 to building, on the understanding that it was on government property—1093. Will have matter looked into. There is provision for a grant of $72 per head for forty pupils, but nothing further asked towards the building—1094.

Medical attendance and medicine, $15,000—1079.

Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—1080.

Why should medical attendance in British Columbia cost so much more than in Quebec and Ontario?—1080. Do I understand that there are 1,000 reserves in British Columbia?—1081. Takes exception to cost of boarding schools in British Columbia when compared with Eastern provinces—1085. Thinks there should be further explanation into the medical attendance and the school item—1087.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1084.

Probably he (Dr. Lafferty) made an elaborate report to the government. Does the minister know if there was one ?—1084.

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Chisholm, Thos. (East Huron)—1082.

Why should the Indians not pay their own medical fees?—1082. Does the department supply medicine besides giving salary?—1086.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—1084.

Draws attention to discrepancy between treatment of Indians on Brant reserve and those in British Columbia—1084.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1079.

How has that been running for the past few years?—1079. There is more there—1085.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—1082.

Do you pay them a stated price per year, as is done in New Brunswick? If another doctor is called in does the regular doctor pay the fee?—1082.

Hughes, S. (Victoria and Haliburton)—1080.

What medical men are permanently employed?—How many Indians at Mission City and at Hot Springs?—1080. Do not many of the B.C. Indians earn large sums at fish panning?—1081. Has minister any report to show that one out of a thousand of these Indians ever sees a doctor? Draws attention to page J-70 of Auditor General's Report, and claims that great discrepancy exists in cost of medical attendance on reserves—1085.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—1082.

The Indians contiguous to the water make fairly good money, but there are a great many removed from that possibility—1082. Said they were different animals—1084.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1079.

Gives expenditures for last four years. Medical attendance and medicines are provided for Indians who cannot afford to buy them—1079. Gives list of doctors employed and amounts paid. 300 Indians at Mission City, and about 400 at Hot Springs. In Quebec there are only about 10,000 Indians; in British Comlumbia there are 25,000 scattered over about 1,000 reserves. About 20,000 in Ontario; they are more civilized and pay for a good deal of medical attendance—1080. There are 1,040 reserves in British Columbia. The Ontario Indians have a valuable income which the British Columbia Indians have not—1081. There are one-third more than in Ontario, which increases the cost without corresponding increase of earning power. Doctors have to report from time to time. If another doctor is called in the regular doctor pays the fee—1082. Now dealing with medical attendance only. There is considerable tuberculosis among the British Columbia Indians; it is common to all Indians who have adopted civilized life to any extent. Dr. Mackenzie of Manitoulin, and Dr. Fraser, of Brandon were brought here to discuss the question of tuberculosis—1083. Have no report from Dr. Lafferty. The permanently employed doctors are allowed to practise outside the agency. Good men could not be obtained to give full service for amount that some of the doctors are paid, and only good men are wanted. The physicians provide their own medicine—1086. Will be glad if hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) will give facts to me where a doctor has employed a student to do his work. Physicians' services in the West are more expensive than in Ontario. The Indians in British Columbia are scattered and need a larger number of schools in proportion to their members—1087.

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

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—1083.

Is there much tuberculosis among the Indians of B. C.? Was the visit of Dr. Lafferty this year at expense of government? Was any other medical officer invited down—1083? The trip a nice one, but there should not be discrimination—1084.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1081.

How is it that the earnings of the Ontario Indians enable them to pay for medical attendance, and the B. C. Indians, who earn nearly as much, do not pay for attendance?—1081.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—1084.

Heard Sir John Macdonald speak of the Indians as wards of the nation; now Mr. Macpherson, who presumably speaks for the government, says they are a different breed of animals—1084. Instead of decreasing, the expenditure on Indians is increasing up by leaps and bounds—1085.

Office and miscellaneous, $7,927.50—1094.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—1094.

Does the minister know the population of Hazelton, and how many nurses and attendants there are in the hospital?—1094.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1094.

This is divided into different items; we have a report of Hazelton in the department—1094.

Relief, $6,000—1078.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—1079.

If it is a matter of taking care of the insane it is a perfectly legitimate expense—1079.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1078.

The expenditure under this head in 1901-2 was $6,499; in 1902-3, $8,767; 1903-4, $7,182; in 1904-5, $8,002—1078.

Salaries, $18,060—1078.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1078.

That disappears from the 'miscellaneous'—1078.

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Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1078.

Salary of Mr. Dalby increased from $720 to to $840 on recommendation of superintendent. A clerk at $600, for the Indian agent at New Westminster was formerly charged to ' miscellaneous—1078.

Seeds, $750—1079.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—1089.

What supervision is over them that they do not dispose of the tools?—1079.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1079.

Implements and seed grain are given to Indians who show an honest desire to cultivate their lands. It is done under the supervision of the agent—1079.

Steamboat for Northwest coast agency, and running expenses, $12,000—1094.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1095.

This is entirely new. Would like to ask how the boat will be constructed and where? By tender?—1095.

Henderson, David (Halton)—1095.

Does minister know any one out there who has a boat to sell worth $12,000?—1095.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1095.

Gives reasons for having boat constructed. Am informed that it is the custom in British Columbia to have boats built by tender. If hon. gentlemen will pass the item we will give them a guarantee that we will have a boat built—1095.

Travelling expenses, $4,950—1094.

Item is intended to provide for the travelling expenses of the superintendent, the school inspector and nine Indian agents in British Columbia—1094.

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Annuities, $146,405—734.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —734.

Increase is accounted for by the fact that a large number of Indians only come for payment every second year, and next year those who were absent last year are expected to be present—734.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—734.

Is decrease in annuities owing to increase of Indian population or what is basis on which annuities are paid?—734. Will the minister inform us the amount of the similar vote last year and the year before? Are any of the agencies in the west and Manitoba self-sustaining?—735.

General expenses, $130,036—960.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—960.

Has minister any information to give to House about the Indian schools which were subject of discussion the other evening?—960. Did Dr. Lafferty come to Ottawa in consequence of direction of department? Is Dr. Bryce an official of the Indian Department? Why does minister not own up and say that Dr. Lafferty came to Ottawa to lay claim to senatorship—963. Hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) is evidently master of details of his department than any of his predecessors. Who are the medical men to whom my hon. friend refers as not being equal to Dr. Lafferty in qualifications?—964. Would it not be reasonable to help out the struggling young men to eke out a livelihood in the towns that the minister describes —966.

Henderson, David (Halton)—965.

Are we to understand that in event of one of the Indians being taken ill it is necessary to send sixty miles for a doctor ?—965.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —961.

There are a number of different kinds of schools, nearly as many kinds as there are schools. Efforts will be made to reach an adjustment which, if not satisfactory to every one, will be as satisfactory as possible—961. No reason why Dr. Lafferty or any other physician in city of Calgary should not discharge duties on all these different reserves—962. There is no medical man near those agencies of anything like the standing or qualification of Dr. Lafferty; am well acquainted with ground, and circumstances, and gentleman whose name is in question—964. Having to employ a Calgary physician for Sarcee reserve and the industrial school, it is only reasonable that same physician should have charge of other reserves—966.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—961.

Would like explanation from minister as to how Dr. Lafferty comes to have monopoly of all reserves situated at various distances within fifty or sixty miles of Calgary—961-2. Is there not a medical man at Cochrane between the Stoney and Sarcee reserves?—964-5. It is not necessary for a physician to have a large country practice to be well qualified or to be well known—967. Would like to have item on page J—45 of Auditor General's Report explained—968.

Provisions, &c., $109,244—932.

Bennett, Wm. H. (East Simcoe)—932.

Has minister made any disposition of timber on a large island known as the Giants' Tomb to Mr. Peter Ryan of Toronto? Has there been a sale of timber on the Giant's Tomb to a party named Alexander?—932. Does minister state positively that there has been no deal-

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ing by department with any person or persons as to maple or other kinds of timber on island? Will minister please inform me how far negotiations have proceeded and who is acting in negotiations? Who has been acting on behalf of Mr. Ryan in negotiations?—933. How many acres of land, and what amount of timber is estimated on island, and what is its approximate value? Is department prepared to sell whole island for $9,000? Does minister consider that island should be sold by private sale or auction?—934. Indian tribes always believed island belonged to Indian Department, but since change of government train has been laid to pass timber on island to party supporters; Mr. Ryan and Mr. Beck are one and same in interest—935. Would hon. minister bring down report of Mr. Chitty valuing timber at $9,000? Would be in public interest that there should be a public auction sale rather than a private sale—936. Can well understand hon. friend from South Grey (Mr. Miller) approving of sale by tender—939. Minister of Interior is advertising to-day for sale of a single little island up back of Peterborough or Cobourg—941. Did not say anything was wrong with tenders; said it was matter of suspicion that hon. member for Centre York (Mr. Campbell) should be lowest by four cents—942-3.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —940.

Statement made by hon. member for Simcoe (Mr. Bennett) re matter of flour for penitentiary is absolutely unfounded in fact; tenders were called for in public press—940. Quotes memoranda re tenders for penitentiary—941-2.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—938.

Agrees with minister that the better method and the one by which the highest price would be realized is to sell by public tender—938.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —932.

Has been no sale of timber on island to Mr. Peter Ryan. Pine and oak on Giant's Tomb island is under license to Mr. Alexander; license is now held by Canada Furniture Company—932. Have correspondence from Mr. Peter Ryan, Mr. Beck, of Penetanguishene, and from Canada Furniture Company, applying for timber on land—933. Department is not in position to sell either island or timber because of timber license which now exists upon island—937-8.

Telford, W. P. (North Grey)—938.

As purchaser of Griffith Island, believes he paid $1,000 more than thing was worth—938.

Seeds, field and garden, $1,689—735.

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Blain, Richard (Peel)—735.

How does it come that the government has to supply seeds for the Indians every year?—735.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —735.

Indians on the reserves supply the bulk of their own field seeds. Garden seeds are supplied year after year from outside, as Indians to not grow their own—735.

To provide an additional amount for provisions, etc., $4,000—5990.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—5990.

Is that the same old amount or a new one? —5990.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5990.

This item is intended to pay for maintenance of insane Indians in the asylums of Manitoba, at Selkirk and Brandon—5990.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—INDIAN AFFAIRS—MARITIME PROVINCES, ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Indian school, Maritime provinces, Ontario and Quebec, attendance and medicines, $4,200—717.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —717.

For all services under which expenditure is continuous throughout the twelve months a reduction has been made in items on basis of nine months. This applies to expenses of management, school grants, medical attendance, miscellaneous charges, implements, live stock, etc. Certain sub-heads under which reduction cannot be made as the expenditure takes place early in the year. For the partial reduction of twenty-five per cent the estimates are less than for 1895-96 by $325,601—717.

Indian school, Maritime provinces, Ontario and Quebec, $40,072.50—717.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—717.

How many schools are there? Have all teachers certificates?—717. Are Indians taught to work on farms in Ontario—718. Are medical men paid by contract or for work they actually do? Medical charge per capita for Indians is greater than it is for whites—720. Who prepares and revises books—721.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—717.

Where are these schools located?—717. Is there any system of inspection in these schools, and if so, what is the system? —718. Is same standard asked on Indian reserves that is found in other counties? What kind of books are used? Who engages teachers?—721.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—719.

Has endeavoured to find out what advantage it is to Indian children to receive

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

instruction in these schools. If you send Indian children back to the tribe amongst those who have no education at all, they relapse almost immediately into same condition of barbarism as their ancestors; but if you segregate those who have had some education a very decided improvement ensues. Great deal of care should be paid by department to the after course of life of the Indian children educated in the schools—719.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city, N.B.)—718.

How many schools are in the maritime provinces, where are they situated, and how many pupils are there? What is the number of pupils attending these schools? —718.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—718.

What has minister to say with reference to progress of Indian children in schools? Are they making satisfactory progress? What are they fitted for? What do they become as products of schools?—718. Do many Indian children go to white schools in maritime provinces?—719. Inclined to think Indian schools are ineffective because there are so few children you can get together for any length of time in year. It takes probably more special ability in a teacher to take hold of Indian children and instil into them the desire to learn than it does in case of white children. Is the struggle still on between department and the medical men as regards their constant medical care?—720.

Gunn, B. B. (South Huron)—720.

Does minister say that Indians are not taught farming in eastern provinces?—720.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —718.

In the province of Ontario the Indians are showing considerable progress in education and civilization, and are taking some interest in the ordinary work of civilization in their vicinity according to their condition of life. Government is attempting to give Indian children the best educational opportunities possible so that they may work out their own civilization to the best advantage, influenced by the example of the white population around them.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—717.

Are these teachers required to have any certificates? Do they teach any other language than English?—717. Are physicians who attend Indians on salary allowed practice—720.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—721.

Are these schools inspected the same as other schools?—721.

Indians, New Brunsick—Salaries, $1,056—734.

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Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—734.

How many Indian agents are there in New Brunswick and what are their salaries?

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)

Two, W. D. Farley, who gets $500, and James Farley, who gets $600—734.

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Indians, Nova Scotia—Relief and seed grain, $2,025—734.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—734.

How is grain purchased, by tender?

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)

The grain is purchased by local agent, by ordinary purchase—734.

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To provide a further amount for schools, $8,000—5985.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—5985.

What schools are these?—5985.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5986.

The assumption of responsibility within the district covered by treaty No. 9 makes it necessary at the present time to deal with the most pressing requisitions in this direction; figures—5986. The Indians of this reserve have asked for a new school building, the present one being needed by the resident missionary for a residence—5987.

SUPPLY — INTERIOR — INDIAN AFFAIRS — YUKON.

Relief and medical attendance, $6,000.

Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—1207.

Wants to know the reason why the medical attendance costs $69,000 now as against $33,000 ten years ago, with practically the same Indian population—1207.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—1206.

How many medical men are employed, and are they on salary or otherwise?—1206.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1208.

Asks if Yukon council has anything to do with Indians in that district. Understands the minister takes the ground that if information is required about the Yukon, he is not bound to look after it—1208. Renews question about contract between Yukon council and rainmaker—1209. Minister said plainly that we could go to Boston, and he would not get any information for us—1210. Quotes minister's statement on July 11, 1905—1213. To-night minister says the Yukon council do their own legislating and their own spending, without any control by parliament; a few months ago he said the exact opposite.

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Foster, Hon. George E. (North Toronto)—*Con.*

He now says if we want information we can club together and cable to the Yukon —1214. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) tried to make a distinction to draw himself out of a position which was untenable —1216. Suggests that the Minister of the Interior should obstruct his own estimates 1217. Objects to have motive of idle curiosity imputed to him by minister—1218. Informs Prime Minister that Minister of the Interior flatly refuses to obtain information form Yukon—1219. Not asking to censure the Yukon council. The question is simply, have we a right to information?—1222. Newspaper reports have been cause for governmental action on many occasions—1224.

Henderson, David (Halton)—1211.

Isn't sure that the expression, 'Plug the hole,' did not originate with Mr. Sifton. In one case the Yukon council spent $50,000 to prevent water coming up, and now they are spending other thousands of dollars to get rain to come down—1211. How do we know but that next year the minister will not ask for an appropriation to recoup the Yukon council for the money expended in this way? Cites the case of the Eldorado gusher—1226.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1224.

Opposition members perfectly within their rights in asking the government for explanation—1224. Takes exception to answer given by Minister of the Interior. It is not only the right, but the duty of parliament to see that every dollar of expenditure is properly made—1225. If the ordinances of Yukon council were laid on the table, both sides of the House would know how the money has been expended—1227.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—1207.

Was any money spent for this purpose previous to the discovery of gold in the Yukon?—1207.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —1220.

Government may be held responsible for conduct of members of council in Yukon that it appoints, but not for members elected by the people—1220. If the members of the Council expend the money unwarrantably it would be the duty of the government to revise the expenditure—1221. When copies of the ordinances of the Yukon council come down the government will find out whether or not money has been spent for rain making. It may be such an ordinance has passed—1223. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) places a newspaper report that some Canadian is in peril on the same footing as report of bargain for rain would advise Minister of Interior to gratify his rather fastidious curiosity—1224.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—1211.

What did hon. member (Mr. Foster) mean when he said Minister of Interior was an

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expert at plugging holes?—1211. Simply referred to the joke of Mr. Foster—1227.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1206.

Same amount as last year, and is necessary to furnish relief to destitute cases—1206. Indians in Yukon not on reservations, but scattered. Increased expenditure but a better service. Additional responsibilities in British Columbia and the Yukon —1207. For schools and relief Yukon government act as Indian agents—1208. Didn't say 'Boston' and didn't mean Boston—1210. Opposition should have discussed the question when the vote for the government of the Yukon was up—1211. Having established a government in the Yukon and given it powers of taxation and expenditure, that legislature is entitled to exercise these powers without let or hindrance—1212. When the legislators were appointed to the Yukon council they were appointed to legislate and not as the legislative agents of the government—1213. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) absolutely and deliberately mistakes words used—1215. Objects to be put in a wrong position by misstatements of Mr. Foster—1216. If Mr. Foster will demonstrate that the question asked is a parliamentary right, and not a matter of idle curiosity, not one moment will be lost in securing the information—1217. Did not say that Yukon council had absolute control of all the money placed at their disposal. Did not flatly refuse to bring information—1220. Presume copies are in the Department; will be pleased to lay them on the table—1227.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —1225.

How is it Mr. Foster's contention that every cent of the expenditure made by the Yukon council is to subject to review by this parliament?—1225.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—1206.

Are not the prices of supplies decreasing each year?—1206. Are these Indians increasing or decreasing?—1207.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—1211.

The ex-minister (Mr. Sifton) got $50,000 voted for plugging the hole—1211.

To provide education, $3,750—1228.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —1228.

The principle adopted is, no specific rate per capita, but a bulk sum for work actually done—1228.

To purchase additional lands and to provide for the removal of Indian houses, and surveying lands at Seven Islands, $1,500—5987.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—5988.

What is the salary of Alderman Ramsden, of Toronto, who has been appointed to

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a position in the Department of Interior, and what is his salary?—5988. What does the expenditure amounting to $20,000 in connection with treaty No. 9 mean?—5989.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—5987.

Where is Seven Islands?—5987. Who was Mr. Ramsden's predecessor?—5988.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5987.

It is proposed to purchase from the Roman Catholic mission the location of thirteen Indian houses at a total cost of $390 for eight and a half acres; the cost of surveying land will be about $490—5988. The advance is the money with which to pay to the Indians the first payment on their signing the treaty—5989.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—MAPS.

Engraving, lithographing and printing maps of the Dominion and the Northwest Territories, $24,975—5946.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5946.

Where is this work done?—5946. Are you publishing another lot of large Dominion maps? All we should do is to distribute representations of Canada to people outside the country with a view to attracting them into this country—5947.

Hughes, S. (Victoria)—5947.

I would like to distribute in the schools in my county a medium sized map with Canada on one side and inquire on the other—5947.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5946.

The map making is done in our building on Metcalfe street, where the topographical surveys branch, and the geographer's office and staff are; the maps printed in Canada are more permanent than those that are printed in the United States—5946. During this year the principal map we have got out is what we call the homestead map showing the homestead settlements in Manitoba and the two new provinces — 5948. Enumerates wages with amounts expended—5949.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5948.

What maps is the department getting out this year?—5948.

Further amount required for engraving, lithographing and printing maps of the Dominion and the Northwest Territories, $7,500—5977.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5977.

This is for the new editions of homestead maps; these maps are rather more for the information of our own people either in the Northwest or in other parts of the country than for use outside—5977.

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Wilson, U. (Lennox)—5977.

Is that for immigration purposes?—5977.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—MINES BRANCH.

Additional grant to Canadian mining institutes, $1,000—5977.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5977.

Why do you increase that vote?—5977.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5978.

The expenses of the organization have greatly increased in consequence of its greater efforts in distributing the publications of the Institute, which are sent free to the public libraries of the four continents—5978.

Grant to Canadian Mining Institute, $2,000—5949.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—5950.

Do I understand that the reports of the Geological Department have been given out free to the public lately?—5950.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5949.

How is that expended?—5949.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5950.

This is a grant to the Institute supposed to assist them in the publication of their reports—5950.

Maintenance of assay office, Vancouver, $9,000—5944.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5944.

Is that office in our own building, and what is the cost of the establishment?—5944-5.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5945.

The rent of the place is $900, and miscellaneous expenses are $2,750; these items with the salaries makes a total of $8,990—5945. Until Canada has a mint of its own, we must necessarily market our gold where it is minted—5946.

Salaries and expenses of Mines Branch, $20,000—5941.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—5941.

What has the mines branch had under consideration in the past year?—5941.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5942.

Were these mining reports a compilation of information you already had in the department from the Geological Survey?—5942.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5941.

The principal work done last year was the carrying to completion of the experiments in regard to the smelting of pig iron by electricity at Sault Ste. Marie and the examination of the zinc deposits of British Columbia—5941. The mines branch

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is a complement or development of the geological branch—5942.

Superintendent of mines, salary, $2,250—5934.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5934.

To pay the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company, in accordance with judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the balance of the amount received by the Department of the Interior for the sale of mining rights within the company's land subsidy, $27,090—5861.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5861.

What is the explanation of that briefly?—5861.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—5862.

Where were the lands?—5862.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—5862.

To whom were these coal rights sold?—5862.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5861.

This vote is to pay the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company the cash value of the coal that was paid by money scrip by government—5862.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—MISCELLANEOUS.

Cost of litigation, $8,250—5944.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5944.

Is this to provide for what the Solicitor General would do if you had one?—5944.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5944.

This money is required to pay the costs of litigation in matters connected with Dominion lands, timber and grazing lands in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, mining cases in the Yukon, and other cases which may arise—5944.

Further amount required for cost of investigations and demarcations and other astronomical works of the Department of the Interior, including cost of instruments. Salaries of temporary officers and clerks may be paid out of this sum at rates exceeding $500 per annum, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $5,000—5858.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—5858.

Is it the intention of the Minister of the Interior to expend any of this money on Lake Huron or on the northern lakes?—5858.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Postmaster General) —5861.

The question of the boundary line between Labrador and Quebec is now the subject of correspondence between the government of Newfoundland and the government of Canada—5861.

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Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—5860.

Is it the intention of the government to determine the line between the province of Quebec and Labrador or between the Straits of Belle Isle and the Hudson Straits—5861.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5858.

This is for the boundary surveys, the Canada-Alaska boundary and the boundary between Quebec and the eastern states—5858.

To pay Mr. C. H. Deutschman for improvements and services in connection with the caves in the Selkirk range, British Columbia, $5,000—5858.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5860.

Why does not the province of British Columbia pay this?—5860.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—5858.

Explain this, please—5858.

Galliher, W. A. (Kootenay)—5859.

These caves are some 30 miles from Revelstoke; the main cave has been explored for a distance of two miles, and are certainly a natural curiosity—5859.

Hughes, S. (Victoria)—5859.

Has the government made a survey?—5859. Does this give Canada a fee simple to the cave?—5860.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5858.

This item relates to the discovery of certain caves in the Rocky mountains near Glacier, on the Canadian Pacific Railway; it is felt that it would not be right or fair that the country should take advantage of the discovery of Mr. Deutschman without giving him some consideration—5858.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5859.

Did Mr. Deutschman find any minerals in the cave?—5859.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Expenses of government in the Northwest territories, including maintenance of lunatics and of schools, $6,000—5880.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5880.

Will the minister explain what these schools are?—5880.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5880.

This vote is the only repetition we have of the votes given in former years for the Northwest Territories—5880. As Keewatin is practically uninhabited there is no likelihood of any serious question being raised—5881.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5880.

What do the government propose for the government of Keewatin?—5880. Can an order in council nullify the Keewatin Act which provides for the government of Keewatin?—5881.

Further sum required for registrars, &c., $13,000—5528.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5528

Will the salaries be charged up to the provinces?—5528.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5528.

This item is to provide for the offices in the new provinces until the offices can be taken over by the provincial governments. We shall receive the revenues from the offices which are greater than the salaries—5528.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Construction of roads, bridle paths and other necessary works in connection with the Yoho park reserve and immediate vicinity, $9,000—5944.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—5944.

Where is Yoho?—5944.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5944.

Yoho is immediately across the divide from Banff National Park, on the British Columbia side—5944.

Maintenance, construction of roads, bridges, and other necessary work in connection with the Hot Springs reservation near Banff station, Alberta, $21,285—5942.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—5942.

What is this to be expended on?—5942. Have we any fees upon which we raise a revenue at Banff? Does not the Canadian Pacific Railway do the publicity work in the way of advertising—5943.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5943.

Gives amount of items; I have not felt like changing the policy I found in existence in regard to Banff?—5943. The report for last year mentions the fact that no less than 5,000 persons were turned away from Banff last year for want of accommodation—5944.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR — SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS.

Scientific institutions and hydrographic surveys—Dominion astronomical observatory—to provide for the salaries of technical officers and clerks, $10,972.50—5876.

Blain, R. (Peel)—5878.

Do the surveying parties work summer and winter, and do they send in an annual report?—5878.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS—*Con.*

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5876.

There seems to be a considerable increase in this item—5876. What method is followed in surveying our boundary?—5877. Has there been any difficulty thus far in coming to an agreement as to how the award should be carried out?—5878.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—5879.

Is the minister going to renew the survey from the Lake of the Woods to the Rocky Mountains?—5879.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—5878.

Is not the minister astray in saying that the salaries amount to only $7,000?—5878. Is there any truth in the report that an American town has been taken into Canada by a readjustment of the boundary survey?—5879. Has the minister given his consideration to the proposal to amalgamate the mapping departments of the various departments into one mapping department?—5880.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5876.

The increase is due to the statutory increases to the officials—5876. The increase in the vote for boundary surveying is largely on account of the increased amount of surveying to be made—5877. Another part of the vote is $41,000 for the Canadian Alaska boundary—5878. There is $10,000 for operations on the boundary between Vermont and Quebec—5879. The present purpose is to establish a basis for a general survey of the country with which all future surveys shall be made to conform—5880.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5876.

Do you give the statutory increases to all who are entitled to it?—5876. This cannot be a joint survey if the United States is a year ahead of Canada—5877.

Wilson, U. (Lennox and Addington)—5879.

Are these gentlemen permanent officers of the Geological Survey?—5879.

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—YUKON TERRITORY.

Government of Yukon Territory—Salaries and expenses in connection with the administration of the territory, $150,000—5906.

Blain, R. (Peel)—5929.

Would the minister explain the matter concerning the defaulting recorder at Duncan Creek?—5929.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5925.

If the judge (Mr. Dugas) has unduly interfered with any officer in the discharge of his duty then this government should take some action and investigate the case thoroughly—5925-6. There is no harm whatever in criticising the decisions of judges, but you must not impute any evil motive—5926. Reads information given to the House on April 25, 1906—5927. Reads actual amount of royalty collected from year 1897 to year 1905—

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.) —*Con.*

5928. The figures seem to show that not more than half the royalty that should have been collected has been received by the government—5929.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5906.

Would like to have the minister's own view and a statement as to what he proposes to do with reference to matters in the Yukon in regard to administration and expenses—5907. What was the amount of reduction in expenses in 1905?—5908. Has the minister taken into consideration the question of living allowance under present conditions of remaining officials?—5909. Quotes correspondence from Yukon—5910. In Fairbanks, Alaska, with a population of 20,000, about four men do the work that is done by the officers and employees in the administration building in Dawson—5911. There must have been a checking over each year in order to satisfy the department that the royalty was collected. What is the system of wood supply in the Yukon? 5930. Is the timber land in the Yukon under government control?—5931. How much is the royalty for wood per cord? Will minister tell me if Mr. H. M. Martin, Mr. Sylvestre and Mr. Sugrue are officers of the department in the Yukon?—5932. Would like minister to lay a copy of the timber investigation on the table of the House—5933.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —5924.

I never knew of any accusation being made against Mr. Justice Dugas, but it is open to any British subject in the Yukon to ask for the impeachment of Mr. Justice Dugas. I consider it my duty to look into this matter, and I will feel obliged to hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) if he will send over the papers he has in his hand —5924.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5913.

Have the government given any attention to the question of transportation between the Yukon and British Columbia?—5913. The future of the Yukon is dependent on the construction of railways into that country—5914.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5907.

Owing to the material changes in the Yukon, which now prevail, a number of governmental officials have been dispensed with; the changes will mean a reduction in salaries and allowances to the amount of $24,600 a year; gives list of clerks dispensed with—5907-8. The cost of living in the Yukon has not been so much reduced as to warrant the fixing of a salary without consideration to the giving of a separate living allowance. The government appreciates the difficulty of transportation monopoly—5913. If the exemption is $5,000, unless each individual miner took out more than $10,000, the royalty paid would be just fifty per

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cent of what it would be on the total output—5929. The system of wood supply in the Yukon resembles considerably that prevailing in the Northwest Territories where also the timber is owned by the Dominion—5931. Mr. Martin and Mr. Sugrue are under dismissal; Mr. Sylvestre is still employed—5932. It was held in the investigation that these were not the officials properly responsible for measuring the wood—5933. The proposed reductions in salaries were not made until after these estimates had been prepared —5934.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —5914.

Could the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) find any one who would agree to the same terms as Messrs. Mann and Mackenzie did?—5914.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5915.

Reads letter of Graham Campbell petitioning His Excellency the Governor General for a true copy of certain evidence—5915-6-7-8-9-20-1-2. Reads letter of former Minister of Justice, Mr. C. Fitzpatrick; reads memorial of Graham Campbell. If this man Campbell's allegations be correct, it is a strange course the government has taken in this case—5922. Brings this affair to the attention of the House because practically no action has been taken by Justice Department—5923. Is it not a fact that when the government find that Mr. Justice Dugas' conduct on the bench is a miscarriage it is their duty to indict him before parliament and have him dismissed—5924.

Grant to local council for maintenance and repairs to roads, $75,000—5934.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5934.

What is the dome that is spoken of regarding Mr. Hatfield?—5934.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5934.

The dome is the height of land from which all the gold-bearing creeks start?—5934.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5934.

Who is the Superintendent of Mines, and does the government consider his report with reference to the new method of smelting, as conclusive and favourable? —5934.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5935.

I have heard some criticism that the experiment has not been proved to be economical—5935.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5934.

In producing iron the rule is unquestionably that the larger the operations the more economical they are; Dr. Haanel's

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experiment has demonstrated the possibility of economical production to a degree beyond what had hitherto been achieved—5935.

SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE.

Salaries—$37,107.50; contingencies, $5,250—367.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—367.

Number of employees same as last year. Three junior second-class clerks have been promoted from third-class—367. Those clerks who were promoted have passed the examination. Deputy minister trying to do with less number of third-class clerks than were employed last year—368. Mr. Garneau, who was minister's private secretary, last replaced —369.

Daniel, John W. (St. John)—368.

Were there any additions made in supplementary estimates of last year to salaries in the Inland Revenue Department? Hon. minister is getting along with less salaries for ensuing year than last year —368.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—367.

Whole aim seems to be to shove persons in lower branches of department up into higher classes, and so to add, of course, not to efficiency, but to the expense of department. If the salary scale is not high enough, I think it would be better to put it right and then keep it to it in the different grades and classes—367.

Stamps for imported and Canadian tobacco, $26,000—1558.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1558.

In order to change colour of tobacco stamps a change of tariff would have to follow and the tariff question has been postponed until next session—1559. As law stands to-day, our only means of ascertaining that tobacco has paid proper duty is by variety in the colours of stamps—1560. No farmer in Jacques Cartier or Montcalm would accept suggestion of hon. friend (Mr. Monk) to put word 'Canadian' on his tobacco—1561.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1558.

Would like to know from minister if the policy of the government is to abolish distinction in colour of stamps on Canadian tobacco, and if any measure will be introduced to that effect this session—1558. Why is it necessary to change tariff in order to change tobacco stamps?—1559.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1560.

Would it not be as well to put name on stamp?—1560.

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Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—1559.

Cigar manufacturers in Hamilton take view that if colour of stamp is changed it would mean reduction in price of high class cigars—1559.

SUPPLY — INLAND REVENUE — ADULTERATION OF FOOD.

Adulteration of food and fertilizers, and the administration of the Act respecting fraudulent marking, $22,000—2617.

Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—1618.

Is the charge for the cost of analysis the only penalty? The man is fined but, apparently, he is allowed to go on with the sale—1618. When you find a man selling goods that are adulterated, you should destroy the goods and also impose a penalty—2619.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—2619.

Asks whether the adulteration of formalin and bluestone, used in the Northwest for dressing wheat and other grains, would come under this Act; draws attention to dissatisfaction in the Northwest—2619. Reads resolution passed by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association requesting the government to enforce rigid inspection of bluestone and formalin—2620.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—2620.

American and German bluestone are both very much cheaper than English bluestone, and that is the reason they are getting poor bluestone to-day in the west—2620. Chemically pure bluestone is not at all necessary to kill smut, and for that purpose is not as good as commercial bluestone—2621.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2617.

What do you do where you find the articles adulterated? Do you inflict the penalty in all cases where adulteration is detected?—2618.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—2617.

The penalty imposed for adulteration is generally the cost of the analysis, &c., amounting to about $12. The details can be found in part 3 of the Adulteration of Food. We can inspect the same article every day if we like. There is not only the fine, but the publication of the fact in an official bulletin—2618. I think there is no greater deterrent than the publication of the name, especially of a manufacturer of food stuffs, in connection with a conviction for adulteration of food. An analysis of bluestone in the Northwest was made, and it was shown that a large majority of the samples collected was genuine—2619. The bulletin was issued on March 6 last—2621.

SUPPLY — INLAND REVENUE — ELECTRIC LIGHT INSPECTORS SALARIES AND EXPENSES.

Salaries of gas and electric light inspectors, $19,800—2608.

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Barr, John (Dufferin)—2608.

The original cost of inspection must be very small, and rate of charge per annum ought not to be very great—2608.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—2609.

It seems to me that when an inspector goes into a town to inspect the meters in private houses, he should be instructed to inspect the public system of lighting in that town—2609.

Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—2610.

Are all the electric lighting systems inspected every year by your officers? Does the inspector make a report to the department?—2610. We have a system in Sussex, N.B., but I never heard of an inspection—2611.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2608.

Does the law compel inspection to be made, and does it apply to all companies? Is the voltage an indication of the strength of the light under all conditions?—2608. Do your officers inspect electric lights at regular periods? Are these meters reliable, and do they always produce reliable results—2609. Does the same individual make inspection for the voltage and for the meter?—2610.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—2608.

Notices that the estimate is increased—2608.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—2608.

The department have not heard any complaint of high charges for the inspection of electric meters. Inspection is required only once in five years. The increase this year, $1,400, is caused by the increased use of electric light. There is from time to time an inspection of the voltage which furnishes the light—2608. I understand there is little or no complaint made in respect to the accuracy of the inspection of electric light meters. There is no regulation with respect to the inspection of street light—2609. The regular inspection of meters takes place, according to law, every five years, but an inspection may take place at any time upon complaint being made—2610. The inspector makes a report to the department—2611.

Wright, A. A. (South Renfrew)—2611.

The inspector never goes to the customer's house to inspect, but the meter is taken to the central station, inspected and then taken back to the customer's house.—2611.

Rent, fuel, travelling expenses for electric light inspectors, purchase and repair of instruments, $10,000—2611.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont)—2611.

What amount was received in fees for electric light inspection last year?—2611.

SUPPLY — INLAND REVENUE — ELECTRIC LIGHT INSPECTORS SALARIES AND EXPENSES—*Con.*

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—2611.

$22,000 was received in fees. It showed a surplus over the expenditure—2611.

SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—EXCISE.

Salaries of officers, etc., to provide for increases depending upon result of excise examinations, $300,574.75—1548.

Bickerdike, R. (St. Lawrence, Montreal)—1557.

Could the minister state if more commodious and suitable premises will be erected in Montreal than the homely premises we now have?—1557.

Blain, R. (Peel)—1555.

How many temporary employees are there in employ of the government? What length of time have these officers been in the employ of the government without passing the examination?—1555. What amount of revenue is due and collected, and what are reasons?—1556.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1550.

There are no third-class deputy collectors; there are deputy collectors class A and class B—1550. Have always taken stand that excise officer should pass examination—1551.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city, N.B.)—1552.

Calls attention of hon. minister to great decrease of over $450,000 in amount of excise revenue—1552. Does not see how minister can reconcile statement in Auditor General's Report with his own *re* decrease for year in excise revenue—1555-6.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1552.

Is there no rule requiring a regular inspection ofy revenue officers?—1552. Thinks minister of Inland Revenue should announce policy in regard to Civil Service Law—1553. Would simply point out that hon. friend (Mr. Templeman) having entered upon conduct of department intends violating law in future as it has been violated in past—1554.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—1548.

Under Civil Service Act, excise officers are supposed to pass Civil Service examination; approves of dismissal of any man who is not capable to fill his office—1549. Has a class B deputy collector the necessary qualifications to take charge of a brewery?—1550. There is a deputy collector of class B filling position of exciseman in charge of brewery who has not passed examination—1551. Civil Service Act has been violated in every inland revenue district in province of Ontario—1551.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1556.

What is the difference between accrued and actual revenue—1556.

SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—EXCISE—*Con.*

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—1548.

Increase for twelve months of about $14,877; consists altogether of statutory increases to officers of department—1548. Policy of department is that no appointments are made without Civil Service examination—1549. Explanation of falling off of revenue will be found in letter from secretary of department, Mr. Himsworth; are no regular intervals for revenue office inspection—1552. No person is appointed to Civil Service until he is appointed permanently—1555.

To enable department to supply methylated spirits to manufacturers, $43,000—1561.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1561.

Public tenders were called for last year by advertisement, and as a result contract price was reduced by 11c. a gallon—1561.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1561.

How is methylated spirits bought now—by tender and contract? Has one individual got the whole contract?—1561.

SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—METRIC SYSTEM.

To provide for delivery of lecture, &c., $2,200—2611.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2611.

How long has this lecturing been going on?—2611. Is Canada the only British possession which has taken steps to carry out the resolution of the colonial conference? If education is desirable it might be accomplished by the framing and introduction of a Bill, and its discussion in parliament—2613. How many lectures were delivered last year, where were they delivered, and by whom?—2614.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—2613.

This expenditure is to carry out the resolution adopted by the intercolonial conference—2613. Before I left the department I made an arrangement with the professor of physics of Toronto University to deliver lectures in different parts of the country—2614. The expenditure to-day for the collection of revenue, is less than it was formerly in proportion to the amount collected—2616.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—2612.

Is it the intention of the government to adopt the metric system, and if so, when?—2612.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—2613.

I think none of us felt disposed at the conference to go beyond the educative movement for the present—2613.

Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—2611.

How long do you expect the lectures to go on?—2611. How many lecturers have you? Do you expect him to get over the whole country? Has any estimate been made of the cost of the change?—2612.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Solicitor General)—2614.

Was informed, when in Europe, that it was the intention of those in Europe who were interested in the metric system to hold a conference shortly, probably next year, in Washington—2614. It may take some time before this system is likely to become the uniform system in all parts of the world—2615.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—2615.

To-day the metric system is largely adopted by the medical profession and by the manufacturing chemists throughout the world—2615.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—2616.

There is an increase in the total expenditure of the Inland Revenue Department. Increased revenue does not justify it, for the collector at Brockville or Prescott may collect twice as much as he did before, and yet the expenditure of his office need not be increased—2616. The mistake is the appointment of more men than are necessary, and of men not qualified for their positions—2617.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2615.

If the government seriously aims at introducing the metric system at an early day, it can be accomplished more rapidly by making it part of the curriculum in not only the universities and higher schools; but in the public schools—2615.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—2611.

A smaller amount has been voted for some seven or eight years—2611. I do not know how long it will take to educate the people up to the desirability of having a different system. Professor McLennan, of Toronto University, is the lecturer. It is difficult to say when the metric system will be put in force—2612. We have distributed in the high schools over 500 sets of these samples. There is a small increase in the total expenditure of the department due to the increased number of bonding warehouses, of breweries and distilleries and expansion of business generally—2616. I would prefer to see the expenditure increased, provided the revenue is relatively increased; I shall endeavour to keep the expenditure within reasonable limits consistent with proper administration—2617.

SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—SALARIES.

Salaries of gas and light inspectors, $2,500—7513.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—7513.

Any new salaries here? Was the balance of contingencies used?—7513. It is a transfer from one class of help to an-

SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—SALARIES.

Foster, Hon. George E. (North Toronto)—*Con.*

other class of help, and the temporaries were let go?—7514.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7513.

This is to pay all salaries for this class of work up to the end of the last fiscal year —7513. The temporaries were put on the permanent list—7514.

Excise—To provide for duty pay at large distilleries and other factories, $400; stamps for imported and Canadian tobacco, $4,000; to pay collectors of customs allowance for duty collected by them, 1905-6, $5,000, $9,400—7513.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—7513.

What is the total amount paid for that duty? How is it that the supplementary vote is very much larger than the original estimates?—7513.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7513.

$7,553, $8,000 altogether. This further sum is required in order to enable the department to pay commissions on collections during 1906-7—7513.

To provide for the appointment of Benjamin Charles Nicholas as second-class clerk, from March 24, 1906, $326.32—7513.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—7513.

This is to provide for a private secretary for the Minister of Inland Revenue—7513.

SUPPLY—INLAND REVENUE—WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTORS — SALARIES AND EXPENSES.

Inland Revenue—Weights and measures, gas and electric light inspection, salaries of inspectors (nine months), $45,000—2601.

Avery, Melzar (Frontenac)—2602.

I think the farmers' scales should be inspected the same as a storekeeper's. Is a farmer compelled to bring his scales five or ten miles to town so that the inspector may test them?—2602. If the inspector brings weights for testing thirty or forty miles, by train, who pays the freight?—2605. I had to pay for general and for special inspection—2606.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—2602.

It is a great inconvenience to the farmers to compel them to bring in their scales to have them tested by the inspector—2602 If the inspector can come around every time any person makes a complaint and make an inspection, it seems to me it is a hardship which should be remedied 2604. If the scales on the second inspection are found to be correct, who pays the charge—2605

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Blain, Richard (Peel)—2601.

Do the inspectors make a general inspection of the computing scales used in grocery stores?—2601. If the inspector inspects scales and finds them correct, is a charge made for inspection?—2604.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2604.

If within three months after inspection, a complaint is made and another inspection is had, and the scales are found to be correct, who pays the charges?—2604. Why was the increase made in the number of inspectors in the Windsor division?—2606.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—2601.

When farmers have scales for their own private use, are they compelled to have them inspected? Cites a case—2601. I am in favour of having every scale inspected, but I do not think the farmer should be put to this great inconvenience —2603. Suppose they were a regular standard scales, as provided by law, could the inspector break them or destroy them?—2604. What does the department intend to do with regard to the inspection of water wheels?—2606. Can the government appoint an inspector of inland revenue who has never been an officer of the department or passed the Civil Service exam.?—2607.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—2601.

There is a reduction in this vote of about $3,750 for the full year, due to a smaller staff. Farmers' scales for selling fowl would have to be inspected. If fowl were sold by the pair the law would not apply —2601. In very few instances have the inspectors been required to go to the farmers residence—2602. I do not see that the farmer whose interest it is to have his scales properly adjusted can suffer any hardship in having to bring them to the inspector every two years—2603. The charges are the same whether the scales are correct or incorrect. If a complaint were made, in the event of scales being improperly adjusted the owner has of course to pay for the inspection—2604. If the scales were found to be correct, I am afraid the department would have to bear the expense; the inpection certificate is good for two years. The department pays the freight for the general inspection—2605. A law was passed last year authorizing the inspection of water meters. Before next year I hope to be able to report that we have a satisfactory system in operation. An assistant inspector has been appointed owig to the establishment of a scale factory at Aylmer—2606. All the collectors of inland revenue are required by law to pass the civil service examination—2607.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox).

All scales have to be tested—2602.

Rent, fuel, travelling expenses, postage, stationery, &c., for weights and measures, in-

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cluding amount for purchase of standards of the metric system, salaries and other expenses of inspectors, &c., $23,000—2607.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—2607.

The vote for nine months is $23,000 or for the full year $32,000, a reduction of about $3,000 from that of last year. The standards cost the department about $9 a set. They are distributed to high schools and colleges. They are used for the purpose of inspecting any weights or measures of the metric system that may be presented for inspection—2607.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—2607.

Would the minister state what is the cost of these standards of the metric system, and where they are kept?—2607.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—2607.

Are these distributed to any schools that ask for them, or only to high schools?—2607.

SUPPLY—JUSTICE.

Administration of justice, $8,925—486.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—486.

Would have been willing to go on with discussion even if a limited number of copies had been distributed—487.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—486.

Would call attention of First Minister to fact that volume of Auditor General's Report which includes expenses of Minister of Justice is not yet down; very inconvenient to take up estimates the context of which is not shown—486.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—486.

Might agree to leave one or two items for discussion until remainder of Auditor General's Report is down; would suggest that committee go on with few of the items of Justice in meantime—486.

Administration of Justice—Living allowance for judge of Atlin district, $900—488.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—488.

Continuation of vote of last session of living allowance for Judge Young to make up cost of living in Atlin district—488.

Administration of Justice—Miscellaneous expenditure, $7,500—487.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont)—487.

What territory is covered by item before us, and what is population of the territory? What is judicial system of Territories at present time?—487.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—487.

Hon. members will notice large reduction in item. This is result of creation of

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new provinces. Expenditure under different headings of this item last year was $85,066.67. Item covers that portion of Mackenzie district north of Alberta and Saskatchewan, the Keewatin district and Ungava—487.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—487.

Broadly speaking what is included in this item?—487.

Dominion police, including one second-class clerk at $1,200, $27,750—490.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—490.

One commissioner ,one inspector, one inspector of secret service, three sergeants of police, fifteen grade 'A' first-class constables, nine first-class constables, four second-class constables, two third-class constables, four supernumerary constables, one mail boy and one second-class clerk—490. No promotions or appointments made except on recommendation of commissioner—491.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—490.

How many police?—490. There is absolutely no political patronage?—491.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—490

Will the minister explain the system of promotions in force in the Dominion police?—490.

Exchequer Court of Canada, $10,037.50—488.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—489.

Where do you provide for salaries to local judges in admiralty?—489.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—488.

Business of court is increasing—488. Hon. friend (Mr. Borden) will find item under head of Exchequer Court of Canada—489.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—488.

Seems to be exactly same for the next nine months as for whole of current year—488.

Salaries, $29,833.13; contingencies, $9,375—359.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—359.

There is an amendment proposed after word 'salaries'—359.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—359.

No additions to Department. There is a promotion from the first class to a chief clerkship—359.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—359.

Are there any increases or additions—359.

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Contingencies—Further amounts, $3,000—7529.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7529.

The total vote for contingencies is $15,400. This $3,000 is additional to the vote in former years. The work is increasing—7529.

Association for comparative legislation, $50 —7529.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—7529.

What is 'Comparative Legislation'? Have we received the publication?—7529.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7529.

It is a society in Belgium or London which undertakes each year the publication of the legislation of the different parliaments. It will come to the Secretary of State—7529.

Annual contribution Canadian Law Library, London, England, $250—7528.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7529.

This is an annual contribution that has been made for some years in connection with the Privy Council Chambers towards a library for the use of Canadian practitioners in London—7529.

Expenses of litigated matters which may be paid for services in connection with the litigation conducted within the Department of Justice, $11,250—7528.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7528.

This is for disbursements made to local agents—7528.

Consolidation and translation of Dominion Statutes, $15,000—7527.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7527.

The consolidation is expected by the 1st of November at latest. Some of the commissioners are in the civil service. Outside printing is taxed by the King's Printer—7527. Amount paid in that way last year about $2,000. Cost of Commission is about $75,000. There are eight commissioners, including Messrs Newcombe and Power—7528.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—7527.

When are we supposed to have that consolidation? Why is the exception made as regards the Civil Service Act? Is the printing carried out by contract?—7257. What has the consolidation cost outside of the printing. The Justice Department officials receive just their salaries?—7528.

SUPPLY — JUSTICE — CONSOLIDATION OF STATUTES.

Further amount required for consolidation of statutes, $15,000—7537.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7537.

We expect they will be issued by the 1st of November, including the legislation of this session—7537. This includes the revisional work—7538.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—7537.

When does the minister expect that the statutes will be revised?—7537.

SUPPLY—JUSTICE—PENITENTIARIES.

Penitentiaries, $379,787—7526.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7526.

If such a thing should happen, I should be very careful, indeed, before recommending clemency in his favour—7526.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—7526.

There was some information to be brought down was there not? All sorts of vengeance was threatened if information was not given—7526. I do not think the hon. gentleman likes to press the minister now—7527.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—7526.

If Brothier is tried and convicted, as I hope he will be, will the Minister of Justice use his clemency and let him out again?—7526. My hon. friend (Mr. Foster) is beating about the bush. I am not afraid to ask for anything I want—7527.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and Co.)—7526.

Possibly the minister will do it now—7526.

Kingston Penitentiary—Additional amount required, $25,000—7529.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7529.

This is to purchase raw material for the binder twine factory. The results show 31 cents per day for each day of ten hours of convict labour—7529. I think there could be no combination of the kind described without my knowing something about it—7530. We do not sell to the wholesale trade, and we sell any quantity the farmer desires. We don't prepay the freight. We fix the prices at the actual cost of production—7531. I can only surmise that free labour of the same character would cost four or five times as much—7533. The calculation I made was taking the whole operations from the beginning and showing the wages —7534. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, we expended for raw material and operating expenses, $24,359.10; for salaries, $1,500; and with that expenditure we had a return of $33,711.66. No new machinery was included—7535. Depreciation of plant and interest upon cost have to be taken into consideration. We had on hand at the end of the fiscal year 595,642 pounds of twine—7536. The twine

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left over is kept till the following season. Our price is 10½ cents, and that reduced by ½ cent in ton lots, would make a very substantial difference—7537.

Cochrane, Edward (E. Northumberland)—7536.

Can the minister tell us how much was on hand after the farmers were supplied last year? Was any twine sold outside, by contract, by tender, or in bulk? —7536.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7529.

What is the business result of the binder twine enterprise?—7529. Are these prices f.o.b. at Kingston?—7530. Surely the convict labour will do more than one-fifth of what free labour will do in the same time—7531.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—7532.

I take it for granted that it is very undesirable to have this prison labour come into competition with free labour in this country—7532. More time might be devoted to educating and improving the criminal instead of having prison labour brought into competition with free labour —7533.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—7532.

What evidence has the hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) that the price on the other side of the line is one cent per pound less than the price charged by this government?—7532.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—7529.

I should like to know what the selling price of twine is at the penitentiary—7529. And half a cent a pound less for ton lots and over? There is a direct combination entered into between the government and the Canadian manufacturers of binder twine to keep up the price to the farmers of this country—7530. Do you prepay the freight, You fix your price by theirs—7531. I have the evidence of a good reliable man I met on the train to-day—7532. Thirty-one and a half cents was the rate per day for prison labour for the last twelve years; what did it average the last two years?—7534. $2,086 is put down for labour which would mean thirty cents per day, and you say that $7,852.56 was the profit—actually ninety cents a day for prison labour—7535. Is the minister not taking $5,700 out of the people of this country? There is no doubt that the farmers are paying combine prices—7536.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7533.

I always thought the manufacture of binder twine at the Kingston penitentiary was started for a good purpose—7533. If the output was handled so as to keep the price to the farmer at a reasonable figure there would be no ground for complaint—7534. Speaking as a farmer, for the last three years I could go into any hardware store or implement shop and buy binder twine at Kingston penitentiary prices—7537.

SUPPLY—JUSTICE—SALARIES.

To increase the salary of the Deputy Minister of Justice to $6,000; and other increases, $375—7538.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7538.

The amounts in individual cases are not at all large; in each case the men have had long experience and have been in the department for many years—7538.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7538.

Why are these extraordinary increases given? What classes are they in?—7538.

SUPPLY—JUSTICE—SUPREME COURT.

Supreme Court of Canada, $18,887.50—488.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —488.

Only change is one new appointment of a junior second-class clerk, Miss Geary. Appointment is made on recommendation of registrar.

Yukon Territory—Travelling allowances of judges, $1,125. Living allowances of judges, $11,250—489.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—489.

How many judges are there? Has the minister any information as to this particular matter?—489.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice) —489.

Conditions in the Yukon are still almost same as when living allowances were granted—489. One of the judges in Territories, Judge Craig, wrote report. An officer of police court gets $600 more in way of living allowances than his salary. Will let items stand—490.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—490.

Who reported?—489. No further examination made, because a great many officials were involved in this matter in different departments. Is there a general report taking all grades through? Is not in one respect the most unprejudiced report when it comes from party directly interested. Thinks some get larger allowances than salaries—490.

SUPPLY—JUSTICE—YUKON.

Yukon Territory—Living allowances of judges, $11,250—7518.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —7518.

No; they are the same as last year and for some years back—7518. From the information furnished me the expenses seem to be heavy at the present time. Quotes prices—7519. The expenses of a man and his wife, but without children or a servant are $2,000 a year. There are three judges who get $5,000 each for living expenses—7520. In the 764 actions begun the claims aggregated $1,070,607; 191 actions were brought to trial; the court sat hearing trials for 216 days—7521.

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Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —*Con.*

Reads list of allowances of departmental officers in government employ—7522. The librarian receives a salary of $1,500 and living allowances of $1,200—7523. An action was brought, I think, to recover from Judge Dugas that amount, and that action resulted in his favour—7524. I am not aware that any official of the Justice Department drew a double allowance. My quotations were for March—7525.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—7525.

I would like to know from the Minister of Justice if it is really the case that an officer in the Yukon drew a living allowance from the two departments—7525.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—7518.

Has any change been made in these living allowances?—7518. I think it is a great pity that an independent investigation could not be made in the interest of all parties—7520. What has the hon. Minister of Justice to say regarding the amount of work done and the necessity for so many officials?—7521. It is impossible for one to say very much about it from just hearing it read over—7522. My correspondent is as far down in the scale as these figures are up. Quotes—7523.. That would seem to be an extremely low statement—7524. I notice by the Dawson 'Daily News' a list of prices which do not range as high as they would appear from these figures the minister has given—7525.

Herron, John (Alberta)—7523.

I do not understand how the prices work out that way with regard to flour and fish—7523.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7525.

I know of no living allowance being paid to Judge Dugas from the Public Works Department—7525.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7526.

I notice in the Auditor General's Report for 1904-5 that the cost of provisions for the Mounted Police was about $90,000 for a force of something under 300 men—7526.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—7523.

Flour is taken in during the season of navigation, and fish has to be taken in by express—7523. I would question the statement of $75 a month at the best hotels—7524. Quotations are always lower in the summer time—7526.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—7523.

Is there any fish caught there?—7523. In a discussion last year it came out that Judge Dugas was not only getting $5,000 but, I think, the same amount from the Public Works Department—7524.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7518.

If we can believe the information we get from the Yukon, living is much cheaper

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than it was a few years ago—7518. How is it that in a town where the population has gone down to perhaps one-fourth of what it was a few years ago, rents should continue so extravagantly high?—7519.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John City and Co.)—7520.

These would be the ordinary court motions —7520.

SUPPLY—LABOUR—CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Civil government—Department of Labour—Salaries $15,037.50; contingencies, $937.50—7444.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Minister of Labour) —7444.

The apparent decrease of over $3,000 as compared with last year, is accounted for by the fact that the present estimate is for only nine months instead of for the full year; the amount is proportionately the same as last year—7444.

SUPPLY — LABOUR — PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Department of Labour—printing and stationery, including printing of 'Labour Gazette,' allowances to correspondents, Administration Act, Railway Labour Disputes Act, travelling expenses, &c., and $500 for an accountant, which sum may be paid to any one in Civil Service, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $21,562.50—7444. Mr. Lemieux moves to amend vote by substituting the word 'Conciliation' for the word 'Administration.' Motion agreed to—7444.

Blain, R. (Peel)—7444.

Would the minister (Mr. Lemieux) explain the acceptance of titles in the Labour Department?—7444.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7445.

Would prefer that hon. friend (Mr. T. S. Sproule) should put the question of the relation of the government to these appointments when the Prime Minister is in the House—7445.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Minister of Labour) —7444.

Moves to amend vote by substituting the word 'Conciliation' for the word 'Administration'—7444. Mr. King is one of the best officers of this government, and will be a credit to the Labour Department—7445.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7445.

Is there anything in the statement that the honour conferred on the deputy Minister of Labour was conferred by the direct intervention of the Governor General, and that it had not given satisfaction to the government?—7445.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—AGENCIES.

Rents and contingencies, $18,750.

Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—3604.

Is it the custom of the department to ask for tenders for anything over $5,000?—3604. I find the statement that at Belle Isle a lighthouse was erected at a cost of $13,208.94, by day labour—3604. I wish to back up my hon. friend from Grenville. I had to purchase coal myself at a greatly increased price in Peterborough, Ont.—3613. I have bought within the past year between 600 and 800 tons at $3.25 a ton. In the month of December I would not have to pay over $2.80 a ton—3614.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—3594.

On page P—96, the minister might explain what this boat, the 'Seguin,' was employed for—3594. Contrasts the appropriation of 1896 with that of the present year—3601. As to the Georgian Bay, you have not built a lighthouse in the lower part of the lake, and you have done nothing to carry out the recommendations of the Transportation Commission with respect to the lights—3602. In 1896 the department expended $480,000; now it is over $2,000,000. If you are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars without competition, you are bound to have increased expenditure—3603. The minister sat in this House from 1891 to 1896, and did he ever see it proved on the floor of this House that a member of parliament for steering graft in a department, received $100,000 worth of stock, as was shown in the Ottawa case?—3604.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—3608.

What price was paid?—3608.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—3607.

Was it to be Canadian coal?—3607. May I ask the hon. member (Mr. T. Martin) what kind of coal he refers to?

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—3593.

Do I understand the minister to say that there are only six clerks employed in the agency? Is a bedstead a necessary accessory to these offices?—3543. How much of the $1,000 has the contractor earned?—3594.

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This item is in connection with the agencies in the different parts of the country—3591. The expenditure for chairs, &c., is not for the six employees, but for other officers, the sitting of the pilot court, and receiving of delegations—3592. The late minister thought it advisable to have all the officers in one building instead of in different parts of the city, and under this arrangement less rent was paid. The bedstead is for the caretaker—3593. There was a contract for the fitting up of the court. The account for the 'Seguin' will come under the construction of lights later on. There must be between twelve and fifteen rooms in these offices. The steamboat inspectors brought very little

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furniture to the new building—3594. The law provides that in the case of an expenditure of $5,000 and over, tenders must be advertised for; this is an item of only $2,000—3595. Now that I have been asking for tenders for coal, which was required at Sorel, the hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) is dissatisfied because we have called for tenders—3596. The hon. member says he is willing to help the coal miners of Nova Scotia and yet he wanted to delay the opening of tenders to enable an American firm, the Edwardsburg Starch Company, to put in a tender. There was no strike in Nova Scotia—3599. I have asked for Canadian coal, and the tenders provide for Canadian coal, but the hon. gentlemen (Mr. Reid) wanted me to buy American coal—3600. Did not my hon. friend ask me to delay in order that an American company could tender for the supply of that coal?—3601. Where does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) get the figures that only one-half million was spent by the department in 1896? The Marine Department alone spent $793,000 in 1896, independent of fisheries—3602. We are improving the St. Lawrence channel so that now vessels can go from Quebec to Montreal without accident, and thus save in insurance. Think of buying buoys by competition when there are only two firms in the world that makes them. The government wants to help progress and wants to help navigation—3603. I have seen members of parliament and colleagues of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) sent to jail. We generally follow the statute and ask for tenders for anything over $5,000—3604. The work referred to by Mr. Armstrong was done by day labour. The amount paid for insurance on the St. Lawrence last year, was very much less than that paid ten or fifteen years ago. It is due to the fact that we have made navigation more safe—3605. Mr. J. D. Reid charged me personally with having given contracts without any tender. Will he give an instance?—3606. What the gentleman says is absolutely unfounded—3607. In the specifications it was distinctly stated that the coal was to be a Canadian coal. The advertisement refers to the specifications—3608. My hon. friend (Mr. J. D. Reid) might give the balance of the conversation. He said to me, 'If you do not allow me this, you may be sure you will have trouble in passing your estimates.'—3609. That letter was written after the time for receiving tenders was over—3610. My hon. friend (Mr. J. D. Reid) is making—I do not know for what purpose—most extraordinary statements every time my estimates are discussed. He said he could get coal at $2.90 in Prescott—3611. If we are in need of coal, and I call for tenders, and the hon. gentleman (Mr. J. D. Reid) asks me to extend the time to give his American friends a chance to tender for the coal, I must tell him that I shall not accede to his proposition—3612. The

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hon. gentleman (Mr. Armstrong) said that he was backing up a statement made by his friend from Grenville, and one of his statements was that we should not have called for tenders in the month of April, but that we should have let the matter drift—3614. We had no more coal at Sorel; our dredges and works there were consuming a large quantity, and we had to have coal immediately. The contract has not yet been given—3615. The question is now before the Public Accounts Committee, and I think the facts will prove that the statement made is not absolutely correct—3617.

Campbell, Arch. (Centre York)—3615.

The price of slack coal did go up, but the price of run of mine or lump coal did not go up in Ontario—3615.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—3613.

He (Mr. J. D. Reid) has been asked two or three times if the price of coal went up in Nova Scotia, at that time, and he has dodged the question. I want a straight forward answer ; did the price go up? In view of that answer I think he should be man enough to withdraw the insinuation or accusation he has made against the Minister of Marine—3613.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—3608.

Will the minister lay a copy of the specifications on the table?—3608.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3593.

Had the cattle inspectors no offices in Montreal? What became of the furniture of the different offices?—3593. Was it sold, and if so, what became of the money?—3560. The Minister of Marine should have seen that Canadian coal was advertised for—3607. There is not a word about it in the advertisement—3608. Was the department short of coal, and was it absolutely necessary to ask for tenders for coal. In all their contracts the coal companies make a condition to the effect that, in case of a strike, they are not obliged to furnish coal to the government—3615. I drew the attention of the government to the importance, when calling for tenders, of inserting a clause in the contract compelling the coal companies to supply the coal—3616. If the hon. minister is calling for public tenders, through the press, there is no fault to find—3617.

Johnston, Alex. (Cape Breton)—3607.

The correspondence and conversations between the hon. member for Grenville (Mr. Reid) and the Minister of Marine account for the milk in the cocoa-nut. Canadian coal is made the standard. The specifications provide that the coal must be equal to Sydney coal of the best quality —3607. I make the statement now that coal was delivered at Sorel from the Nova Scotia collieries last year at a price at which it could not be delivered from any

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American colliery—3608. When the truth is brought out, it will be found that the statements made by the hon. gentleman (Mr. J. D. Reid) have been of the most reckless character, and not deserving the attention of the committee or of the country—3609. Is the hon. gentleman (Mr. J. D. Reid) prepared to say that the threatened coal strike in the United States made any difference in the price that the people in Nova Scotia asked for their coal?—3610. There was no strike—3612.

Martin, Thos. (North Wellington)—3611.

I say that soft coal did not go up in price in Ontario, and I challenge the hon. gentleman (Mr. J. D. Reid) to prove that it did. I defy him to prove it—3611. I do not want to refer to any one but you (Mr. Reid). I want you to say, yes or no. Did the price of coal go up in Ontario? Let him answer the question himself (to Mr. Armstrong). I want him to answer that question or take it back—3613. Where did you (Mr. Armstrong) purchase coal? How many tons. What was the price? What kind of coal? I claim that my question has not been answered—3614. I am sure what he (Mr. J. D. Reid) says is not correct, and I know what I am talking about. I refer to either mine run or three-quarter lump—3615.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—3602.

Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) charge that there was anything wrong?—3602. I have yet to learn that there was a strike on in the United States. I do not suppose you (Mr. J. D. Reid) would close a contract knowing that clause was in, if you knew a strike was impending—3612.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3591.

Notices at page P—50 of the Auditor General's Report that there was an enormous expenditure made on the Montreal agency last year. Quotes items—3591. It is hard to believe that the government would incur such an expenditure to equip an office for six men; there were 114 chairs for these six men—3592. There is an item here of $1,000 advanced on account of a contract. What was that for?—3594.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—3593.

The total amount would be about $2,500. Is not the furniture provided for the other officials in addition to what is provided by this agency?—3593. It is not only in connection with 'Arctic' that an investigation is required, but also in connection with the whole department—3594. I certainly understood the minister to say that it was the custom of his department to ask for tenders when amounts over $5,000 were involved. It is the rarest thing in the world for his department to ask for tenders—3606.

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Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—3594.

It has cost $2,500 altogether to provide the furniture. Did the hon. minister ask for tenders, or simply send for Mr. Valiquette and tell him he could supply this stuff at the prices charged here?—3594. The minister knows that this item is only one of many, and if he were to ask for prices on these goods he could procure the goods much more cheaply. It does not cost more than $5 or $10 to insert the necessary advertisement in the Montreal papers—3545. The minister knows that in the Auditor General's Report there are items of the Marine and Fisheries Department of $10,000, $20,000, $60,000, or even $100,000, in which tenders were never called for—3596. The other day the minister wanted 20,000 tons of coal at Sorel. The minute a strike was on he advertised for tenders. I appealed to the minister to wait one week, and he refused to do it—3597. American coal can be got right opposite Prescott for $3 to $3.25 per ton on these boats, yet he pays $5 per ton—3598. I am not finding the slightest fault with the minister for advertising for the coal, but I do find fault with him for advertising for coal when a strike was on. There is not the slightest doubt that a strike was on—3599. I would rather see the minister use Canadian coal, but he has been buying coal from the American side—3600. I said that an American, who had been supplying the lighthouse at Prescott, and who was one of his friends, wanted an opportunity to put in a tender for the coal at Sorel—3601. I would like the minister to make that insurance statement officially now, because he would not make that statement unless he knew it to be a fact—3605. We are not objecting to improving the channels to improve navigation; what we have been objecting to is the way the money has been expended. I believe the hon. minister is carrying out the same policy of distributing the supplies that his predecessor did—3608. The letters that passed between him and the minister were not private. Reads the minister's reply—3609-10. I know that in the province of Ontario the price of coal went up—3610. I can prove it by those who are supplying the coal. I am not reckless—3611. The strike was on. There was a strike pending, and no business man would have called for tenders while a strike was pending, and closed a contract—3612. I distinctly stated that I had no knowledge about the price in Nova Scotia—3613.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3605.

It was contended either last year or the year before, that there had been no reduction in the insurance rates for several years, notwithstanding all the improvements that had been made in the channel—3605. The hon. member (Mr. T. Martin) is unfair—3614.

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Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—3396.

The word 'supplies' includes more than merely the edibles and drink, it includes dry goods—3396.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3350.

Quotes auctioneer's notice of certain articles brought back by this steamer to Montreal; would like to obtain cost of goods when put on board; would like to know what was object and purpose of expedition, and all necessary information regarding her oufitting—3350. There are only 34 men mentioned in item, who are the other 14?—3352. Was this expedition fitted out on basis of the English expedition? How much was expended on repairs to 'Arctic' after she arrived in Germany? Acceded to request two or three sessions ago made by the then Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton) that vote for purpose of preventing poaching in northern waters, go through without discussion. No one questions desirability of having waters patrolled, but because they are patrolled we should not sit here silent when three or four times the quantity of goods reasonably required were put on vessel or the pretense made that they were—3361. Two hundred thousand dollar's worth of supplies, were put aboard or pretended to put aboard this ship—3362. If the supplies were put on board ship for three years, and only $31,000 worth were brought back, what has become of balance? Has minister (Mr. Brodeur) inventory of goods returned?—3363. What is total value of goods returned?—3364. What proportion of supplies taken out was brought back? Quotes Major Moodie's report at p. 6—3365. Reads memorandum given to leader of opposition by a member of government regarding information on matters of state; refers to expeditions similar to 'Arctic'—3372-3.

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Object of expedition was to go to northern regions of Canada to administer and enforce the laws of Canada. Negotiations for purchase of steamer began in 1903; vessel was brought to this side of the Atlantic in 1904; expedition was put in charge of Major Moodie; Capt. Bernier was commissioned as sailing master. Cost of expedition so far has been $155,451.04; contrasts cost with that of other expeditions—3351. Capt. Bernier, in making an estimate of the quantity of goods required, has followed to a certain extent the government regulations as to the rations of the Northwest Mounted Police—3352. There were 8 mounted police on board with Major Moodie, his wife and son and deputy outside the 34 men comprising crew—3353. When expedition was

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started it was intended to occupy three years time; expedition was 4,650 pounds of meat short of what order in council required; boat came back because it was not in good condition; there were no instructions given by department but boat came back on advice of sailing master Captain Bernier—3354. Repairs expended on vessel amounted to $19,839.75. The mounted police were sent in order to carry out laws of country in that remote section—3356. The expedition was not only intended to patrol Hudson bay and the straits, but also to patrol Baffin's bay, Smith sound, Kennedy channel, Lancaster sound and Davis straits; laws should be maintained in unsettled parts of country as well as the civilized sections—3360. Department of Marine and Fisheries has a statement showing that all goods mentioned here were put aboard—3363. Has no objection to showing value of goods brought back—3364. About two-thirds of supplies are remaining—3365. Hon. friend (Mr. J. D. Reid) is entirely mistaken; has not bought cement—3369. Has not been paying Merwin through certain banks—3370. Major Moodie, who was in charge of expedition, ordered some articles not included in Captain Bernier's requisition and the doctor of the expedition also sent in a requisition—3393. Document handed to leader of opposition refers to trip of 'Neptune' up mouth of Mackenzie river in consequence of illegal whaling which was carried on in that section of country—3394. Provisions of 'Arctic' amounted to $64,516.67; ship's supplies and repairs amounted to $48,771.11; salaries amounted to $18,164.50; clothing amounted to $23,883.76. Total expenses of Arctic' expedition amounted to $155,451.04; but all provisions have not been used—3395. Very unfortunate that minister who was in charge of department at time is not here to give explanations; members of opposition should act fairly and squarely in connection with expenses—3396. It never was contemplated to go to North Pole—3397. Amount of provisions and supplies totals $118,000—3399.

Bureau, J. (Three Rivers)—3365.

Does leader of opposition state that when 'Neptune' met 'Arctic' the goods were transferred?—3365. Reads list of articles transferred from 'Arctic' to 'Neptune' on the 22nd—3366.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—3371.

Has no knowledge of any particular transactions of Department of Marine and Fisheries. Finance Department only pays moneys that parliament has voted in usual way—3371.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—3356.

Proposition in 1903 had no reference whatever to expedition of 'Arctic' into Hudson bay and adjoining waters; discussion then was entirely with reference to a search for the North Pole. No sane man would ever think of proceeding to find North Pole by going to Hudson bay—3356. Believes that if Captain Bernier succeeded in discovering the North Pole, it would be the best immigration advertisement we could possibly have; does not assume any responsibility for expedition of 'Arctic,' which has proved such a lamentable failure—3357. Charge of disloyalty on part of opposition made by hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) was unfounded and unfair, and he ought to apologize—3394.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—3355.

Were the rations for the Mounted Police included in bill of fare put on board 'Arctic,' or are they in a separate bill?—3355.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3389.

Will this $30,000 cover the expedition it is proposed to make on the 'Arctic'?—3399.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—3390.

Was not called upon to make any defence until all accusations had been stated by hon. gentlemen opposite. Has full confidence in Col. White, who is in charge of Department of Mounted Police; statement that head of Marine and Fisheries Department is changed every six months is absolutely unwarranted—3390. Explains various changes of ministers in Department of Marine and Fisheries. Serious charges have been made by hon. members for Leeds, Hastings and Grenville—3391. Government is prepared to meet suggestion of hon. gentlemen opposite that there should be a complete investigation; if hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) wants a committee he can have one—3392.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3398.

Will $30,000 cover the amount that is to be expended in sending the steamer to Hudson bay again this year?—3398.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—3375.

Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Northrup) ask minister if these sleeping bags were returned and are still in store?—3375.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—3357.

The minister (Mr. Brodeur) would have been better able to discuss the 'Arctic' question had his department made a report on voyage—3357. If minister will read Major Moodie's report he will find that the Northwest Mounted Police were taken on 'Arctic' to be deposited on shores of Hudson bay with stores, and were to remain there to patrol the land. When minister gravely compares an expedition of from three to six years, cut off from all possibility of replenishing its supplies, with an expedition for one year, with a further provision that it was to be replenished by the 'Neptune' with fresh supplies, such a comparison is en-

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tirely fallacious—3358. Subject of this expedition was never mentioned in House; quotes Major Moodie's report at page 7. Why was vessel supplied with provisions for three years when there was no possible risk of its running short of provisions?—3359. The government took a vote to purchase a vessel for one purpose and used it for another—3360. Quotes Mr. Préfontaine from 'Hansard' p. 6468—3365. Quotes p. 7 of Major Moodie's report; stores transferred to 'Neptune' on 23rd as 'Arctic' had to start for Quebec—3366. Minister not altogether responsible for estimates of his predecessor—3373. Gives some expenditures for supplies in detail. If the minister thinks it proper that crew of 'Arctic' should be regaled on champagne costing $32 per pint case, he has a higher opinion of crew than the ordinary taxpayer of this country has—3374. Enumerates some expenditure—3375. Did minister imagine that any bill of goods could be made out by government in which Woods & Co. did not appear? Extravagance in expenditure on 'Arctic' is quite mild in character compared with expenditure on the ice-breakers—3376. Details some expenditures on ice-breaker 'Montcalm'—3377-8. Details some expenditures on ice-breaker 'Champlain'. If any hon. gentleman wants the height of extravagance that even a Department of Marine and Fisheries may attain let him study the history and accounts of that precious little private yacht, the 'Maisonneuve'—3378. The Auditor General's Report shows a total payment by government of $5,000 for fur bags, while none were asked for by Captain Bernier—3392. The department did not follow Captain Bernier's requisition; if they had done so the quantity of provisions bought would have been considerably smaller—3393.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—3376.

Was hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) buying the furs on speculation, thinking they would rise?—3376.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—3366.

Hardly fair to lay all blame on Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Brodeur); Prime Minister should give some explanation—3366. Did second-class clerk get authority from Prime Minister to purchase $30,000 worth of supplies that he sent out on this steamer? Does not believe that 'Arctic' could carry quantity of goods said to have been placed on that vessel—3367. Cost of running several steamers down St. Lawrence from 1896 to 1901 has remained practically the same. All parties doing business with Department of Marine and Fisheries have advanced their prices either for purpose of making big profits or allowing a rake-off—3368. Although there was $250,000 worth purchased in 1905 the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has been and is now purchasing from and doing business with the same firm or firms—3368. Geo. T. Merwin and F. L. Brooks and Company; department purchased cement from F. L. Brooks & Co., and paid $2.75 and government paid freight—3369. Asks minister (Mr. Brodeur) if Mr. Merwin or Mr. Brooks have ever had their accounts financed by minister or his department, by any other banks outside the legitimate way of the department—3370. Would like matter of Brooks & Co. left entirely in hands of Public Accounts Committee—3371. Department of Marine and Fisheries is a disgrace to minister and a disgrace to country—3372. Is this statement of requirements the detailed list supplied by Captain Bernier?—3386. No one had any authority to add anything or deduct anything from that requisition. If any business man was handling that bill he would at once have had a number of copies of the detailed statement handed to him and would then have distributed them to wholesale men and asked for a tender, or price on total account—3387. Details some expenditures made to various wholesale houses in Montreal and Quebec—3388. There were double government payments paid to Halliday Bros. of Quebec, owner of steamer 'King Edward'—3389. Constant change of ministers is destroying unity and system of government; it is impossible to carry on works of departments under present conditions—3390.

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Would you prescribe exactly the same quantity of food for men on that boat as you would to the Northwest Mounted Police on horseback?—3352. Since First Minister has made known his intention to grant a committee to inquire into expenditure it would be only proper to leave item until matter is examined more fully—3393. The items given by hon. friend the leader of opposition were the items submitted to government as necessary for this expedition—3396. Originally this expedition was believed to be a hunt for the North Pole. Was it intended that this boat should be kept sailing around northern waters for three years without any opportunity of replenishing her supplies—3397. Minister left impression on House that expedition was for North Pole—3398.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—3355.

Does the $118,000 embrace supplies for the entire outfit?—3355. Thought that expedition was to discover the North Pole, not to explore Hudson bay—3356.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—3379.

Since Auditor General's Report was laid on table has been working diligently to find where the $90,000,000 this government spends annually goes to; Conservative government ran country on $40,000,000—3379. Did not expect when question was first up that $220,000 was going to be spent on expedition; quotes expenditures made to F. L. Brooks & Co. from Auditor General's Report; quotes letter to Gouldie

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& McCullough; quotes letter of Gouldie & McCullough to Geo. Taylor, M.P.—3380. Boiler that would cost a private person $500, cost the government $975. Who got rake-off of $475? Details some expenditure in Auditor General's Report—3381. E. L. Brooks & Co. supplied to government last year $182,704.45 worth of goods, without tender, and at prices two or three times what they ought to have paid. Who are the people concerned in transaction?—3382. Expenditure of 'Artic' for fitting out, clothing and supplies of all kinds was $186,316.77; quotes expenditures *re* some supplies—3383. Quotes supply expenditures; bill of M. J. Laliberte, of Quebec, comes to $5,164.45—3384. Quotes bill of Mr. J. Laliberté. Whoever heard of $5 for a pair of moccasins? Government has taken $182,000 to fit out a steamer with 33 men on board for 11 months, and they come back and sell balance for $500 and say the rest is on the boat—3385. Opposition advocated that Canada should attempt to locate the north pole, and it was for that purpose they endorsed an expedition; thought it would cost less than $100,000 for whole outfit, and here we have $232,000 charged and a free boat owned by the government non-chargeable. It is duty of opposition to continue to criticise this vote till people thoroughly understand it—3386.

Wright, W. (Muskoka)—3353.

When 'Arctic' returned at end of year a statement ought to have been made out under direction of Minister and laid on table of House showing just how much was required for each individual on an expedition of that kind as a guide for any future expedition—3353. How much spirits and liquors per man are required?—3354.

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This is one of the items that was left over the other day—3934. The 'Montcalm' was built only a couple of years ago by one of the most reputable firms in England; she came rather late, and met with an accident which made it necessary for her to go into dock—3937. It is a very strong statement to make that the 'Montcalm' is the most powerful boat to-day in America, but I state this as a positive fact. The 'Minto' can develop 3,200 horse-power—3938. The government are going to give Prince Edward Island a first-class winter service—a better service even than the one it has to-day—3940. Mr. Duguid, the naval expert of the department, having visited the 'Montcalm,' said to the deputy minister that she would be available for crossing from the island to the mainland—3941. My hon. friend (Mr. Martin) said I would not

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be well received if I were to go down there, so I am rather afraid of going down after what he has said—3942. The 'Montcalm' has been performing the work in a most satisfactory manner—3943. I am informed that this combination power would not be of any use—3944. Instead of charging these men before the House with perjury, it would be much better to proceed against them—3947. I must draw his (Mr. A. A. McLean's) attention to the fact that these are pretty reckless statements to make, satements which will not be repeated outside—3948.

Chairman, Mr. (Mr. Campbell, Centre York)—3948.

The question before the committee is in reference to the maintenance of the steamer 'Minto'—3948. Carried—3951.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—3950.

The hon. gentleman (Mr. A. A. McLean) has been permitted to speak until ten minutes past six, and has attacked the hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald) and I think in all fairness that gentleman should have right to answer—3951.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—3948.

It is a dirty transaction at any rate—3948. I think an arrangement was made by which the House was to adjourn at 6; is that true?—3950.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—3938.

You say the 'Montcalm' can develop under certain circumstances 4,800 horse-power but we have the 'Minto' there with 2,400 ordinary indicated horse-power and under special circumstances she can develop power to the same ratio as the 'Montcalm'—3938. The complaint is not with the 'Montcalm,' but with the breach of faith of this government with the people of Prince Edward Island—3939. If the 'Montcalm' had great difficulty in performing the work, why are you putting her upon the other route?—3943. The commerce of Prince Edward Island cannot afford to be locked up for a week or a fortnight, or for fifty-five days, as has been the case in times past—3944. Even if the government is preparing to take up the question of tunnelling and press it forward, we must have a boat in the meantime—3945.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—3946.

Did the hon. gentleman (Mr. A. A. MacLean) receive his information from Mr. Lord, the agent of the department in Charlottetown? His statement as regards any connection on my part with false affidavits is utterly untrue—3946. Perhaps the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) would like to have a statement that is untrue, and which reflects upon an hon. member of this House go uncontradicted—3948. Explains the circumstances in

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connection with the application of certain members of the crew of the steamer 'Minto' to be placed on the Pictou voters' list—3951. You (Mr. A. A. McLean) do not know the facts—3952.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3934.

The present minister has told this committee that the boat they are now building in England is not intended for Northumberland Straits, but is intended for a different service. What the previous minister promised. Quotes the Charlottetown 'Guardian'—3934. Quotes the Charlottetown 'Examiner'—3945. Quotes the 'Daily Patriot'—3936. Quotes Sir Richard Cartwright in reference to the building of the boat. If the 'Montcalm' is a good boat, and is doing good service where she is, and if that service must be performed, why does not the minister keep her here?—3937. Does not the minister know that a boat built for a river is a very different thing from a boat built for the Straits of Northumberland, where there is a great deal of floating ice?—3940. If Mr. Duguid's report is that the 'Montcalm" can be utilized in the straits of Northumberland, why did the minister not bring down the return I asked for, giving that information, and place it on the table of the House, so that we could see exactly what the expert said?—3941. We have not had a good service hitherto. There is no use of sending boats which are not able to perform the service; since 1873 Prince Edward Island has lost more than she has gained by these boats—3942. I was told last year over at the Marine Department that the 'Montcalm' was jammed in the ice and nearly carried out in the river. What boat are you going to place where the 'Montcalm' is at present?—3943.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3945.

I do not think this question can be intelligently discussed unless the returns asked for are brought down—3945. Six men of the 'Minto' were induced to take affidavits as voters in Pictou which were absolutely false—3946. Quotes affidavit of Edward Mallet—3947. The statements I made are not reckless; they are borne out by affidavits, copies of which I produce. Quotes evidence as to residence of men of crew of 'Minto'—3948. The people of Prince Edward Island are entitled to a daily service during the whole year, and will not be put off with boats that did not do creditable service in the River St. Lawrence—3949. All other parts of the Dominion are receiving large grants of money, and the minister comes down here to-day and states we are grumbling because expenditures are not made by his department—3950. I made no attack; I simply stated the facts—3952.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—COMPENSATION.

To provide for the compensation to families as a settlement by compromise for the loss of life and damage to property resulting from the explosion of gas buoys at Kingston, April 18, 1905, $40,000—4868.

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Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—4895.

Where does the enormous expense come from in the change of system from oil gas to acetylene?—4895.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—4881.

In calling for tenders for carbide at different points, was the question of freight taken into consideration?—4881.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—4875.

Was the action of the department effected by the report of Frank Creelman, M.E., who was employed by the department as a consulting engineer?—4875. Is hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) aware that Mr. Creelman is in the employ of the Ottawa Carbide Company?—4876. Is there not a lighthouse board of which Col. Anderson is a member? Has the acetylene been installed in any lights on Georgian Bay?—4895.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4868.

What is the total loss including damage of every kind?—What was the cause of explosion?—4868. For what reason are the government paying the sum of $40,000; if the government is liable at all it must be on account of some default, either in the construction of the buoys or in the character of the gas with which buoys were loaded or with the mode or process of loading—4888. What precaution did minister (Mr. Brodeur) take to ascertain what was safe before you proceeded with this system?—4889. Was any other officer of the department asked to make an examination or report upon the system, or was Mr. Fraser the only officer?—4890. What is the view of the minister as to the cause of the 'Bavarian' wreck?—4893. What was the position of Mr. Fraser in the department before becoming commissioner of lights?—4895.

Bourassa, H. (Labelle)—4870.

I took the claim of the family of Couillard and came to the department and succeeded not only in getting the claim adjusted, but, also in having all claims arranged without a lawsuit—4870.

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This sum is the estimate of what will be the amount for damages on account of accident which happened last year when some buoys were being charged—4868. These buoys are what we call high compressed buoys; there is not much difference as far as acetylene gas and oil gas are concerned—4869. The department has received accounts for damages done in Kingston amounting to $5,170.79; claims from crew of scow, $843; miscellaneous claims, $266.50; cost of assigning damages, $500; claims from representatives of the four men who lost

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their lives, $39,000. The four men who lost their lives were W. H. Allison, F. Mullen, A. Couillard, and E. Gillard—4870. The Pintsch gas does not give the same illuminative power and that is one of the reasons why the department has made the change—4871. Last year we purchased 160 tons from the Ottawa Carbide Company, at $65 a ton—4872. Advertised in public newspapers for tenders for carbide; three tenders were received, and the contract was awarded to the lowest tender—4874. Is it true or not that acetylene gas is giving five times more illuminative power than the other?—4875. In regard to Mr. Creelman it was not a question of reports, but a question of plans—4876. Distribution of damages to victims of accident at Kingston will be determined according to salary formerly paid these officers—4877. The engineers of the department do not know of any claim made on government in connection with the Parry Sound accident—4878. Quotes advertisement for tenders for carbide—4881. Mr. Creelman made some plans in connection with the change in the system that was to be made and received $1,200 for his plans—4882. The danger lies in compression, not in extinction of light; have always thought welded buoys the most preferable—4883. This vote of $40,000 will cover the rebuilding of the 'Scout'—4884. The present commissioner of lights, Mr. Fraser, recommended the change to the present system—4886. Sums offered to victims of Kingston accident were offered more as a compassionate allowance than as compensation for damages; department do not intend using any more high pressure gas buoys—4888. The department never bought buoys direct from the Pintsch Gas Company of Germany—4891. Since the department has decided to use the automatic gas buoys we have never purchased any of these high pressure gas buoys. There was no manufacturer of gas buoys in this country until it began last year with the automatic gas buoys—4892. The Pintsch firm had its head office in England, and these buoys were brought from Germany—4896.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers)—4872.

The Shawenegan Carbide Company are not the same people as the Ottawa or St. Catharine's Carbide Company—4872-3. Experts state that acetylene gas gives seven per cent more light—4875. Why did the Canadian Pacific Railway adopt the acetylene instead of the Pintsch system?—4875.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—4878.

Was the gas buoy that exploded at Kingston purchased from Merwin?—4878.

Derbyshire, D. (Brockville)—4886.

The lighting system inaugurated within the last few years is really first-class and the best possible—4886.

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Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4879.

Was the invitation for carbide supplies confined to Canadian manufacturers? What length of time did you give companies to tender? The time was insufficient for proper tendering and competition was practically confined to the three favoured companies—4879-80. Is it so that Colonel Anderson, engineer of the department, reported against system of lighting?—4894. Was commission of light appointed at the same time as the change of system?—4895.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—4869.

How many accidents were there? Who are the parties to whom this $40,000 is to be paid?—4869. Who were the four ment killed? By whom were they represented?—4870. Did hon. minister ever get a report in due form on acetylene gas?—4875. Would like to know if the government had a report on gas and from whom that report emanated? Was there a demand made to government in due form by the shipping federation for a a change in the system of lighting? Has this sum of $40,000 for damages been distributed?—4876. Was there an inquiry made into the accident at Kingston. Has there been any claim made upon department in connection with the accident at Parry Sound?—4877. Asks minister to bring down report upon this change from Pintsch gas to acetylene—4878.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—4881.

Frank Creelman never was in the government service and is not now; he is an employee of Willson, the carbide man—4881. Did the department ever taken into consideration the probable cost if they had adopted the Pintsch gas system instead of acetylene?—4882. Using Pintsch gas there is no danger of explosion from a welded buoy—4883. How much was the cost of rebuilding the 'Scout'?—4884. The minister should continue between Montreal and Kingston, the system that we had before, the system the Americans still have—4885. Does ten atmospheres mean extra pressure and was extra pressure the cause of the accident?—4890. Could minister explain why these buoys were bought from Merwin?—4891-2. Is 'The Pintsch Patent Lighting Company, Limited, Montreal,' in existence?—4896.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4870.

Can the same buoys be used that were used twenty years ago notwithstanding the change to acetylene?—4870. If the buoys used are exactly the same, why this heavy expense in making the change?—4811. How many tons of carbide were purchased last year, from whom, and what price? Was it purchased by tender or competition? The three carbide companies are practically under one control—4872. In reality there is no competition, because the article is sold by the same parties, and the lowest tenderer gets it, and they divide it up amongst them—4874.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—*Con.*

Who recommended the present lighting system?—4886. Can the minister furnish the figures showing the cost of the change from the old system to the new?—4887.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—4872.

Who compose the Ottawa Carbide Co. ?—4872. Where was the buoy that exploded at Kingston made? Does minister say that acetylene gives a better light than the former coal oil lighting system?—4878. If these goods were sold by Mr. Merwin as the sole agent, would the member for Hamilton (Mr. Zimmerman) tell us why he invoiced them in his own name instead of the name of the firm he represents?—4893.

Walsh, R. N. (Huntingdon)—4873.

Who were the tenderers last year?—4873.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—4893.

Before the Public Accounts Committee Mr. Merwin swore distinctly that he sold these gas buoys in Canada, had a salary for doing so, but received no commission whatever on them—4893.

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Canadian fishery exhibition, $5,250—3706.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3706.

Item is increased by Mr. Hackett, the naturalist, being transferred to outside service; his salary is $1,600 per annum—3706.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3706.

Is vote to keep up the exhibition in Ottawa ? Is not item increased ? How many employees are kept at exhibition?—3706.

Fisheries protection service, $165,000—3703.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3703.

Last week two American vessels were seized by our cruisers on the Atlantic coast. Mr. Bertram is an old and very efficient officer of the department; would be rather hard to dismiss him. Have had best reports possible to justify the policy adopted by the department in closing Lake Manitoba—3703. Inspectors of locality reported in favour of closing Lake Winnipegosis, because lake was being depleted of fish; licenses were used as commercial licenses and fish were being sent to the United States. No more leases for fishing territory will be issued; it is contrary to the interests of our fisheries that leases for long periods should be given—3704. No lease was given for Lake Winnipegosis; contracts are cancelled if they do not comply with regulations—3705.

Herron, J. (Alberta)—3706.

How many licenses are there in force in the Northwest?—3706

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Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3705.

Is there no provision of contract under which they can be cancelled?—3705.

McLennan, A. (Inverness)—3703.

What does minister intend to do in regard to the substitution of Mr. Bertram; does not desire Mr. Bertram's dismissal; insists that some competent person be temporarily appointed—3703.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—3703.

How long is Lake Manitoba to be closed? Will minister state what representations he has received and from whom he has received them advising the closing of Lake Winnipegosis?—3703.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3704.

Has anything been done to cancel these fishing leases, or are they still in force? Leaseholders have practically fished out Lake Winnipegosis—3704. Why should a license be given for Lesser Slave lake? It is absurd to say that a man who pays a few dollars for a license has a vested right in a territory covering thousands of miles, so that he may keep it to the exclusion of any one else—3705. What is the amount paid for licenses, and what term have they to run?—3706.

Further amount fisheries protection service, $30,000—3709.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3709.

Item was due to extensive repairs done to 'Canada' during the year amounting to $15,021, which were not considered when service was estimated for—3709.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3709.

Is it intended to put on other boats there? —3709.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3709.

How many steamers have you under repair? What is the full amount of items in the main estimates?—3709.

Further amount required for fish-breeding, $59,500—3709.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3709.

Is there no appropriation made for the establishment of a hatchery on the great lakes?—3709.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3709.

Vote is really for purpose of recouping the department for expenditure on construction of fish-breeding establishments in Manitoba and British Columbia ; there will be an amount in supplementaries for next year for establishing a hatchery on the great lakes—3709.

Further amount required for the construction and maintenance of experimental works for the reduction of dogfish, &c., $15,000—3709.

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Further amount required to provide for the maintenance of vessels employed in patrolling the waters in the northern portion of Canada, also for establishing and maintaining police and customs ports on the mainland or islands, as may be deemed necessary from time to time, $15,000—4896.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4896.

This was authorized by order in council of Dec. 19, 1905, to pay for repairs of the 'Neptune' after returning from Hudson's Bay, and an additional charter while she was under repairs—4896.

Further amount required to pay for the Public Works Department for water system, Partridge Island, $4,000—4896.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city)—4896.

Does this amount complete the bringing in of that water?—4896.

Further amount for construction of patrol boat for Mounted Police in Hudson's bay, $15,000—4867.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4867.

This boat which has been built by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, is to be used by the Northwest Mounted Police to patrol between the different posts of the police in the northern waters of Hudson's bay; this $15,000 is to pay the balance due—4867.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4867.

Is this amount all that will be required? Where was she constructed, and was the work done by tender?—4867.

Georgian bay laboratory, $1,125—3707.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3707.

Laboratory moves around Georgian bay and is conducted by gentlemen connected with the University of Toronto, Dr. Beasley, Dr. Huntsman, Mr. Bell and Mr. Murray —3707.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3707.

Where is the laboratory? Who is conducting it?—3707.

To pay any persons employed in the Department of Marine and Fisheries for services in conection with the distribution of the fishing bounty, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $63,750—3706.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3706.

The work is only for a few weeks, and in order to get proper persons we have to pay them more than is permissible under the Civil Service Act—3706.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3706.

Why this 'notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act'? Are these people receiving salaries for other work?—3706.

To pay collectors of customs for services in connection with the issuing of fishing licenses to United States fishing vessels in 1905, equal to five per cent of the collections, $640.65—3709.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—3710.

What steps are being taken to protect the fisheries on the great lakes and Georgian bay, and along Manitoulin island, from the depredations of United States fishermen? Have any reports been made with regard to poaching or has anything been suggested by local inspectors—3710. Is the Dominion Fishery Commission still sitting?—3711.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3711.

Under present conditions the provincial government in Ontario has all the revenue and federal government pays all expenses. When the provincial conference takes place matters will be adjusted between provincial and federal governments, and then we will know who should afford protection—3711.

To provide for the construction and maintenance of experimental works for the reduction of dog-fish, &c., $45,000—3707.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3707.

What is the nature of the result thus far? —3707.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3707.

So far we have been simply experimenting to find out whether dog-fish could be converted into fertilizer; department does not contemplate establishing new reduction works until we find out that experiments are an absolute success; works at Canso have been somewhat satisfactory—3707.

McLennan, A. (Inverness)—3707.

What is the minister's intention with regard to the further extension of these reduction plants designed for the extermination of the dog-fish?—3707.

Management and expenses fish curing establishments, proceeds to revert to appropriation, $9,000—3707.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3707.

Revenue last year was $3,882—3707.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3707.

What proceeds did you get last year?—3707.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—HOSPITALS.

Marine Hospitals—Care of sick seamen in the marine hospitals in the maritime pro-

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vinces and buildings and repairs to marine hospitals, $37,500—3686.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3686.

Do not inland seamen contribute to central fund?—3686.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3686.

Quotes items of vote; ship owners and not seamen contribute to the fund—3686. Would be very glad to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a marine hospital at Canso, N.S.—3687.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—3687.

Any expenditure the government might make towards erecting a marine hospital at Canso would be a worthy expenditure. Trusts that next year the minister will see fit to include a vote for this purpose in the estimates—3687.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—3687.

Is provision made for a marine hospital at Canso? This is one of the most urgent necessities in eastern Nova Scotia. Trusts minister (Mr. Brodeur) will not overlook matter, and that during present session a vote will be taken so that a start will be made this year to build hospital—3687.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY.

Hydrographic survey, $120,000—3685.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3685.

How many men do you employ in the hydrographic surveys?—3685. Latest hydrographic map of Lake Huron is about fifty years old—3686.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries).

Surveys include Lake Superior, the Atlantic coast, Lake St. Francis, the St. Lawrence and the Pacific coast. Department has been requested to make some special surveys in British Columbia on account of accidents which have happened there lately; vote covers the expenditure in connection with boats and men employed; the Georgian bay survey is finished—3685. We are making new maps and are progressing as quickly as possible; should complete survey of the more important waters such as the St. Lawrence and the great lakes before we go into other lakes—3686.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3685.

Is department doing anything on Georgian bay or is that survey finished?—3685.

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Maintenance and repairs to government steamers and ice-breakers, including str. 'Arctic,' $375,000—3803.

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Maintenance and repairs to lighthouses and lightships, $500,000; construction of lighthouses and aids to navigation including apparatus, $800,000—3803.

Motion that committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Motion agreed to—3819.

Bennett, W. H. (North Simcoe)—3804.

Has the minister the correspondence he promised in reference to the icebreaking at Port Arthur—the hiring of three tugs? 3804. Quotes item at bottom of page P—105. I am informed and I believe the fact to be that the tug 'Siskiwit,' for which $100 was paid for twelve days for breaking the iee, has a capacity of about only five-horse power—3805. Quotes Mr. Fraser's memorandum dated November 10, 1904—3806. The suspicious part of the whole business is that the tug is owned by the son-in-law of the hon. member for Rainy River (Mr. Conmee)—3807. Quotes letter written by Mr. Fraser to the harbour master of Fort William, dated November 21. Had Mr. Whelan no part in breaking the ice the year before?—3809. When Mr. Fraser had made an arrangement with Messrs. Whelan and Murphy that they were to keep the harbour open for $100 a day each, why was that arrangement changed and $300 a day paid to the Great Lakes Company?—Quotes Oakley's telegram and Anderson's reply—3810. Was Mr. Fraser at Port Arthur or at Fort William when he made the arrangement with Murphy and Whelan? Was the arrangement verbal or in writing? Did he see the tugs?—3811. The politicians then got their heads together and within five days Mr. Oakley, the harbour master, wires to Ottawa that the bargain he made is off, and a new arrangement has to be made—3812. Mr. Fraser made a departmental bargain that was a good, hard-driven bargain, and if Whelan and Murphy had any regard for their word they would have stuck to their bargain. Quotes telegram from Col. Anderson; also communication from Mr. W. H. Gildersleeve—3813. I do not blame Mr. Fraser a bit. He made a good business arrangement for the department—a straight contract with these two men—3814. The minister says the tugs of the Great Lakes Dredging Company were employed the year before. What was paid the year before?—3815. The official report of the Department of Marine says the tug has a capacity of only six horse power—3817. I think the tug 'Adams,' together with the dredge was imported by the hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) or by Conmee and Bowman. I will accept the statement of the hon. gentleman for the time being, but I challenge the Minister of Customs to examine the files in that regard—3818.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—3807.

Upon whose recommendations were these boats selected?—3807.

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Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3803.

I propose that we take up items 193 and 195, which were allowed to stand—3803. I have no objection to item 193 standing, in view of the investigation which is now going on, but the two items in 195 we might discuss—3804. At the instance of the Winnipeg Corn Exchange and some shipping companies we proceeded to break the ice in the Thunder Bay district. Mr. Fraser hired the tugs which, I understand, had been doing the work previously—3805. The grain had been deposited in large quantities there from the wheatfields of the Northwest. We were doing something useful, not only for Thunder Bay, but for the whole country 3807. But one thing I do know, and that is that the ice was broken, the wheat was moved, the object in view was carried out. The agreement was to have the harbour kept open. It was for that we were to give $100 a day—3808. Mr. Murphy is the man who had broken the ice the year before—3809. After Mr. Fraser arrived there a report was received that they could not do the work with the two tugs, and Col. Anderson, the chief engineer of the department, gave the authority to put the other tug on—3810. It was purely a departmental work, carried out by some of the most respected officers of the department. They had to keep the channel clear. The department has since received congratulations from all the boards of trade in that section of the country—3811. Is there not a telegram from Col. Anderson?—3813. The matter was done on the recommendation of Col. Anderson, by the sending of his telegram, whether the tugs were simply six horse-power tugs I do not know, but I do know that the work was performed—3814. It was not the hiring of tugs, but it was the hiring of persons who were to keep the channel open. The work the year before was not done by our department—3815.

Campbell, Arch. (Centre York)—3811.

These tugs have to work all the time—the whole twenty-four hours—3811.

Conmee, James (Rainy River)—3815.

There is no tug of six horse-power used in any of this work, or 50-horse-power either. The 'Siskiwitt' is a powerful tug, rebuilt some time ago, and doing heavy work towing. The 'Dudley' is more powerful still, and is a tug of 200-horse-power—3815. The tugs performed their work, and the work was in the public interest—3816. I think the 'Adams' was built at Collingwood a good many years ago. She was not imported by me, nor was any other dredge afloat—3817. No tug and no dredge was ever imported by me or by Conmee & Bowman. The harbour of Port Arthur was the one which Mr. Whelan was engaged to keep open—3818. The harbour at Fort William was the one that Mr. Murphy was engaged in keeping open. If my hon. friend (Mr. Bennett) had his capital invested in

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tugs, and knew anything about that class of work, I do not think he would be very enthusiastic over $100 a day for one—3819.

Derbyshire, D. (Brockville)—3808.

It does not make any difference, if only the water is kept in motion to prevent the ice from forming, by a boat moving up and down, whether she is 5-horse-power or 20-horse-power—3808.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—3808.

The point is, does the government pay $100 a day for a 6-horse-power boat?—3808.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—3819.

Would my hon. friend (Mr. Conmee) allow me to interrupt him? I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—3819.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3804.

Does the item 193 include the proposed ice-breaker for the Straits of Northumberland? I would like the item to be passed unless there will be another opportunity to discuss the vote—3804.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3803.

My reason for objecting to these items going through was the announcement by the premier that he intended to have the affairs of the Marine Department inquired into—3803. In view of the fact that the inquiry has been narrowed down to the one question of the supplies for 'Arctic' steamer, I do not see the object of holding the other items any longer—3804.

Further amount required for repairs to lightships, $22,000—4868.

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The lightships at Red Island and White Island, on the Anticosti shore required certain repairs, and the inspector of island lightships and fog alarms was sent to estimate the cost; in order to meet the expense Governor General's warrant was applied for, and this amount is to cover it—4868.

Lighthouse and coast service, construction of lighthouses and aids to navigation, &c., $800,000—4788.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4790.

Electricity is not very safe for lighthouses; the officers of the department prefer oil, which costs less than electricity. I shall be very glad to look into question myself, and to comply with request made to hon. gentleman (Mr. Henderson) if I find it to be in the interest of the people—4790.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—4788.

Would minister (Mr. Brodeur) be good enough to place at end of wharf at vil-

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lage of Bronté on Lake Ontario a lighthouse which is needed by the fishermen there? The whole thing could be constructed in skeleton form and made reasonably high at a cost of not more than $200 or $300; the men living in Bronté would be quite prepared to attend to the lighting of such a lighthouse if it were only provided for them—4788-9-90.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—4791.

Why is information not in the hon. gentleman's (Mr. Brodeur) report?—4791.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—4790.

Quotes item at page P—100 of Auditor General's Report; what is the size of the steamer 'King Edward'?—4791.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—4790.

A pole might be erected on the end of the wharf at Bronté and an electric light be put on the top of the pole, and there would be no cost of building or maintaining a lighthouse—4790.

Lighthouse and Coast Service—Salaries and allowance to light keepers, $197,250—3583.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—3583.

Calls attention to item: 'Extending navigation to December 15, 1905, and keeping harbours at Fort William and Port Arthur open."—3583. Were tenders called for? Who secured the contract this spring? Were tenders called for? It seems odd that it falls into the capacious maw of the Great Lakes Dredging Company—3584. I will ask the Minister when these estimates are up next, to produce the written contracts that were published, if there were any. On another item, the Island Transportation Company, of St. Ignace, Michigan, who is the owner?—3585. The government goes to the other side and imports a tug to do the ice-breaking. Who went to Midland and made the arrangement with the Midland Towing and Wrecking Company to keep the channel open?—3586. What is the explanation of the item: James Murphy, Fort William?" What service was performed by the Reid Wrecking Company?—3587. Had they earned $5,000 when they were paid this $5,000?. Is not that an American Company?—3588. Was not Cap. Sullivan in charge of one of the tugs? He had an old claim to settle with the government—3589. Will the Minister bring down the correspondance in the case of each of these seven items?

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—3588.

Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Brodeur) say that this work was done at Sault Sainte-Marie by the Reid Company?—3588. What was the nature of the work? The bringing in of the Caribou Island lighthouse keepers is charged in the next item—3588. Were the two tugs authorized to go on account of and in the pay of the department for the rescue of the lighthouse keepers?—3589.

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Explains vote asked for—3583. Page P—105 of the Auditor General's Report, is an expenditure incurred in keeping open the harbour at Thunder Bay, at the request of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. The matter was put in the hands of Mr. Fraser, assistant chief engineer, who made the best arrangement possible. There were only two firms in a position to tender for the work—3584. The amount involved is less than $5,000, and it was not necessary to call for tenders—3585. Do I understand the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) objects to the work being done? The people of that section of country said it was necessary to keep the navigation open; no ice-breaker was available but the American tug, and that was secured to do the work. The arrangement at Midland was made by telegram, as the work was pressing—3586. The James Murphy, Fort William item was for the purpose of breaking the ice in the Kaministiquia river, to keep the channel open. The Reid Wrecking Company item was for service performed later on in the same year at Sault Ste. Marie—3587. The amount of $5,000 covers more than half the amount that was due to the company. The reason why the whole amount was not paid was because they were caught in the ice and a settlement took place the spring after. It is a Sarnia company. The work was done all over Lake Superior—3588. The greatest expenditure was made in connection with the removal of the lighthouse keepers from the Cariboo Island lighthouse—3589. There were two tugs sent to the rescue of these men. The payments were made to two different firms—3590. I have asked the officers of my department to make a statement showing exactly the classification of all the lighthouses, with the salaries that should be given to the keeper of each—3591.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—3590.

This discussion is not relevant to the item now before the House—3590.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—3591.

Will the Minister give any information in his possession as to the value of these tugs, so that we may form some idea of their proportionate cost to the amount paid—3591.

Pardee, F. F. (West Lambton)—3588.

No, it is a Canadian Company—3588.

Lighthouse and coast service—further amount required for construction of lighthouses and aids to navigation, including apparatus, $270,000—4912.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4918.

Quotes question of hon. member from Middlesex (Mr. Elson); hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) should have given information asked for—4918. The fault for the mistake

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is not on this side of the House—4919. Has the minister any idea as to the value of the 'Maud' or the 'Oscar'?—4921. The firm of McAvity would take as good a price as this government would be foolish enough to give them—4927. Was the whole quantity of 1,407 barrels bought for delivery at once?—4928.

Broder, A. (Dundas)—4964.

Has the minister not had explosions since orders were given to reduce the pressure? —4964.

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Quotes report of Jas. Gaudin on lightship at Sandheads, Fraser River, B. C.—4912-3-4. All reports will be brought down next week; quotes letter from Auditor General concerning purchase of potatoes for the 'Minto'—4915. Hon. member for Middlesex (Mr. Elson) should have asked for information in regard to item; quotes report of accountant of the department—4917-18. Gives expenditure respecting cost of repairs to Sandhead's lightship; quotes amount of supplies supplied by 'Maude' to lighthouses under construction—4920. the 'Quadra' was placed on the dock on January 7, at Esquimalt, as the Bullen's had modern pneumatic appliances to expedite the work and the repairs could be done at a less cost than at the government dock where repairs would have to be carried on by hand. The 'Oscar' registered tonnage 95 tons, registered owner Mrs. Elizabeth A. Fell, Victoria; was hired from August 25 to October 3, 1904, 40 days at $65 per day for coaling the different fog alarm stations—4921. Mr. Strubbe happened to be the lowest tenderer, and the department gave him the contract—4923. The cement, which is used on the works of the department, are tested at the government laboratory, and if they are found satisfactory they are endorsed——4924. It would be contrary to the interests of the department to purchase a large quantity of cement because we have not always the necessary quarters in which to store the cement necessary for immediate delivery, and there was no necessity for storage—4928. The law provides that the government may purchase for a sum under $5,000 without calling for tenders; did my hon. friend (Mr. Haggart) when he was minister, always call for tenders?—4931. Does hon. friend (Mr. Haggart) speak of public tenders advertised in the newspapers or simply of asking some friends to tender? According to the Canadian law, when the hon. gentleman (Mr. Haggart) was purchasing more than $5,000 worth of supplies, he was obliged to call for public tenders—4932. The hon. ex-Minister of Railways and Canals asked prices from persons who were agreeable to him; we are calling for public tenders—4934. Did hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) not use the term 'rake-off'? —4935. When the tenders are opened two

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persons, Mr. Stumbles and Mr. Skelly, are present and sign them—4938. We have a shop at Prescott, and in that shop small quantities of these different articles are required at different times, and they are bought as they are required from dealers, on requisition. The law does not require the calling for tenders for supplies; it requires the calling for tenders for work —4939. If my hon. friend (Mr. Foster) compares the Auditor General's Report for this year and for previous years he will find that some of the articles required in one year are not required in another— 4940. The system of the imperial authorities has not been adopted in this country because ours is a better system—4941-2. Explains why it was impossible to bring down report—4952. Quotes page 4 of the report of the department in connection with acetylene gas—4953. The department so far, has provided submarine signals for eight places—five lightships, two special submarine bell buoys and one station— 4954. The department is not responsible for the word 'established' in the item the hon. gentleman (Mr. Ganong) has read; Chedabucto Head is the only station yet established—4955. There is some difficulty or delay in the American company carrying out the wishes of the federation of shipping interests which would like to have these machines—4956. Negotiations are now under way between the shipping interests and the company in order to adopt a general system of signals—4958. Installation of signals was not done to please any person in particular or to give Mr. Merwin an advantage, but it was done at the request of the shipping interest—4959. Roughly speaking, $60 a ton is the price for carbide, with freight added, so that the price in each case is f.o.b. at the place delivered—4963. We have not found any specific weakness in acetylene lighting, except in one case with regard to certain buoys that had been too highly charged—4964. This carbide is a patented article and one on which a royalty is paid, so it is difficult to find out what it costs—4969.

Clare, G. A. (South Waterloo)—4965.

How many companies have managers who are not financially interested in the business, and does the hon. minister know the parties forming the companies?—4965.

Cochrane, E. (East Northumberland)—4926.

Could department not buy a large quantity of cement and have it delivered where and when you (Mr. Brodeur) wanted it?—4926. Hon. friend (Mr. Haggart) said as plainly as the English language could say it that when he was minister he never let a contract that exceeded $5,000 without putting it up to public tender—4936. The present government has nothing to show for their extravagant expenditure of public moneys; opposition should be laughed at —4937-8.

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Daniel, John W. (St. John city)—4954.

How many submarine signals have been placed, and where, and what has been the cost? If these are to be really beneficial to the mercantile marine, the ordinary merchant steamers must also be equipped—4954. Are any of these submarine signal stations in the St. Lawrence?—4956. Has the minister received any petition for the placing of the fog station at Cape Spencer, where there is already a light?—4957. Has the government to pay a royalty to the inventor on all the steamers that carry this receiving apparatus; and do the masters of these steamers report in favour of the system?—4962.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —4920.

I shall be pleased to look any error up and give a satisfactory explanation—4920. My hon. friend (Mr. Taylor) ought not to use a word so offensive as 'rake-off' in connection with the name of the firm of McAvity; it is one of the oldest and most honourable firms in the maritime provinces—4927.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4919.

The minister's first excuse for this purchase of potatoes was that they were bought in the winter time and prices were high; memorandum shows nearly all potatoes were bought in summer; the member for Brockville (Mr. Derbyshire) declares that $1 a bushel in the spring of the year is reasonable, but potatoes were not bought in the spring of the year—4919. The minister's statement that only a small quantity of cement was used at Garnet Rock is no defence—4924. The minister (Mr. Brodeur) knows that the McAvity firm in St. John act as agents for the sale of cement, that the orders are given to them without competition, and that upon every barrel they sell they have a large percentage of profit—4925. According to Auditor General's Report, on page W—16, Star cement for the Trent canal was charged at $2.08 per barrel—4930. The McAvitys had a rake-off, and it was the minister who gave it to them—4935. Were tenders called for item on page P—98: N. Willard, Prescott, $9,663 for supplies?—9438. The law calls for the purchase of supplies by tender as well as works—4939. These supplies are delivered now as they are required and they could be delivered on the contract as they are required—4940. When the minister's officers want any of these supplies, blow forges or anything else that they use in their work and that Mr. Willard has, they know exactly the price, it having been arranged by contract, at which they could be got—4941. Would like to have details of services for which Frank Creelman was paid $1,200 'as consulting engineer in connection with the improvement of the gas lighting system.' Who made the report on which the changes in the system were made, and has it been printed—4951. What is the cost of the receiving apparatus?—4957. Why was there

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such a great desire to buy this apparatus from Merwin before there was any chance of installing them?—4958. How much did it cost to equip Chedabucto station?—4959. What is this extinguisher, where is it used, upon whose report were they bought, and where are they now?—4960. Were accounts made with Matheson & Co., Ltd., New Glasgow; T. L. Willson, Ottawa, and N. Dofour, at pages P—100, 101, 102, in Auditor General's Report, made by contract or tender?—4961. Was not the cause of the explosion the charging beyond what the buoys were certified to carry?—4964. Has minister ever undertaken to find out what the real cost of manufacturing carbide is?—4965.

Ganong, G. W. (Charlotte)—4923.

Does the minister say that in every instance when large quantities of cement are required, tenders are asked for? What cement does the department consider the best?—4923. Were all the cement contracts in the maritime provinces given by tender? 1,400 barrels at $2.75 a barrel meant $700 rake-off—4924. $2.25 is a good price for cement—4925. Did minister (Mr. Brodeur specify the class of cement to be used on Garnet Rock, Lepreaux and Partridge Island? The McAvitys were the agents of the Rathbun Cement Company and they were paid $2.75 per barrel when the White English cement could have been bought at $2.25 per barrel—4929. Who said anything against the McAvity firm which is one of the most enterprising firms in Canada?—4935. Will minister please explain item at page P—101 of the Auditor General's Report; quotes item—4955. Quotes article from Boston paper regarding submarine signals—4956. Quotes further extracts from American papers; success has attended the fitting of this apparatus on some American steamers—4957. Is item of $68,540 on P—101 supposed to be the whole equipment for these five stations?—4962. Is it not a fact that the first correspondence was direct with the Boston corporation, and that Mr. Merwin came in later on? What have been found to be the greatest weaknesses with acetylene lighting?—4964.

Gervais, H. (St. Mary's, Montreal)—4937.

How could there be a rake-off when the articles are purchased at current prices? What is a 'rake-off'?—4937.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—4931.

When I was at the head of the department the practice was not even to buy a paint brush for the Intercolonial without tender. Does the minister (Mr. Brodeur) not know that the imperial government do not buy a pound of nails without tender?—4931. Under the imperial government no persons but those who are selected by the imperial authorities has the right to tender—4932. Under the old régime when cement and other articles of supply were required in the department a list was made out of the probable

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amount and sent to nearly every reputable men in the business; the question as to quality of material was left to an independent tribunal, the school of Science of McGill College, Montreal—4933. Can the minister explain how the imperial authorities have a list of every article that can possibly be required by Army or Navy of any department ?—4941.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—4915.

A great deal more care should be exercised in preparing the blue-books; either the blue-books are sadly at fault or something is radically wrong with the administration of some departments—4915-6. Accepts statement of hon. gentleman (Mr. Brodeur) that the figure '1' was dropped out—4917.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—4938.

How many officers are present at the opening of public tenders, and what steps are taken to notify unsuccessful contractors of the price awarded?—4938.

Low, B. B. (Yarmouth, N.S.)—4925.

What could the member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster), or the member for Charlotte (Mr. Ganong) consider to be a fair profit on cement in lots of 400 or 500 barrels?—4925. $2.75 a barrel is a very reasonable price for cement; it is not the price that troubles the hon. gentleman for Charlotte (Mr. Ganong) so much as the party from whom the cement was purchased—4928. No business man would import cement from the west for the maritime provinces, because the freight charges on Canadian cement to Nova Scotia would prohibit its purchase altogether —4930.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4929.

The Canadian people are quite willing to give a preference to Canadian manufacturers when there is bona fide competition, but not otherwise—4929. The business way to get cement would be to call for tenders from all sections of the country—4930. The minister promised to bring down a statement giving the names of newspapers in which he advertised for tenders for carbide; would he be good enough to show also the expenditure for advertising—4966.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—4922.

Who is Charles Strubbe? This Charles Strubbe cement transaction is similar to the Merwin business; somebody is getting a rake-off of about $1,200—4922-3. When the Militia Department wants cement they buy it direct from the Rathbun Company as is evidenced by page 247 of the Auditor General's Report—4930.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4912.

We were to have certain information regarding this item—4912. Would hon. minister send us over all the reports so that we could have an opportunity of

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looking them over?—4914. Are these extinguishers a fluid, are they in metal or glass, and does minister know what the contents are?—4960. What quantity of calcium carbide was purchased in each of the last three years and the cost; from what firms is it purchased, what is the price per ton paid to each and the quantity purchased from each?—4963. Did hon. minister purchase last year for more or less than he paid the year before?—4965.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—4930.

Would the minister inform us whether, when he purchased from this respectable firm in the city of St. John, he asked the price or let them fix their own price? 4930. Over a million dollars' worth of supplies was purchased last year without competition or tender—4934.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—4927.

Why could minister not call for tenders for the amount required for the season, to be delivered f.o.b. cars at the point where the factory is located? Strubbe was given a contract for 5,000 barrels at $2.20 f.o.b. when he bought it for $1.68—4927.

Maintenance and repairs to lighthouses and lightships, $500,000—4117.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—4140.

Would minister be good enough to give us some idea who compose the Canadian General Supply Company, Limited?—4140. Was the oil purchased from the Standard Oil Company supplied by tender? The oil companies in Sarnia and Petrolea can supply any quality of oil necessary for lighting purposes—4141. Will the hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) explain the item on page 159 of the Auditor General's Report, six dozen alarm clocks at $10.80?—4142.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—4118.

Wants to bring up a case in connection with the lighthouse built on the Magnatawan river in the district of Parry Sound; it was announced that work would not be done by contract, but would be done by day's work. If correspondence when brought down to this House is to be of any value it must contain the documents that are really on file, and not such as the minister may see fit to bring down to parliament—4118. File was sent back; Joseph Mortine, the captain of the boat, was hired at $3 per day, but was paid by the department $3.50 per day ; quotes 'Hansard'; suspicion was directed to the fact that these three men were in the employ of the hon. member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson)—4119. The men were paid for more days than they worked—4120. Quotes some unnecessary and extravagant accounts; none of these accounts were attached to the file; does not propose to tell hon. gentleman (Mr. Watson) who his informant is—4121. Quotes letter of Charles McArthur certifying to

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completion of work. We saw in the statement attached to the original file the crossing over of the original days' work and the covering up of the raised days' labour—4122. Would ask the minister that he make the reference to a special committee and not to the Public Accounts Committee, which is now overloaded with work—4123. Is the Magnatawan Lake and Steamboat Line a joint stock company? Is this not a case for inquiry by a special committee? The days were deliberately raised by somebody—4125. Who received this $60? Will the minister refuse an inquiry in the face of this damning evidence? I am not going to be forced to make charges against any member—4127. It is the business of the government to inquire into the ownership of the tug. Is it for me to prefer a charge or is it for the department to inquire to whom this money was paid? On the file that was produced there was a letter saying that the accounts had been tampered with and changed—4128-9. Why was a letter from the hon. member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson) suppressed from the file that was brought down?—4130. The hon. member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson) made the statement without any equivocation that when the boat was employed she was not his property. If a charge is preferred, will it go to the Committee on Privileges and Elections?—4131. This man McArthur who made the statement that this work was well performed and in accordance with the specifications told what was deliberately untrue, and work was not done according to specifications; the accounts were padded and the men were not employed for nearly the time for which the government paid them—4132. There is scandal in every department of this government—4133. Was this sum of money all paid in bulk or are the vouchers for it in the department, and to whom was it paid ? Where is the cheque for the $60?—4134. Hopes that hon. gentleman (Mr. Campbell) will be taken into the cabinet; it will not do for the hon. gentleman (Mr. Campbell) to refer to the slander suit of the member for East Elgin—4137. I have proved any charge I ever brought against any member of this House. It is a question whether a member of parliament should be dealing with the government when he is practically the owner of the concern, even if it is a joint stock company—4138. A good many government supporters agree with the 'Globe' that it is time for a change in the morality of the House—4139. Quotes items for lighthouse expenses on Georgian Bay. Are these sums expended under contract after tenders are called for? If the government is going to spend $55,000 without tenders, the minister cannot expect that the department will be regarded without suspicion—4144. Will minister give a statement showing who did the work and who supplied the materials in each case?—4145.

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This vote covers all the expenditures in connection with the maintenance and repairs to lighthouses and lightships; increase is due to the larger number of lights; gives estimated expenditures by provinces—4117-8. Have never seen file since it was sent across to hon. friend (Mr. Bennett). What page of 'Hansard' did you quote from?—4119. Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) say that payments were not earned? Everything that has been done with regard to the payment to the inspector of works was absolutely correct—4125. Mortimer refused to accept less than $3.50; by the account on fyle laid before parliament he was paid $3.50 a day. I gave the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) the original file, and unfortunately the file was lost—4126. If the hon. member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson) is charged with having received the sum of $60 from the government that is a question that might be dealt with by some other committee—4127. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) has no right to make an insinuation against the honour of any member of this House; it is his duty to make his charge formally, put his seat in jeopardy, and then a committee will be given immediately—4128. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) never substantiates his insinuation—4134-5. All amounts were paid and all payments were made to the foreman of the Magnetawan Boat Company—4135. The officers of the department do not know who are the shareholders of the Canadian General Supply Company—4140. The oil purchased was of a special grade which can only be procured from the Standard Oil Company; it is oil for lighthouses—4141. It is the policy of the department now to ask for tenders. The department intends establishing at the entrance of Halifax harbour one of these gas buoys—4142. Had tenders been called for, it would have cost more to do the work than by day labour—4144. All these returns have been asked for and in most cases sent to the Public Accounts Committee. I am willing to give such information as it is possible to give, but I must tell the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) that I will not bring down any more official records of the department—4145. When these men go to work on our boats they are paid so much per hour according to the implement they use, and according to the kind of work they are doing—4146. Tenders were called for in regard to gasolene—4147. Tenders are called for through the public press, except where the amount is too small to justify it—4150. The vessel 'Arabian' has been engaged for three years to carry the supplies to the lighthouses between Montreal and Lake Superior—4151.

Campbell, A. (Centre York))—4135.

The hon. member for East Simcoe (Mr. Bennett) only deals in insinuations and is not the man to substantiate charges—4135. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) knew the

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statement he made was a lie; the Campbell Milling Company had a perfect right to tender and it put tenders in for the supply of flower to certain penitentiaries. This man (Mr. Bennett) has been throwing insinuations against the hon. member for Parry Sound, the hon. member for Rainy River, and the hon. member for North Ontario, that he dare not and would not make where they could be met—4136-7.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—4135.

That is out of order—4135. That expression is out of order. Any discussion not relative to subject is out of order—4140. The subject to which hon. member (Mr. Fowler) now refers is the construction of a new lighthouse, but the item before the committee is the maintenance and repair of lighthouses and lightships; if he will confine his remarks to the subject before the chair he may proceed—4143.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —4129.

The fact that an account has had some figures changed in it does not necessarily prove that there has been any fraud. It is not the business of the government to investigate the charge, that an hon. member of this House has been guilty of conduct which destroys his right to a seat here, until hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) takes the usual mode of procedure—4129. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) means what he says, he has simply to stand up in the usual way, with the Speaker in the chair, make his accusation and ask that it be investigated by a special committee which is in existence to deal with such matters—4131.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—4117.

Explain—4117. What pay does Mortimer get as captain of the boat?—4126. Understood the hon. member for East Simcoe (Mr. Bennett) to ask the minister for an investigation before a special committee with respect to lighthouses; wishes to corroborate statement that hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) made with regard to change of figures—4142-3.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—4145.

Who owns the tug 'Heeler'? Quotes page P—100 of Auditor General's Report. Why was there such a variation in the prices for labour?—4145. Does the minister know what price he pays for gasolene?—4146. What was the form of the tender asked for?—4147. Does the minister intend to call for tenders through the public press or ask for private bids? Quotes letters from Auditor General to the deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries—4150. Will the minister inform me how many months the steamer 'Arabian' was chartered for; did the government charter her entirely; and were the owners allowed to do trading and passenger carrying as well—4151.

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Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—4139.

If we are to take the 'Globe' as a proper and a reliable witness, it is not necessary for a minister to prove the member for East Simcoe an untruthful man, because the 'Globe' has already proved it —4139.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—4141.

It is the practice of the hon. gentleman's (Mr. Brodeur) department to find some one who has a monopoly whenever the department wants something—4141.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—4147.

Has not seen any advertisement of any kind calling for tenders for any of these supplies; items for maintenance of lights are very large. If minister intends calling for tenders for all these supplies he should do so by public advertisement—4147-8. The government should give the public the advantage of public competition; quotes page P—208 of Auditor General's Report—4149-50.

Roche, Wm. (Halifax)—4142.

Does minister intend, at an early date, giving us the lightship which was promised at the entrance of Halifax harbour? —4142.

Savoie, F. T. (Megantic)—4151.

For the last four years we have bought no gasolene for less than from 20 to 25 cents per gallon, and that was the regular price per barrel—4151.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—4146.

The highest price for gasolene sold along the River St. Lawrence last year for gasolene launches was 15 and 18 cents—4146. How is it that minister is asking for $500,000 for nine months when he only had $500,000 for the whole of last year?—4147.

Watson, R. J. (Parry Sound)—4121.

Where did hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) get this information; was it from the defeated candidate ?—4121. The information of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) came from the defeated candidate, one Dr. Freeborn. The condition on which Captain Mortimer was to take charge of that lighthouse was $3.50 a day—4123. There is not an account on that file but what is absolutely correct, and in every particular an honest, straightforward account ; the account for lighthouse did not exceed $700, and the construction is one of the cheapest put up last year; explains conditions to the minister (Mr. Brodeur)—4124. If all government works were built as economically as this lighthouse there would be very little room for criticism—4125.

Further amount, maintenance and repairs to lighthouses, $30,000—4867.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4867.

Where there are further amounts required would the minister explain the reasons? —4867.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4867.

This amount of $30,000 is required to pay for supplies purchased for lighthouses; this is to provide for requirements of lighthouses on the opening of navigation this spring—4867.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city)—4869.

How many lightships has the department control of? Is the Lurcher lightship satisfactory or not?—4868.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—4868.

Has there been an application for a buoy near Summerside?—4868.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—LIGHT-HOUSES.

Lighthouse and Lightships—Maintenance of and repairs to, $500,000—3617. Some resolutions reported—3620.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3617.

Is it custom of the department to ask for tenders for the construction or repairs to lighthouses when the expenditure is over $5,000?—3617. Quotes lighthouses built without tender—3618.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3617.

The expenditure on account of maintenance of lights from July 1, 1905, to February 8th instant, is $416,627.86, leaving a balance of $83,372.14 for the next four months —3617. It is not often that the lighthouse itself costs $5,000, and most of them are built by day labour. The policy of the department is that we generally call for tenders when the work is accessible, but in some places it would cost very much more if these works were let by contract—3818. That resolution provides that when the cost exceeds $5,000 tenders shall be called for or the work done by day labour—3619. Cove Island light, $11,500 is for the installation of machinery; Gannet Rock is in the Bay of Fundy 3619. It would be more expensive for the department to keep on hand a large stock of everything that would be required than to buy from reputable firms at market prices—3620.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—3619.

I should not think there would be any difficulty in making out a statement of the supplies that would be required during the year—3619. When the question of purchasing $10,000 or $12,000 of supplies is up, a list of supplies required could very easily be made out, and tenders called for —3620.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3617.

The question was asked if we should go on with this item, and I said it was a large one, and, as it was involved with the other, it was allowed to stand—3617. What becomes of the resolution passed by the House, that no work costing over $5,000 would be done except by contract? The hon. minister forgets that he did work not only where he had his own boats, but where he did not have them. Refers to Leonard Island, B.C., Cove Island, Gannet Rock and Long Eddy—3619. I would suggest that the two large items of $500,000 and $800,000 should stand—3620.

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Maintenance and repairs to government steamers and ice-breakers, including steamer 'Arctic,' $375,000—4089.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—4089.

Will the minister (Mr. Brodeur) explain the payment of $5,000 to the Reid Wrecking Company, on account of tug service? How many days was the 'Reid' tug employed at Port Arthur and Fort William? —4089. Has the minister looked into the question of the power of the tug 'Siskiwitt'? Who certified to the time these tugs were working?—4090. Do any of the officers know exactly how long the Reid vessel was employed?—4091. Will the hon. minister let us know how long Captain Sullivan was employed on the vessel? Who were the owners and who was in charge?—4092. Nn one had any confidence in the tug 'Boynton'; quotes correspondence; 'Boynton' was hired for $125 a day—4093. Will minister explain why $400 was paid at Midland to his party friend?—4095. Who certified that tug had been employed for ten days, and what was the name of the tug? In what employment was the 'Seguin' engaged? Quotes expenditures made on the 'Seguin' —4096. Was this boat hired on the recommendation of the member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson)?—4097. How long was boat employed? Were repairs done by tender or without tender?—4098. What did the department pay for the boilers? —4102.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4115.

Why has the expenditure on the 'Lansdowne' grown from $31,602 to $52,109, and on the 'Minto' from approximately $35,000 to approximately $74,000?—4115. The items given in the Auditor General's Report for the 'Quadra' make a total of $64,919.31—4116. There is no one but the minister we can hold responsible for these figures—4117.

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Expenditure was in connection with the keeping of Fort William and Port Arthur free from ice. The Reid Dredging Company had not their vessels at Port Arthur

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and Fort William but they were sent out from Sarnia, and an agreement was made that they would be paid $5,000—4089. The report shows that the 'Siskiwitt's nominal horse-power is six; does not know difference between nominal and exact horse-power—4090. The 'Algoma' was employed only in the following spring, not in the fall when the three vessels were employed—4091. We did not engage the boats ourselves but simply made an agreement by which those people were to keep the channel free of ice and open—4092. The arrangement was made with the Sault St. Marie Tug Company. We were asked by the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and other public bodies to keep the channel open and to see that lights were kept up, so as to give a chance to vessels to go through Lake Superior and the Soo canal and reach Georgian bay—4093. It is not necessary to have powerful boats to keep ice from forming—4094. The tug was under commission of the department engaged in the lighthouse service—4096. The 'Seguin' was employed for construction work below Quebec; a report was sent to the department recommending that repairs should be made to vessel in order to make her fit for service, and instructions were given to make repairs; the 'Seguin' was a fairly good boat—4097. The additional sum asked for is due to the fact that we have another boat which was not included in the vote last year; in the supplementaries there will be large amounts for covering any deficits. This year we are providing a sufficient sum to cover the cost of maintenance and repairs—4098. It is inconvenient to pass from one item to another as different items are under control of different officers—4099. Why should my hon. friend (Mr. Taylor) call upon me to give an explanation of an item which is not before the committee—4100. What is the size of the boiler, is that six by six?—4105. As a question of fairness to the department it would be better to wait until the investigation is over and not try to prejudice public opinion in the meantime—4109-10. The old 'Druid' cost in 1896, $15,923.91; the new 'Druid' is a much larger ship and necessarily costs more to maintain—4114. In 1896 there were spent on the 'Lansdowne' $26,546.94; last year we spent $44,936.83—4115. The expenditure on the 'Quadra' was $57,459.31—4116. If officers of the department have deceived me in regard to figures they will have to bear all responsibility; let item stand—4117.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—4117.

Item 193 stands—4117.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—4110.

I made no such statement; it is the policy of the hon. gentleman (Mr. J. D. Reid) to make statements which are entirely at

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variance with the facts—4110. Evidence of committee may be used without referring to what has gone on in committee. Some of the prices paid were not fair and reasonable, and officials, be they ministers or subordinates, who certified to the accounts in these cases, were careless, and therefore open to censure; figures of hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor) are changeable—4112. Hon. gentlemen have no more right to speak for electors now than they have had on previous occasions—4113.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—4097.

Would minister tell me why this Drolet bill of $1,615.93 was necessary?—4097. Hon. gentleman from Leeds (Mr. Taylor) did not say the letter was from Goldie & McCullough. It is a very singular thing that the Department of Marine should find it necessary to buy from Brooks or Merwin when they can buy from Canadian manufacturers direct without any intermediary—4104. Why are so many repairs needed on the 'Druid'?—4114.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—4111.

There is no reason why this pump business and other matters of that kind should not be inquired into in Committee of Supply as well as in the Public Accounts Committee. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Fielding) did not say that because the matter is before the Public Accounts Committee it cannot be discussed in the House—4112.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—4111.

Will it be said that the electors of Canada are not interested in what a man pays for an article which he sells to the government under the circumstances that have been disclosed? If we do not receive information in this committee, we shall not receive it in the Public Accounts Committee, because some hon. members go to that committee for the very purpose of burking inquiry—4111. What was the tonnage of the old 'Druid'?—4115.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—4094.

The only person in the House who fails to grasp the meaning of the statements made by hon. members on this side is the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Brodeur) himself—4094. Does not object to keeping open the harbour, but does object to the mode of procedure; the department paid far too much for the work of the tugs—4095. Is it the custom of the department to repair the most unfit and unsuitable boats that can be secured? What kind of stove was used?—4097. Whether or not the charges are true is of comparatively little importance compared with the question now raised as to the right hon. the Prime Minister redeeming the pledge he deliberately gave to the House—4104. System of keeping accounts is not accurate; quotes examples—4117.

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Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—4103.

Is the letter read by the hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) from Goldie & McCullough? Is the quotation given by hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) f.o.b. Prescott or f.o.b. Galt? —4103. The letter the hon. gentleman has read and which purports to come from Goldie & McCullough is not from Goldie & McCullough—4104. Would the hon. member state what pressure per square inch that boiler carried ?—4106. Does my hon. friend say that the boiler he asked a price for was a stationary or a marine boiler?—4107. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) did not state he received these two quotations for the boilers from Goldie & McCullough. I refuse to accept the suggestion of my hon. friend from Charlotte (Mr. Ganong) that because I am a back bencher, I shall not take part in the proceedings of the House—4108.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—4113.

The Prime Minister promised a committee to investigate the charges made in this House some time ago; he referred to charges made by the hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor) the hon. member for Grenville (Mr. J. D. Reid) the leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) and the hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. Northrup). The accusation now made is that the Prime Minister has not kept his word, but has confined the investigation of the committee to one charge; the evident intention is to throw the blame upon subordinate officers of the government—4113-4

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—4098.

Draws attention of minister to accounts in connection with steamship 'King Edward' on page P—102 of Auditor General's Report—4098.

Had the right hon. the First Minister carried out the promise he made we would prove, by bringing Goldie & McCoulough on the stand, that they would have sold those boilers direct to the government for $625; quotes telegram from Henry R. Worthington, New York pump manufacturer —4109. The First Minister the other night absolutely refused to give us a committee of investigation, and in addition the Minister of Finance refused to allow a witness to answer questions in the Public Accounts Committee. Did the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fielding) not refuse to allow the witness to answer such questions?—4110. Quotes figures for maintenance of ships. We are entitled to an explanation of the reason why these steamers are costing so much more now to maintain and operate, as compared with previous years—4114. Suggests that item be allowed to stand—4117.

Savoie, F. T. (Megantic)—4104.

If the government had gone to Messrs. Goldie & McCullough to buy a boiler they would have to pay the retail instead of the wholesale price—4105. My company before making boilers was buying from boilermakers at twenty per cent to thirty per cent cheaper than the ordinary retail price; it is the same with all articles manufactured in Canada—4107.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—4098.

Why does minister require as much this year as he did last year? Quotes 'Hansard,' p. 3380; discussion took place on the item; quotes item, page 60 of estimates; quotes 'Hansard'—4099. Is not asking why $5,000 worth of files were bought, but did make certain charges which the right hon. Prime Minister replied to; quotes 'Hansard'—4100-1. Wants Prime Minister to redeem the pledge he made that all charges would be referred to a committee; quotes Auditor General's Report, page P—55; quotes letter—4101. Department paid $1,950 for two boilers, while Goldie & McCullough sold them for $1,225, so that there was a rake-off of $725; the government want us to pass estimates without giving us any explanation of why the Department of Marine should take the people's money—4102. The government paid $975 for each of these boilers to Brooks when the government could have bought the two for $1,225 thereby leaving a clear margin that some one got; the member for South Grey (Mr. Miller) will corrobrate my statement—4103. There is no jobber in the country who buys boilers; the manufacturer of boilers sells each boiler seperately to the consumer; quotes letter to Goldie & McCullough—4105. Quotes letter from Goldie & McCullough—4106. If Prime Minister will grant a committee I will risk my seat in this House if I do not prove every word I stated—4107.

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Lord Strathcona was askd by Mr. Préfontaine to find out somebody who had a great deal of experience in the designing of ice-breakers, and Mr. Charles Duguid was sent here for the purpose of making a report upon this very important question; there is nothing in that report sufficient to justify the government in building the boat of which he speaks; quotes page 3 of report—4764-5. If hon. gentleman (Mr. Lefurgey) reads the report of the superintending engineer of the dredging of the St. Lawrence he will find that the conditions of that river are such that it does not refill. After Mr. Duguid had made his report he had an opportunity to visit the 'Montcalm,' and he reported verbally to the deputy minister that had he seen her before he would have reported that the 'Montcalm' was strong enough to run in the Straits of Northumberland—4766. Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Martin) think it would be advisable to build a half a million dollar

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boat to make experiments with?—4767. The boat now under construction in England will be devoted especially to the sweeping of the channel below Quebec—4770. Charges against Captain Pratt are of a very serious character, and there will be a thorough investigation—4784. Quotes report of the nautical expert of the department. Government is willing to give Prince Edward Island all the accommodation that is possible—4785. The expenditure on 'Aberdeen' cost in 1896, $23,000, and cost last year $61,187.67; the present 'Druid' is not the one which was in existence in 1896; the expenditure on the 'Lansdowne' in 1896 was $26,-546.94, and last year $52,109.82J4786. The 546.94, and last year $52,109.82—4786 The 'Quadra' cost $29,000 in 1896, and $64,000 last year. The hydrographic survey in 1896 cost $15,000, and last year $34,000. We had no ice-breakers at all in 1896; many works have been undertaken which were not undertaken in 1896—4787-8.

Chisholm, W. (Antigonish, N.S.)—4776.

Prince Edward Island is entitled to a good and efficient steam service at all seasons of the year, and she has not been receiving it; the present government, as well as previous governments, have been attempting to meet the requirements of the case as well as possible. The hon. member for Prince (Mr. Lefurgey) has a greater desire to criticise the government and to make political capital than to find a solution of the difficulties that stand in the way of winter communication—4776. The 'Montcalm' is the most powerful ice-breaker we have in Canada, and people of the island should be satisfied when government send the best boat that Canada can give at the present time for that service. The terms of union provided for 'continuous efficient steam service for the conveyance of mails and passengers, to be established and maintained between the island and the mainland'—4777. Pictou harbour is not and cannot be made a good harbour for a large steamer in the winter season; the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Brodeur) should ascertain for himself whether or not this route between Cape George and Georgetown or Souris is feasible—4778. Last winter was not one when a test could be made, because there was open water the whole winter—4779.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—4783.

Quotes telegram in the Montreal 'Star'; Captain Pratt has reputation of being a good officer and an honest man in the city of St. John. Was the charge a recent one or an old one?—4784.

Hughes, J. J. (King's, P.E.I.)—4773.

The government are making all reasonable efforts to give the people of Prince Edward Island that communication to which they are entitled and which they were promised at confederation, but which was

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not given for many years after—4773. While the 'Montcalm' and the other strong steamer will be on the Georgetown-Pictou route next winter, if possible, one of the other steamers should be operated so as to find out whether another harbour on the Nova Scotia side, having deeper water than Pictou harbour can be found; Pictou harbour is the real difficulty—4774. I believe the tunnel will be the final result, and I trust it will be so—4775. Quotes 'Hansard'; the Marine and Fisheries agent at Charlottetown has never allowed his political feelings to interfere in any way, shape or manner with his official duties—4776.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—4767.

The 'Montcalm' was built to experiment with in the River St. Lawrence; when we met last year the understanding was that we were to have a new boat for the Prince Edward Island route—4767. There is something contradictory in Mr. Duguid's verbal report and his written report; quotes resolution of the maritime board of trade held at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia on August 16th, 1905—4768-9. Why did government not recognize conditions a year ago, put the 'Montcalm' on the Prince Edward Island service and put one of the other boats on the St. Lawrence service, and in the meantime dredge Pictou harbour and build the boat of 5,500 horse-power recommended by Mr. Duguid?—4769. Is the new boat to be used simply by the crew or is she supposed to carry passengers on the St. Lawrence? Reads accommodation provided for in the design—4770-1. The government are perfectly willing to lavish public money on a boat which is not needed for this service while afraid of expending a few thousands on a crying need in Prince Edward Island—4771. There is only $15,000 or $20,000 between the estimate for the maintenance of the service without the tunnel and the maintenance of a service with the tunnel; the governrment up to date has shown no desire to endeavour to solve the situation with regard to communication with the island—4772. Did Minister (Mr. Brodeur) recommend the Department of Public Works to take up the matter of dredging?—4785. What action have the government taken in regard to the survey, estimates and information that they promised last year would be gathered in regard to the construction of the tunnel?—4786.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou, N.S.)—4780.

A reasonable and satisfactory service was afforded the people of Prince Edward Island last winter, for the steamer went to and fro between the mainland and the island every day—4780. This blocking of communication has to be put up with at times by people on the mainland as well as by people on the island; the difficulty in running a large ice-breaker is the insufficient depth of water on the harbour bar at Pictou—4781. Until railway communication is provided, the minister

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(Mr. Brodeur) can hardly consider the proposition to build up the Cape George and Georgetown route as one which would meet the needs of Prince Edward Island. Hopes that Pictou harbour will be deepened so that not only a winter ice-breaker, but that large steamers will be able to enter that port—4782. I am in favour of completing railway communication with Cape George—4783.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—4760.

The question for this committee to consider is whether the 'Montcalm' was or was not actually required for the route for which she was obtained two years ago; if she was not required it was a waste of public money; quotes report of Mr. Duguid—4761. Quotes resolution passed by the Maritime Board of Trade held at Yarmouth on August 16, 1905—4763. Reads an estimate of the cost of a service as it is proposed to be carried out by the construction of a new steamer; the construction of a tunnel would not entail much more annual expenditure than does the present service. How is it that the government, after deciding to give better communication last year, has now given up that plan?—4763-4. Was it not part of the programme to dredge Pictou harbour?—4765. Did Mr. Duguid tell the department not to go on with the construction of this boat? Quotes page 4 of Mr. Duguid's report—4766. The proposal last year was that this third boat was to be built, that one of these other boats should investigate the new route, and some other routes that were proposed to be examined—4767. The port of Cape George is a good route, a better route than Pictou, because there is much evidence that the harbour of Pictou, is in a severe winter, inaccessible—4782.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—4779.

Prince Edward Island is entitled to better consideration; the service is neither reasonable nor fair; the only solution is to get steamer of the dimensions and the power which the late minister (Mr. Préfontaine) agreed to furnish—4779. The government is just as much in duty bound to dredge the harbour of Pictou, as to dredge the River St. Lawrence; quotes supply list of new ice-breaking steamer—4780.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4786.

Does the hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) pretend that the hydrographic survey was not going on in 1896?—4787.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—METEOROLOGICAL.

Meteorological service—usual allowance to W. A. Found, notwithstanding anything in Civil Service Act, $112.50—3685.

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Mr. Found is an official of the Department of Marine and Fisheries who performs the duties of meteorological observer at Ottawa—3685.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3685.

What is this allowance for? What salary does he receive from his other office—3685.

Meteorological service, $75,000—3684.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3684.

This is same amount as last year, and is for the payment of the salaries of officers and the maintenance of several stations; names stations and officers—3684.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—3684.

Where are stations? What is number of people employed in all these places?—3684.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—NAVIGATION.

Examination of Masters and Mates, $9,450—3399.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3399.

Amount asked for is $12,600 for the year. Increase is because the number of examiners has been increased and the number of applicants for examination is also larger—3399.

Daniel, John W. (St. John city)—3399.

What is the cause of the very great increase?—3399.

Expenses of schools of navigation, $7,875—3399.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3399.

Navigation schools are being established at Montreal, Quebec, Sydney, Charlottetown, Halifax, St. John, Kingston, Victoria and St. Catharines, for the purpose of giving lectures on seamanship to those who desire to become seamen—3399. Policy of the department has been to give lectures and to provide some skeleton modern ships for purpose of teaching the young men ship construction and everything connected with navigation; subject of education pertains not to federal authorities, but to local authorities—3400. If we were to establish marine schools, we might be called upon to do something for technical education, on the ground that we have the regulation of trade and commerce—3403.

Gervais, Honoré (St. James, Montreal)—3402.

This is the proper time to establish a marine school in the province of Quebec or within the maritime provinces; with the expenditure of some $25,000 per annum a good marine school could be estab-

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lished; same reason that applied to Royal Military College at Kingston will apply to establishment of marine colleges—3402.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—3401.

During the last few years the coasting trade of the maritime provinces has passed almost entirely into the hands of Norwegians; our people are ceasing to be a maritime people—3401. Asks minister to look into question and give it his consideration—3402.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—3400

Expenditure made for establishment of lectures in maritime ports is probably a proper expenditure. Thinks it would be a better expenditure to bonus schools, instead of making an expenditure for giving lectures—3400.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—3400.

Has already made application on behalf of seamen in my district that lectures should be extended to northern lakes; seamen in Collingwood are prepared to furnish room, light and heat if government will only supply a lecturer—3400.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—3401.

What success has attended lectures already given?—3401.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3399.

What is attempted in these schools of navigation? Is it intended to put any schools of navigation on the great lakes? —3399.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—OBSERVATORY.

Department of Marine and Fisheries—Magnetic observatory, $2,400—3683.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3683.

This observatory is for the purpose of observing the magnetism of the earth; expenditure for 1904-5 was $2,463; for 1905-6, $1,249.81; observatory is located at Toronto. Nothing has been decided as to construction of a new building—3683. As soon as a decision is made with regard to the land, the government will come to a decision with regard to building—3684.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—3683.

Understands the department have come to some understanding with regard to obtaining temporary quarters for observatory at Toronto, pending the erection of a new observatory on a site which has been provided by the authorities—3683. City is going to give government a lot for new observatory; wanted to know whether it was decided that government should leave it in Toronto—3684.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—OCEAN AND RIVER SERVICE.

Further amount required for the purchase of the dredge 'Galveston,' for the work below Quebec, including outfit and operation, $175,000—2921.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2922.

What is the $25,000 extra for?—2922. Have you to pay the cost of bringing her here, or was she delivered? What will it cost to bring her, equip her, and to work her for the season?—2924.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2922.

When was this new dredge built? What are her dimensions? Where was the dredge when purchased?—2922. Who is Mr. Cowie? How long had the dredge been used before being purchased? What were the relative sizes of the dredges of which Mr. Cowie had experience? What was the cost of the 'Israel Tarte'?—2023. Why does it cost $8,500 to bring a vessel like that from New Orleans to Quebec? Have no objection to item passing if it can be further discussed upon some other item—2925.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—2921.

The 'Galveston' was purchased for special work from H. E. Moss & Co., brokers, for $150,000, delivered at New Orleans—2921. At low tide the Beaujeu bank, below Quebec, is only 22½ feet deep, and it is proposed to give it at all times a depth of 32 feet. The dimensions of the dredge are: length, 230 feet; breadth, 39 feet, and depth, 15 feet 5 inches; capacity, 1,400 cubic yards per hour—2922. Mr. Cowie, the superintending engineer of the ship channel, an employee of the department for twenty years, went to New Orleans and purchased the dredge. Do not know the cost originally, but she was entered in the U. S. customs at $250,000 —2923. The 'Israel Tarte' cost $400,000, was built in Toronto, but is not so powerful. It will cost $5,000 to bring the 'Galveston' here from New Orleans, and the insurance is $4,000; the cost of fitting up will be about $10,000. The cost for the balance of the season will be about $50,000—2924. It will take $175,000 to buy the dredge, pay insurance, bring her here, equip her, and run her until July 1. She was intended for work on the Mississippi, but could not get through one of the channels. It will cost between $3,000 and $4,000 to insure her, but I thought it business-like to do it for an ocean voyage—2925. I would like to be notified in advance of the next discussion, so that the engineer may be here—2926.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —2922.

The 'Fielding' is not used in the ship channel at all. She went down to the maritime provinces—2922. There will have to be a further item for maintenance 2925.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—2922.

What is the dredge to be used for? Is there plenty of work for the 'Fielding'

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in addition to this dredge you have just purchased?—2922. How did the government know that this dredge was for sale? —2923. Why was she entered in the United States if she was an English dredge?—2925.

Further amount required for maintenance and repairs to government steamers and ice-breakers, $158,500—4816.

Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—4836.

What did you want 72 alarm clocks for? Also clothes lines, butchers' knives, carving knives, and 144 cuspidors—4836.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—4865.

99 out of 100 Tories have been dismissed from office already, and it is only those who changed over to the government who are allowed to remain in office—4865.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—4867.

Asks that correspondence in connection with the accounts at the bottom of page P—105 of the Auditor General's Report, to the Midland Towing Company and the Sault Ste. Marie Tug Company—4867.

Blain, Richard (Peel(—4857.

The minister has been good enough to furnish us with some comparisons between the wicked days of the Conservative administration and his own good days. Quotes figures for 'Aberdeen,' 'Druid,' 'Stanley' and 'Quadra' in 1896 and 1905 —4857. The minister says the 'Aberdeen' was not in service during the whole of 1896; and the 'Druid' is not the same vessel as the one of the same name in 1896. How about the 'Stanley'?—4858.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4842.

I understand the minister to say that this is an entirely irregular procedure. A copy of the letter is produced—4842. The fact that a particular item is being investigated by the Public Accounts Committee does not prevent the House discussing it. The minister has only to put the rest of the record, if it be pertinent, before the House—4843. For my part, I would like to know why this extraordinary arrangement was entered into. I have always understood that the departments refused to recognize assignments of claims against the government—4844. My hon. friend from Grenville put a motion on the order paper, but owing to the Prime Minister having taken Mondays it cannot be moved this session—4847. We want to know what refunds have been made—4848. You do not keep any separate classification of those goods which are imported duty free, or upon which there has been a refund by reason of their having been imported for the use of the government—4849. I want a statement in reference to complement of crew, time of each steamer in commission, nature of supplies and provisions for each steamer, whether these were purchased

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by tender and to what extent, amount of repairs on each steamer during each fiscal year, and whether such repairs were caused by accident or by wear and tear—4851. I observe that the 'Quadra' was repaired in the last fiscal year at an expense of $26,511.85. There were two accidents—4852. Does the minister know whethe the repairs or any part of them have been done by tender? Was it impracticable to ask for tenders in both these cases?—4853. While the 'Quadra' was disabled, on both of these occasions, what provision did the government make for supplying her place?—4854. Did the government charter the 'Maude' and the schooner 'Salvor'? Is the 'Salvor' the boat formerly known as the 'Danube'? —4855. I would like to know whether the 'Salvor' has at all times been ready for active work since the contract was made with its owners. I am also informed that this steamer left Victoria on March 6 under a contract of $37,000 to raise a sunken German steamer in Alaskan waters near Juneau—4856. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Finlayson) say that milk is sold for 30 cents a gallon in Nova Scotia? —4860.

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This amount is required for repairs. The 'Montcalm' came into service a little late in the season, and suffered some damage from the ice last year—4816. We shall have to find out whether the bar will permit her going on the P. E. Island service. Either the 'Montcalm' or the vessel we are now constructing will be put in the Straits—4817. I am glad to see by the Prince Edward Island papers supporting the hon. gentleman -Mr. Lefurgey), that some of them take a fair view of the question, and recognize the fact that the government is doing its duty—4818. I have great confidence in Captain McIlhinney. I will send the 'Montcalm' if I am justified in doing so by the report to be made by the officers of the department—4819. Will my friend (Mr. A. Martin) be satisfied with the 'Montcalm'?—4821. The draught of the 'Montcalm' is about 18 feet, and of the 'Minto' about 17 feet—4824. At all events, I will promise to improve the service in the Straits of Northumberland, and I will put a vessel there that will meet the requirements—4825. I want to investigate the matter fully—4826. He (Mr. A. A. McLean) is giving the draught mentioned in the report, but he knows the draught which is generally acknowledged is the one I have given this afternoon—4827. I am informed by the officers of the department that the information I have given is correct. I understand the labour union refuse to allow the crews to work—4828. I gave some explanations regarding the 'Aberdeen,' and am glad to supply the information again. My hon. friend (Mr. Reid) admits that that explanation is satisfactory. Living expenses are higher than they were

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some years ago—4830. Discusses the 'Lansdowne,' 'Stanley,' 'Minto' and 'Quadra.' The hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) will find all that information in the blue-books—4831. I am told that there is a daily log kept on the boats, and I will give that to the hon. gentleman. The crew of the 'Montcalm' was 62 all told—4832. The 'Montcalm' is a very large boat, and requires a large number of men—4833. It has always been the custom to give uniforms to the men who are on the vessels of the government. My hon. friend (Mr. Taylor) seems to do his duty a little more actively than he did when the late government was in power—4834. With regard to uniforms, what we are doing to-day has been done in the past, and we are simply carrying out the same policy—4835. A kodak is sometimes very useful on a ship; some very interesting pictures were taken of that vessel when she went to Seven Islands last winter. These other articles were for the ship channel service—4836. The 'Alert' does not belong to the Marine Department—4837. My hon. friend (Mr. Reid) makes a statement; he must be ready to substantiate that statement—4840. The matter of Brooks & Company and the bank is being threshed out in the Public Accounts Committee, and is not yet complete—4841. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Borden) think it is regular to discuss letters which are being investigated by that committee?—4842. A document is filed before the Public Accounts Committee and is not before the House; Mr. Reid extracts from the record a part of the document and tries to found an argument upon them here—4843. The situation is this: Messrs. F. R. Brooks & Co. transferred to the government a claim they had against the government for work done and to be done, goods supplied and to be supplied—4844. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) was not able to substantiate what he said, yet he thought it was proper to go on discussing the matter before the House. The captains have been supplied with uniforms, not only by this regime, but always in the past—4845. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Stockton) were called upon to stand upon the bridge of a vessel during winter nights, as these captains are often called upon to do, would he be satisfied with a small coat? I do not see anything extraordinary in buying gloves for these men—4846. A statement will be prepared of the number of days each vessel was in commission. Will bring down a memorandum showing from whom the $7,000 boiler was bought. There were two accidents to the 'Quadra'—4852. I think the repairs are included in the supplementary estimates we are now considering; the repairs were not done by tender; it may be that government dock could not be utilized—4853. While the 'Quadra' was disabled, the 'Kestrel' did the work. The officers tell me they do not remember the tug 'Oscar'—4854. During the repairs to the 'Quadra' the

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'Maude' was hired; a schooner was purchased to be used as a lightship at the Fraser sandheads. By the contract made with the owners of the 'Salvor' schooner they are bound to assist in all wrecks—4855. I think the accident to which reference is made happened before the contract was made. The report of Col. Anderson (who has been sent to British Columbia) will answer most of the questions put—4856. The reason for the increase in the 'Aberdeen' was that she was in commission practically the whole year of 1905, and she was not in commission for the whole year of 1896—4857. The 'Druid' is not the same vessel as the one of the same name in 1896. There is an increase in the price of everything bought for these vessels since 1896; the wages of the crew also have been increased. The 'Vigilant' expenses are paid out of the vote for fishery protection—4858. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Wm. Jackson) goes to Montreal or even here at Ottawa, he could hardly get meat for that price—4859. The price of butter varies, and milk is dearer in winter time than in summer—4860. The coal oil to which the hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) refers at P—194 was bought in connection with the 'Neptune' expedition, and it required to be in special packages—4862. In some parts of the country there is a great deal of fluctuation in the price of potatoes—4863. Mr. Lord has to certify to this account, and we have confidence in him, although he was appointed by the Conservatives—4864. If the officers don't do their duty properly we will have to inquire into it—4865.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—4826.

What is the rise and fall of the tide?—4826.

Derbyshire, Daniel (Brockville)—4820.

What is the use of spending the time of he House with this business? Don't talk any more. The minister has promised you everything he can—4820. We have often paid a dollar a bushel for potatoes in Brockville in the spring of the year when they are scarce—4863.

Elson, Peter (East Middlesex)—4863.

How in the world is it that the government paid $91.40 for 80½ bushels of potatoes for the 'Minto'? That seems to be about 126 per cent higher than things are worth—4863.

Finlayson, Duncan (Richmond, N.S.)—4859.

This milk was bought at North Sydney, and the price is fair and reasonable—4859.

Ganong, G. W. (Charlotte)—4837.

The claims of Prince Edward Island are not as seriously considered in this House as they should be. The shipping of goods to the Island, especially in winter is most unsatisfactory, and the people there suffer great inconvenience—4837. Pictou harbour should have been made safe for vessels of the 'Montcalm' class years ago

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—4838. Compliments the Minister of Customs for making the statement that the goods bought from Merwin were imported free of duty according to law. It is a scandal that the government of Canada should allow a lot of exploiting Yankees, under a stool pigeon named Merwin to sell hundreds of thousands of dollars of goods to them—4866.

Henderson, David (Halton)—4825.

I do not think the Canadian Pacific Railway have refused to send their steamers to Montreal on the ground that the channel is not sufficiently deep; I think the true reason is that the curves are dangerous for these large boats—4825.

Jackson, Wm. (West Elgin)—4858.

I would like an explanation as to the purchase of provisions for the steamer 'Minto.' Whose duty is it to purchase, and what is the manner of purchase?—4858. Inquires about butter, beef and milk—4859. I have no hesitation in saying that you are paying on an average 25 per cent too high—4860. I will guarantee that the milkmen who supply milk in the city of Hamilton to-day are not getting 15 cents a gallon. Better beef is sold in the old country at two cents a pound less than the price here charged—4860. It was sold in Canada and the United States for export. In going over the Auditor General's Report I have found page after page of items in which 25 per cent, in addition to the retail prices have been paid—4862.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—4816.

What are the repairs of $7,000 on the 'Montcalm for? Did she undergo any changes to accommodate her for the service?—4816. Is she going on the Prince Edward Island service? If the 'Montcalm' cannot run on the Pictou route, she can run between Cape Tormentine and Cape Traverse, or she can run between Summerside and Cape Tormentine—4817. If the 'Montcalm' shall prove unfit for that service, then there is no use in having a smaller boat—4818. The minister had plenty of time, before building this new boat, to put Pictou bar in shape to allow the passage of the 'Montcalm' in any kind of weather—4819. We are entitled to some definite statement—4820. Why wait until the session is over; have you no officers in your department who can find out what is the depth of water on the Pictou bar?—4825. What is the draft of the 'Montcalm,' and of the 'Minto'?—4826. The minister can readily understand that the members on this side of the House have a perfect right to stand up and criticise the manner in which they are being humbugged by his department and the government from year to year. Even allowing for the keel of the vessel to be two feet, the minister will find that he is putting his vessel down below her deck line when he says

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she draws 18 feet of water—4827. I do not think that cargo vessels, even when absolutely deeply laden, are ever loaded so that they will go down flush with the deck line in the water—4828. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Derbyshire) does not know what potatoes are worth in Prince Edward Island, or he would know that they never realize at any time a dollar a bushel—4864. When island matters are being discussed the Minister of Marine is ever ready to try to throttle discussion by throwing responsibility on and threatening to discharge Mr. Lord—4865. Why does the minister not allow investigation into the conduct of the officers appointed by this government instead of trying to protect the culprits?—4866.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—4826.

Last winter an order was made by the Minister of Public Works giving instructions to the resident engineer in Nova Scotia to make a complete survey as to the depth of water on the Pictou bar, in order to make the navigation there absolutely satisfactory—4826.

Martin, A. (Queen's P.E.I.)—4821.

Quotes from report of Privy Council approved by the Governor General on March 13. I believe the minister knew very well that it was not the intention to send the 'Montcalm' down—4821. Quotes letter to Mr. Préfontaine from a member of the Charlottetown Board of Trade dated June 16, 1905—4822. The loss to the people of Prince Edward Island, since the settlement made in 1900, is not less than a malf million a year—4823.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—4823.

The depth of these vessels is an indication of what their draft is—4823. The minister casts doubt upon what he said last night—4824. The minister has told us he cannot send the 'Montcalm' to Pictou because there is not sufficient water at the bar—4827. Mr. Lord never ordered these potatoes, and the minister cannot prove that he did—4864.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—4846.

The hon. member for Grenville (Mr. Reid) has made a reference to the Customs Department in such a way as to leave the impression that we have been doing something wrong—4846. The law provides that only in case when an order is issued by a court may an invoice be shown, or a copy produced. The Act declares that when goods are imported for or by any department of government they should be admitted free—4847. If a refund has been given it would be given on the certificate or request of the particular department which might have imported the goods. We act under the authority of the Act of parliament—4848. The information that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) asks for would take six extra men one

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month to get, and would necessitate examining 1,500,000 entries—4849. If he could give up the particular month we could get at it more easily—4850.

Pringle, R. A. (Stormont)—4836.

Quotes the opinion of the Cornwall 'Freeholder' in regard to the steamer 'Alert' —4836. I had an idea that the 'Alert' was controlled by the Department of Public Works—4837.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—4828.

I would like the minister to explain how it is that $9,670 have been paid to David Dwyer, and during how many months. Contrasts the cost of maintaining the steamers between 1896 to 1901 and 1901 to 1905—4828. I cannot see why there should be any great increase in the expense of running these steamers—4829. How long was the 'Aberdeen' not in commission?—4830. It is impossible to find in the blue books the number of days these vessels were in commission—4831. I would like to know the number of days the steamers were in commission each year, with a statement of cost of repairs and maintenance—4832. Barney Coghlin got 50 to 90 per cent trade discount for supplying the government steamers, and he lost $8,000. George T. Merwin also supplied goods, and I am satisfied that he had an average rake-off of 25 to 50 per cent on every dollar deal —4828. $400,000 to George T. Merwin, an American citizen, with a rake-off of from 25 to 50 per cent, and the Minister of Customs has given him duty off on that amount—4839. The Minister of Marine was the first man to initiate the policy of allowing this man to do his banking and having the department guarantee his account. Quotes a letter written to the manager of the Merchants Bank, Prescott—4846. I understood the minister was in office, but, if he was not, I apologize and put the onus on his predecessor. Is the minister still doing business with Merwin or Brooks and Company?—4847. The parties that are selling the goods to the government import them and make free entry—4847. The Minister of Marine stated that the charge that I made in regard to the 'Arctic' had been proven to be not true—4850. Will the hon. gentleman state that it was proved that these goods were put into the hold? I think the minister has been unfair in his statement that in regard to the other matters I threw out insinuations—4851. Will the minister bring down a memorandum showing from whom he bought the $7,000 boiler?—4852. What is the total cost of the steamer 'Vigilant,' where was she employed, and what was the number of her crew?—4854.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4816.

What repairs took place the year previous? —4816.

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Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—4845.

Did hon. member for Grenville (Mr. Reid) did not refer to the proceedings before the Public Accounts Committee. Is it right and proper to the taxpayers of the country that the government should pay out public money to supply coonskin coats to well paid captains and other officials— 4845. Does my hon. friend (Mr. Brodeur) say that a racoon-skin coat is a uniform for an officer of the steamer?—4846.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—4832.

What is the number of the crew of the 'Montcalm'? Quotes from Auditor General's Report—4832. Surely the minister has some reasonable explanation why he had such a large crew, and furnished them with drinks and clothes at the prices mentioned, besides paying the very large salary of $150 a month to the captain— 4833. Why should we clothe them after paying them immense salaries, with racoon coats at $80 a piece?—4834. I will defy the right hon. the Premier to say that the Conservative government was ever guilty of supplying men on their steamers with any such equipment as we find here. And then the minister gets a kodak and films at a cost of $92.40— 4835. The minister has an excuse for everything, but it is only an excuse and the people won't accept it—4836. I have several questions to ask about the ship channel when that question comes up, and the minister will want his officer here —4837. By the Auditor General's Report, P—194, the government bought 15 barrels of coal oil at $10 a barrel—25 cents a gallon by the barrel, when any person can buy a quart for five cents—4862. If the minister wants to dismiss officials who have certified to accounts let him come to the Public Accounts Committee any day and we will show him some officials he could dismiss—4864. The minister knows that his officer certified to the purchase of a boiler at $975, when $600 was the proper charge, and yet he refuses to investigate such conduct—4865.

Wright, A. A. (North Renfrew)—4820.

Suggests that a couple of powerful tugs be sent down to pull that little island (P.E.I.) right up to the shore, so that the House will not be bothered with all this periodical discussion about the 'Stanley,' the 'Minto' and the 'Montcalm'—4820.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—4860.

You (Mr. Jackson) have not proved the price paid is 25 per cent too high—4860. At the present time milk is selling at 24 cents a gallon by milkmen. The King Edward Hotel, Toronto is paying 15 cents a pound for beef, live weight—4861. A contract has been made with the Model Farm, Guelph, at 15 cents a pound on the hoof—4862.

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House proceeded to consider resolutions reported from Committee of Supply—7585.

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This occured before I was minister of Marine. I find that Roberts applied for an engineers certificate and obtained it. It was subsequently charged that he had made false representations and he was asked for an explanation—7594. Quotes Roberts letter of explanation. He admits that he made misrepresentations. He has been examined and has been found competent. There is no doubt as to his capacity—7595. Quotes letter from Mr. O'Brien to Mr. Thompson, M.P. Quotes regulations for steamboat inspection—7596. Why should a man who has all the competency necessary for acting as an engineer be asked to pass a new examination?—7597. There are two boats chartered from William Robinson, of Selkirk—the 'Rocket' and the 'Princess'—at $2,500 for the season of navigation—7598. There is a great deal of fishing on Lake Winnipeg and we have provided a boat to prevent illegal fishing—7599.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—7585.

Orlando W. Roberts got a certificate as marine engineer from Mr. Richardson, the marine inspector, on certain representations. Mr. Richardson, it is said refused to allow a committee to investigate the service of Roberts—7585. Roberts certificate was cancelled as a result of the investigation but was afterwards given back to him, and he was fined $50 and allowed to run as a certified engineer—7586. Quotes the report of the committee—7587. Quotes affidavit of Alfred Brotherton—7588. Then followes a letter from Oscar Klocker, British vice-consul, which is a complete taking back of the certificate that he had given Roberts, as to service. Quotes letters of F. Gourdeau, dated Feb. 28, 1905 and April 6, 1905, also letter from T. M. Heard, secretary of the association—7589. Quotes letter in reply by F. Gourdeau. Then follows an affidavit from a Canadian engineer who applied for Robert's place and was refused it. Quotes letter to Mr. Ralph Smith from the Minister of Marine—7590. Quotes steamboat Inspection Act. It does not appear that the rules and regulations were held to in this case—7591. I think the Marine Association have made out an excellent case, and that justice should be done—7592. He had to make an affidavit of service. Is there any correspondence between the date of the decision of the department, and the date on which the Minister imposed the fine and ordered giving back the certificate—7595. Mr. O'Brien, I suppose, belongs to the company that owned the boat?—7596. It could only be reversed in a certain way. Where is the report of Steamboat Inspection?—7597. On what authority could the minister impose a fine in lieu of cancellation? I want the information the minister promised to give me with reference to the vessel which is employed this year on Lake Winnipeg—7598. What does that steamer do during the year? Is she used for junketting?—7599.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—

Who granted the certificate?—7585. Under whose orders was he fined, and who was the magistrate or officer who fined him?—7586. I heartily coincide with the remarks made by Mr. Foster this afternoon. The certificate of Roberts was cancelled, and afterwards it was found that he was still running on the Yukon river—7593. On misrepresentations Roberts obtained a certificate for time service from the British consul at Port Townsend. I do not understand how he was able to get certificate again on the payment of a fine of $50—7594. Would it not be proper to take the time that Roberts had operated before the cancellation of his certificate, as the time on which to grant a certificate?—7597.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—7595.

He must have known he was doing wrong, if he made a statement as a fact that he knew was not a fact—7595.

Lighthouse and Coast Service—Aids to navigation, &c., $220,000—7584.

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I have brought down all the papers we had in reference to the acetylene gas—7584.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7584.

There is further information I will require to enable me to deal with the matter as I should like to, and I shall defer my remarks to next session—7584.

Maintenance and repairs of government steamers and ice-breakers, $375,000—3200. Progress reported—3233.

Alcorn, Geo. A. (Prince Edward)—3231.

What brought the expedition to so untimely an end?—3232.

Barker, Sam. (East Hamilton)—3207.

Were there any ladies on board? I found there were forty trousseaus at $4 each—3207.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—3201.

What is the expenditure on the occasion of the expedition made by the 'Arctic'? Quotes expenditures from Auditor General's Report, and asks the government to explain—3201. What public servant or minister of the Crown ordered supplies to be furnished on this lavish scale?—3202. Draws attention to the excellent stock of tobacco and liquors—3203. Were the cigars, tobacco and wine returned with the expedition?—3204. Quotes items

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of C. Gratton & Co., Montreal; Plouffe & Company, Ottawa; and Woods, Limited, Ottawa—3207. Quotes Lyman, Sons & Company, Montreal, and asks if supplies were purchased by tender—3208. Asks if certain goods are still in store—3211. Quotes letter of deputy minister to the Auditor General under date of Nov. 28, 1905—3213. Asks if Mr. Low was consulted? In the county of Simcoe the Marine and Fisheries Department is regarded as a department that can be looted by anybody and everybody, provided they are of the same political faith as the hon. gentlemen opposite—3214. Is there not a statute providing that where an expenditure exceeds $5,000, tenders must be called for?—3217. Asks if work done on 'Arctic' by Geo. T. Davie, Quebec, $15,000; F. X. Drolet, Quebec, $11,316; and Slade Electric Co., Quebec, $8,522, was let by tender—3231.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3204.

What was to be the length of the expedition? How many comprised the crew? There seems to have been a fair amount of liquid stimulant—3204; Do you mean that the $118,000 is additional?—3205. Then the 'Arctic' cost us $223,626, and she carried a crew of 12, including the captain and officers, and there were three other persons on board—3206. Two-thirds of the goods purchased should be still on hand—3209. On what date was this expedition decided upon? Would there be any difficulty in advertising for tenders in three and one-half months? Capt. Bernier's memorandum in reference to supplies should be produced—3218. The vessel sailed on the 17th of September and the captain and crew were paid to March 31, in the following year—eight and one-half months—3219. When we have a list of the goods sold at Montreal and a list of the goods now in store on the vessel, we will be able to understand what was the cost of supplies during the voyage—3220. I would like to ask the Minister where the 'Arctic' came from, when was she purchased and when she sailed for Canada, after being purchased?—3222. The minister will have to look for some other excuse for not having advertised for tenders in this case—3223. No, the responsible men did not go over the goods and check the prices—3225. Was it an expedition to the North Pole?—3227. So far as parliament is concerned, Captain Bernier has no responsibility; the responsibility rests upon the Minister. Quotes article in reference to the North Pole expedition—3228. Quotes from report of Department of Marine for present year, page 107, that the 'Arctic' was purchased in 1903—3230. The Minister can give us full information about this later on—3231. There are some important items that would come under this vote. That is the reason I want it to stand—3233.

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Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3200.

This sum is required for the maintenance and repair of the Dominion steamers—3200. Besides these the steamer 'Arctic' was employed in patrolling the northern waters. The 'Arctic' expenditure up to November 30 last, is $55,013.57—3201. The list of articles referred to by Mr. Bennett was procured by Captain Bernier—3202. It was expected at the time the expedition started that it would occupy three years—3203. A steamer is going to start very soon for that part of the country, and these articles which were left will be put on board that vessel. The crew were exposed to sickness, and it was supposed that some stimulants would be in order—3204. The expenditure in the Auditor General's Report were incurred before the starting of the expedition in September 1904—3205. The sum expended during the current fiscal year was in connection with the stations in Hudson bay, the return voyage of the 'Arctic,' and the provisioning of the 'Neptune.' The 'Arctic' carried twenty-one, all told, and there were six men and one officer of the North-west Mounted Police—3206. When the expedition was decided upon, the captain of the ship was called upon to make a list of the articles required, and the department followed his advice—3207. No tenders were asked for, but prices were asked from different firms. There is illegal whaling and illegal fishing done in the neighbourhood of Hudson Bay, and I think it is the duty of the government to protect all the property of Canada—3208. Mr. Fowler thinks that the quantity of provisions, &c., taken is excessive, but prudence was the mother of salvation. The expedition left on September 15, 1904, and returned October 5, 1905—3209. Explains how, by whom and from whom the purchases were made—3210. There is $118,000 for supplies of all kinds. In the amount of $265,000 there is included $30,000 for the expenditure on the Northwest Mounted Police—3211. Not $200,000, but $118,000—3212. Mr. Low was consulted—3214. I have in my hand a statement of Captain Bernier, which confirms what I have said, and is sufficient to show what kind of man Mr. Fowler is—3215. The boat having come up here somewhat late in the season, it was too late to ask for tenders, and prices were asked from some of the most important firms at places near which the boat was—3217. The law says that for works over $5,000 tenders shall be asked for; I do not know whether it applies to goods or not. The date of the expedition was decided upon in the month of June—3218. The quality of the goods were examined by Lieut.-Colonel White, Mr. Semple and the deputy minister. The 'Arctic' was away over a year—3219. Mr. Boudreault went down to Quebec to take stock of everything and see that they were put on board—3220. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Fowler) has no idea of the work that has to be done in

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order to organize vessels of this kind—3221. The 'Arctic' was purchased in Germany in April, 1904, and sailed from Germany in May—3222. Captain Bernier advises me that if the members of the Public Accounts Committee would like to hear him he will be glad to give them the reasons why he advised the department in this way—3226. It is not a question of sheltering ourselves behind Captain Bernier—3227. Captain Bernier advises me that he purchased goods for forty-eight persons for 1,200 days, this being the basis of the quantities decided upon—3228. No tenders were called for for repairing the 'Arctic,' or for installing the electric plant; it is not the rule to ask for tenders for ship repairs—3231. The reason the expedition returned sooner than was expected was that the vessel was disabled. Captain Bernier was satisfied with his crew—3232.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—

Shall the item be adopted?—3233.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—3206.

Was this steamer ballasted with sugar? I see that they carried seven and a half tons of sugar. We quite agree with the minister that it is necessary to look after the Hudson Bay and the fishing interests there—3208. This is such a Bill as would startle the country if it were not for the fact that they have become somewhat accustomed to that sort of thing from this government—3209. If Mr. Low had been consulted it is a singular thing that the deputy minister, in replying to the Auditor General's letter, did not say so—3214. The minister could not repeat correctly the words I uttered with respect to this matter—3215. There is not a word in the correspondence between the Auditor General and the deputy minister in respect to Captain Bernier's memorandum or in respect to Mr. Low—3216. All I have to say is that Captain Bernier is a very unfit person to be in charge of any expedition of the sort—3217. How long was Mr. Boudreault away from Ottawa purchasing supplies? When was this memo of Captain Bernier submitted to the department?—3220. The purchasing of supplies was only a small part of the organization, and the purchase of supplies could have gone on concurrently. What delayed the 'Arctic' from going to sea in August, when she was ready?—3221. There has been no reason shown by the minister why tenders were not called for—3222. Thinks the suggestion that Captain Bernier should appear before the Public Accounts Committee a good one—3226. There was no criticism of Captain Bernier's professional capacity, nor to the advisability of sending an expedition to Hudson Bay; the criticism is as to the character, quantity and price of the supplies—3229. It is a very lame excuse for the minister to say that public tenders were not asked for because there was no time—3230. Did the

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government not ask for tenders for repairs because it was the custom of Mr. Davie not to do work by tender?—3231.

Johnston, Alex. (Cape Breton)—3231.

It is possible that the 'Arctic' may have been purchased in the latter part of 1903. It may have been March or April before she reached here—3231.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3211.

The hon. minister has given the amount realized on the sales of perishable goods; he should have a list of all the goods remaining on hand—3211. Was the crew that was selected satisfactory to Captain Bernier, or had he anything to do with it?—3232.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—3223.

On September 20, 1903, hon. members on both sides of the House, with few exceptions, spoke exuberantly of an expedition to the north. We were told that Captain Bernier, a skilled navigator, would see to the outfitting—3223. The expedition was endorsed by both sides of the House. We should be given the data which guided Captain Bernier in purchasing the supplies—3224. If the prices were fair we need not wrangle over the question whether tenders were asked for or not. Three responsible men—Colonel White, Colonel Gourdeau, of Ottawa, and Mr. Semple, of Montreal—went over the goods and checked the prices—3225. If Captain Bernier did not do right I would not care to support a further vote to send him anywhere—3226.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—3205.

Besides the $285,000 in the Auditor General's Report for 1903-4 and 1904-5, there is to be added $118,000, which would make over $400,000 expended on this ship since she was purchased in 1903. Quotes 'Hansard,' page 1017—3205. J. H. Semple, of Montreal, was evidently called in by the department, and what his duties were I do not know—3210. Thinks the objection raised by the Auditor General was well taken. Quotes Auditor General's letter—3216.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—3210.

Who was it made the purchase of these goods? Was not the list made out by the minister?—3210. Is it not a fact that there were probably $100,000 worth of supplies on board in addition, which were to be delivered to the different stations or to the Indians?—3211. The minister must know that if this clerk desired to make a rake-off he could not ask for a better opportunity?—3212.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—3208.

In view of the large amount of liquor ordered, wouldn't you want the sugar to sweeten it? Does the minister think the North Pole is worth that amount to Canada?—3208.

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Wright, W. (Muskoka)—3209.

Was there anything left of the vintage of 1878—3209. How long is the expedition, which is going out now, to last?—3210.

River St. Lawrence ship channel, Quebec, $441,000.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2912.

It does not matter about the committee; what is the price paid?—2912. Is it true the duty was refunded? How much coal was exempt from duty. It seems curious that private individuals buy coal at $2.90 which, with duty of 53 added, would bring it to $3.43, while the government are paying from $4.50 to $5—2913. If the government pay $5 for $3.43 coal, where has the difference gone and why is it paid?—2915. There is a difference of $1.57—2916. Mr. Reid says the price has not fluctuated except when in winter, in time of strike, he bought about 200 tons. It seems to me that Mr. Reid is corroborated by the public returns as to price. The matter we are dealing with is what this government pays—2917.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—2920.

Would ask the minister to add to information which he will bring down the exact pressure that is kept in these low pressure gas buoys—2021.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—2894.

This vote is to make provisions for the operation of the ship channel dredging fleet, for the construction of new and additional plant, and for the maintenance and improvement of the Sorel ship yard. The oredges are deepening the channel to 30 feet—2894. From Montreal to the Gulf of St. Lawrence there will be 30 feet at high tide by October 1—2895. The dredge 'Fielding' is under the control of the Minister of Public Works. The estimate asked for by Mr. Sproule will be found at page 89 of the superintending engineer's report. Gives figures—2896. There is an item in the supplementary estimates for the purchase of a dredge to deepen the channel to 30 feet at low tide. The lighting from Montreal down is by gas buoys at several places and by beacons on th shore; we are erecting permanent light piers in Lake St. Peter—2897. Orders have been given to go on with the work as soon as the ice leaves the river. There are over fifty lighthouses between Montreal and Quebec. Coal oil is used in lighthouses and gas in buoys. The gas buoys are reported to be quite satisfactory—2898. I think the accident that happened to the 'Bavaria' was due to some other cause. There were three accidents caused by old, high pressure gas buoys. Explains the system of gas buoys—2899. The accidents referred to by Mr. Sproule were all connected with high pressure gas buoys. I think acetylene gas is used in England and also in the United States—2900. Between Montreal

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and Quebec the channel is almost continually lighted. The expense is greater, but we are giving much more light. Navigators are urging the displacement of the old gas buoys by the new ones—2901. I had occasion to talk with some captains the other day, who said that our new system is an improvement over the Pintsch gas system. I have never read over the report with regard to the accident at Kingston—2902. I think that too great pressure was put on the gas buoys—2903. The buoys vary in price according to size, some as low as $2,000, and largest, for ocean service, $11,500. If there has been neglect in the past, some of the responsibility must rest upon the old government—2904. Some of the buoys were taken from the Department of Railways and Canals and some were bought in Germany—2905. The low pressure gas buoys were only invented a couple of years ago—2906. My hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) is not fair to Mr. Fraser; if he is not sure of his charge he should withdraw it immediately—2907. Mr. Fraser was commissioner of lights when the low pressure gas system came to be used—2908. We are blamed by the member for Jacques Cartier because we do not go far enough, and by Mr. Sproule because he says this has not been recommended by Colonel Anderson—2909. The sweeping charges made by Mr. J. D. Reid are not fair to the department—2911. Will he be kind enough to give instances where there has been a rake-off on coal; public tenders are asked for—2912. The price was $3.10 or $4.10, I forget which. The duty has been paid on the coal except what has been used on the boats which are doing the coasting trade—2913. I do not think soft coal could be got at $2.90 per ton. Mr. Reid is absolutely mistaken when he says that coal which has been used in the lighthouse depot, at Prescott, did not pay duty; the rake-off charge is absolutely without foundation—2915. I do not know whether it will be possible for me to furnish all the information that Mr. Monk asks for, but I will bring down all of it that I can—2920. What we are discussing to-night is the ship channel of the St. Lawrence, and Mr. Reid has thought fit to drag in the coal contract at Prescott and the lighting buoys—2921.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—2913.

The report of the committee, I presume, will come on in due course; but we must not now go into what occurred before the committee—2913. My hon. friend (Mr. Borden) knows that the price of coal fluctuates, and it would be of importance to compare time with time and quantity with quantity—2916. I am informed upon the authority of one of the largest dealers of the town of Prescott, that the figures were not as low as $2.90. The town of Prescott has paid more—2917.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—2894.

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What are they doing on the Longueuil shore?—2894. The whole river should be lighted continuously—2897. What are the high pressure gas buoys?—2899. How many buoys are using acetylene gas under high pressure and how many under low pressure?—2901. How about the quality of the light as between the old and the acetylene—its penetrating power?—2902. Refers to the explosive qualities of acetylene—2903. Were the buoys purchased a lot of discarded American buoys?—2905. Just explain the rake-off please—2912.

Johnston, Alex. (Cape Breton)—2914.

What I mean to dispute is the statement that the minister purchased coal in Prescott at $5 per ton in bond—2914. There were 600 tons odd on which duty was not paid used on the boats; on the larger portion used on the mainland, duty was paid—2915.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—2918.

Has the hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) inspected the coal and seen that it is of the same quality, for there is coal and coal, even if it is called by the same name—2918.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2894.

The government has six dredges at work, but if we had a larger number the required depth could be obtained in the one season—2894. I take it now that the minister says that with the government dredges, without outside assistance, we are going to reach the required depth this season—2895. While we are on the subject of dredges I must ask if the dredge 'Fielding' is at work now?—2896. After this season's work, will the recommendations of the Transportation Commission, page 28, have been absolutely carried out? Will the river be swept before the month of July?—2897. Is this vote sufficient to build these permanent piers? States what the Transportation Commission recommend. The accident to the 'Bavarian' was due to the extinction of the gas buoy—2898. The impression of men in Montreal who know something about it is that these accidents will continue as long as the present system is persisted in—2900. What is the estimate of the approximate cost of changing the buoys from high pressure to low pressure?—2904. What I blame the government for is that they spent a large amount of money in purchasing these buoys, and are now going to spend a very large amount of money in replacing them—2906. Asks for further information about buoys to be laid on the table—2920.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—2898.

When the minister is replacing these buoys would it not be well for him to consider the whole question of lighting?—2898. Does any other country use this acetylene gas?—2900. Is not the expense of lighting the St. Lawrence five or six times as great with no better lighting?—2901. If

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Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—*Con.*

Pintsch gas is good enough for the Thames and Mersey, it surely is good enough for the upper St. Lawrence—2902. Can the minister inform me from whom the buoys were purchased, how many were purchased, and if they were purchased at first hand? Perhaps before the estimates go through we could get that information—2905. Discusses the steamer 'Maisonneuve'—2919.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—2898.

How many lighthouses are there between Montreal and Quebec? Do the lighthouses use acetylene or coal oil?—2898. The buoys that have caused the accidents were filled with acetylene; they were only supposed to stand a pressure of 100 pounds and there was 150 pounds placed on them—2902. None of the buoys on the 'Scout' had been used by the government before. Quotes commissioners' report—2903. Up to two or three years ago we had the Pintsch gas system, by which we had a permanent light on the gas buoys—2909. Believes Mr. Fraser is straight, but thinks that some one is getting a pretty considerable rake-off on every article in connection with the lighting system throughout Canada—2910. I have not disputed the statement of Mr. Sproule in the Fraser matter—2910. In the matter of the coal deals, I do not refer to the present Minister of Marine—2912. The government could have purchased all the coal wanted for $3 or $3.20 per ton delivered on the docks at Prescott—2914. The Minister of Marine has stated that on all the coal used by the boats there was no duty paid. I challenge the minister to show that any duty was paid on the coal used in Prescott—2915. The town of Prescott never paid more than 10 cents or 20 cents a ton more than I have, that is, unless they got probably ten tons when they ran short. It would not take me more than five minutes to show that there are rake-offs and large rake-offs paid on these big items in the Auditor General's Report—2918. Would like to ask the minister what it costs per annum for the maintenance of a lighthouse under the acetylene system?—2921.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—2913.

Did not the gentleman who gave his evidence admit that the people who sold this coal to the government had purchased it in the United States?—2913.

Sinclair, John H. (Guysborough)—2918.

Does Mr. Reid suggest that the government should buy their coal in Ogdensburg and not from coal dealers on this side?—2918.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—2894.

What is the depth of water now and what will be the uniform depth after this dredging is done?—2894. Could the minister give the estimates of the work required to be done?—2896. What is the width of the channel between Montreal

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and Quebec, where it would have a uniform depth of 30 feet?—2897? There were three buoys that exploded—one at Halifax, one at Parry Sound and one at Kingston—were they all high-pressure buoys?—2899. Do you carry these buoys on board the boat loaded, or do you generate the gas on board, or after they reach their destination?—2900. The hon. gentleman's predecessor said that to change one-third of the lights would cost one million dollars, and that it would cost about three millions to change all the lights—2906. Was informed by a party that Mr. Fraser, who had recommended the change, was interested in the three plants that manufactured acetylene gas—2907. Did Colonel Anderson recommend the adoption of the high-pressure gas system—2908. I am not specially concerned in proving the charge against Mr. Fraser. I am only giving it as information that was given to me—2909. I never saw Mr. Fraser in my life that I remember, and I know nothing about him—2911. Is it not a fact that all supplies for the government come in free of duty?—2913.

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Further amount salaries, fishery inspectors, &c., $45,000—**3707.**

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3707.

Quotes expenditure by provinces for first eight months ending February 28. It is expected tthat this vote of $45,000 will cover all expenditure up to June 30, thus avoiding the carrying forward of accounts as has been customary in past years—3708.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3708.

How much are you drawing on the present year for last year's accounts? What was the shortage last year and why was there not an item to provide for the wants of last year?—3708.

Salaries and disbursements of fisheries, inspectors, overseers and guardians, $95,700—3692.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3692.

Negotiations have been had for some time with the different provinces, and some temporary arrangements have been made in every case. A representative conference for final settlement is contemplated if session does not last too long. Privy Council decided that proprietary right in the water belonged to province, but that regulation of fisheries is under the control of federal authority—3692. So far as British Columbia is concerned the granting of licenses and the application of the laws are under control of federal government; no difficulty with regard to execution of law—3693. There

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are no fishing licenses issued to foreigners in British Columbia; all licenses are issued to Canadian fishermen—3695. So far as Lake Erie is concerned there is only one close season for whitefish—3696. Hopes that difficulty mentioned by hon. friend from Inverness (Mr. McLennan) will be removed by the recovery of Mr. Bertram. Improvements suggested by hon. friend (Mr. McLennan in regard to retaining pound in Margaree river deserves to be seriously considered—3700.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3692.

Thought that jurisdiction in Ontario was settled and that fisheries were handed over to province—3692. Understands there was great difficulty a year ago in British Columbia by reason of American fishermen coming in and exercising privileges to which they had no right. What was done about difficulties with American fishermen?—3693. Is there no friction at all in British Columbia with reference to fishery business?—3694. Has government the right to say what close season for whitefish shall be?—3695

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—3695.

Has the department considered the extermination of the very coarse fish known as carp?—3695.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—3694.

Conditions to which hon. friend from East Elgin (Mr. Ingram) refers in regard to licenses granted to fishermen may be similar to those on the Atlantic coast under the modus vivendi. Trusts that when conference between federal and provincial governments meets that provinces will be wise enough to grant the entire jurisdiction to the federal government, because jurisdiction should not be divided—3694.

McLennan, A. (Inverness)—3697.

Who is acting inspector for the four counties constituting the inspectorial division of the island of Cape Breton this season? Services rendered by person now acting as inspector were, last season, most unsatisfactory as regards the county of Inverness; urges upon minister that some competent official be temporarily appointed—3697. Trusts that proposition in regard to salmon hatcheries of present minister's late predecessor (Mr. Préfontaine) will be carried out—3698. According to Auditor General's Report, Mr. Baker draws $9,000 for supplying live lobsters from the government; experiment, which was demonstrated to be a success, should not be confined to one locality—3699.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—3696.

Explains differences in regulating close seasons between upper and lower provinces—3696.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3692.

Has a definite conclusion been reached as to the respective jurisdiction between the federal and provincial governments in the fishery question. Who has the right to say what close season shall be allowed, what size of mesh shall be used, and what apparatus shall be used to catch fish. Must Dominion government have inspectors to see to enforcement of law?—3692. How could foreigners come in and interfere with the rights of Canadian fishermen?—3694. How many inspectors have you in Ontario?—3696.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—

Question had nothing to do with provincial management of fisheries; it was purely a little local labour friction. There is no exercise of provincial jurisdiction over fisheries in British Columbia—3693. There was at one time a regulation that no one except a British subject could procure a license for catching salmon by seine nets on the Fraser river. British Columbia has monopolized the halibut market of the United States—3694.

Salaries, $63,762.50; contingencies, $14,362.50.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—370.

Number of clerks has been reduced from 57 to 55. Mr. Halkett and Mr. Kent have been promoted to chief clerkships. In technical branch number is reduced from 8 to 5. There is reduction of 16 to 13 in junior second-class clerks. Propose to make Mrs. Lamouche a junior second-class clerk—370. Mr. Creighton is in charge of tidal survey. Mr. Fraser is assistant engineer; Mr. Stewart, chief surveyor; Mr. Anderson, hydrographic surveyor, and Mr. Fraser, commissioner of lights—370-1.

Daniel, John W. (St. John)—370.

Are these technical officers all educated as professional men—370.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—270

It is proposed to amend item by inserting after word 'salaries' the following, 'including Mrs. M. Lamouche at $850, notwithstanding anything to contrary in Civil Service Act'—370.

Salaries, buildings, maintenance, fish breeding establishments, $146,000—3700.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3701.

Emphasizes what hon. member (Mr. Sproule) has said with reference to the necessity for establishing a hatchery on the great lakes; quotes report of Mr. Cunningham—3701. No better place than the county of Lambton could be found for a pickerel hatchery; fish in our great lakes are diminishing every year, and little or no effort is made to protect them—3702. Asks minister (Mr. Brodeur) to have Mr. Cunningham investigate the

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Sarnia district, as the largest amount of spawn is known to exist about the mouth of the river St. Clair—3703.

Fisheries)—3700.

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Vote is a little larger than last year because of establishment of new hatcheries; names new hatcheries—3700. Probably in the supplementary estimates for next year there will be a vote for establishing a hatchery on the great lakes; not yet decided where it will be—3701.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—3701.

Commends claims of Owen Sound as a suitable place to establish a hatchery—3701. Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) know whether the conditions at Owen Sound have been inquired into by the department?—3702.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—3702.

Have there been any new hatcheries established on Lake Winnipeg during last year?—3702,

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3700.

Did you establish any hatcheries in Ontario during the past year?—3700. It would be wise to establish fish breeding stations in close proximity to where spawn is collected; hatchery should be erected close to Georgian bay—3701. The catch of fish is growing less all the time; the spawn is taken from that part of the country and the waters are being depleted—3702.

To provide for the transfer of Réné A. Wiallard, private secretary, from the Inland Revenue Department to the Marine and Fisheries Department as first-class clerk from February 6, to June 30, 1906, $602.70—4896.

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Mr. Wiallard was my private secretary in the Inland Revenue Department and a second-class clerk; he came with me to the Department of Marine and Fisheries and was made first-class clerk because his work is much more extensive; the secretary of the Minister of Inland Revenue took his place—4897.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4896.

What is the explanation of this?—4896.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—4897.

My secretary came from British Columbia and took the place left vacant by Mr. Wiallard—4897.

To provide for the salary of Réné A. Wiallard, private secretary, as a first-class clerk, from July 1, 1906, to March 31, 1907, $1,125—7558.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—SALARIES—*Con.*

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—7558.

He was my private secretary in House of Commons for some time, and afterwards in the Department of Inland Revenue; he was transferred last February from the Department of Inland Revenue to the Marine and Fisheries Department—7558.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7558.

What is his position now?—7558.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7558.

What is the complete salary he gets under this, and how long has he been in the service?—7558.

Further amount required for completion and delivery of an additional ice-breaking steamer for lower St. Lawrence and Northumberland Straits, $75,000—7559.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—7559.

The contract for the ice-breaker was awarded to Vickers Sons & Maxim, for £44,260 sterling. This will be used in the River St. Lawrence for sweeping the channel below Quebec—7559.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7559.

Is there any provision for an ice-breaker on the upper lakes? Some effort should be made to keep the harbours open a little later than usual—7559.

Additional amount required for new dredge plant for the ship channel in the River St. Lawrence below Quebec, $150,000—7560.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—7560.

This vote is to provide for the dredge which we are now building at our works at Sorel. It was begun last year, and Mr. Desbarats, the superintending engineer, reports that it will be ready May 1st; the cost will be $350,000—7560.

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—7560.

Why should not the building of dredges be under the Public Works Department?—7560.

Additional amount required for permanent piers in Lake St. Peter and other places in the ship channel, River St. Lawrence, $130,000—7560.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Finance)—7561.

This is required for the construction of piers in Lake St. Peter—7560. By virtue of an order in council passed some two years ago, all the ship channel of the St. Lawrence was transferred to the Marine Department—7561.

Wilson, U. (Lennox)—7561.

Is this another matter transferred to the Marine Department from the Public Works Department?—7561.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—DREDGING—*Con.*

Further amount required for the operation of dredge 'Galveston' for the ship channel below Quebec, $50,000—7561.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—7561.

The 'Galveston' will begin to work early next week—7561.

Lighthouse and coast service, further amount establishment of Marconi stations between Cape Race and Cape Ray, $20,000—7561.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—7561.

Gives experience of Mr. Allan, president of the shipping company; messages are received up to 200 miles—7561. Gives practical incidents of successful experiments; our range of battery is about 200 miles; each station costs $2,500 per year—7562.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—7563.

The information I have in regard to the station at Glace Bay is that they have not been able to have constant communication with the other side, but that when the new station is completed this will be remedied—7563.

Hughes, S. (Victoria)—7561.

With the Marconi system every ship can have connection with the shore every hour in the day—7561.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7561.

Has the Marconi system been a success or not?—7561. We are paying out year after year money for the Marconi system, and we never get any intelligent report of what is being accomplished by it—7562. Can these messages be sent successfully across the ocean both ways, and can vessels on the ocean send and receive messages?—7563.

Fisheries—further amount required for the construction of a steamer for duty on Lake Winnipeg, $12,000—7563.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—7563.

Last year an arrangement was entered into with Captain Robinson, of Selkirk, whereby the steamer 'Rocket' was engaged for fishery protection on Lake Winnipeg, the sum of $7,500 being paid for the season's work; this year we are chartering a boat—7563.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7563.

Who is your inspector of fisheries on Lake Winnipeg, and what power has the minister given to the inspector for the leasing of a boat?—7563.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—7563.

Are these the lakes that have been granted for $10 a year?—7563.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—7563.

What was the tonnage, size and value of the 'Rocket'?—7563.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—FISHERIES.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7564.

Can the hon. minister (Mr. Brodeur) give any information as to where he is going to establish fish breeding establishments on the great lakes ?—7564.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—SHIPWRECKED SEAMEN.

Shipwrecked and distressed seamen, $2,250—3687.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3688.

Will take suggestion of hon. gentleman (Mr. A. K. Maclean) into consideration and see if his wishes can be carried out—3688.

Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—3687.

Canadian seamen shipwrecked on the shores of foreign countries are usually sent to their homes through the British consuls, and the expense account is transmitted to the British Board of Trade which in turn transmits it to the Canadian government; has often thought that this country might take care of its own shipwrecked seamen—3688.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

Steamboat inspection, $30,750—3688.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—3691.

Is the large amount in fees collected for inspection, collected by the inspectors? How is it distributed?—3691.

Blain, R. (Peel)—3688.

What qualification is required?—3688. Glad to know we have three inspectors now. Is inspection made once a year, and does inspector make a report on each vessel? —3690. Minister should give some special directions to inspectors in city of Toronto—3691.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3688.

There is an increase in vote due to the appointing of three inspectors instead of one—one in Nova Scotia, one in Quebec, and one in Ontario—3688. The inspectors have received instructions to see that law is carried out and that only first-class life preservers are used—3689. No steamboat can run without having a certificate that it has been inspected by the boiler inspector and the hull inspector. If a boat is overloaded, the owner is violating the law and is liable to a fine —3690.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3688.

Where are these inspectors to be located? —3688. Last fall in Toronto bay the 'Turbinia' ran into an overloaded passenger steamer and captain of 'Turbinia' was suspended nine months during the winter season when there is no navigation—3689.

SUPPLY—MARINE AND FISHERIES—STEAMBOAT INSPECTION—*Con.*

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—3688.

Department should exercise the very greatest care and vigilance in regulating Canadian excursion steamers—3688. Has any complaint been made that these excursion boats do break the law by carrying more passengers than are permitted? —3689. Are these local inspectors on duty every day watching the steamers as they go out, and have they to report to chief inspector?—3690.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3688.

Is there three times as much work as heretofore?—3688. Do inspectors inspect only once a year? Must vessel carry a life preserver for each passenger? Who is in charge of work?—3690.

Inspection of Dominion steamers and fog alarms, $3,375—3691.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3691.

Increase is due to the fact that the number of fog alarms has been largely increased during last year; this is to provide for inspection of fog alarms; fog alarms are made by a company and not by government—3691.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—3691.

It may be well to have an inspecting depot a few miles away so that whole population of Toronto may not be annoyed as they were by inspection of fire alarms last year—3691.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3691.

There is a considerable increase here—3691.

SUPPLY — MARINE AND FISHERIES — WRECKS AND WRECKING.

Further amount investigations into wrecks, $3,500—4867.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4867.

These expenses were mostly incurred in connection with the investigation into wreck of steamer 'Bavarian'—4867.

Wrecking plant, subsidy to the Davie & Sons, revote, $5,000—4867.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4867.

What is the explanataion ?—4867.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4867.

The subsidy was paid formerly by the Trade and Commerce Department, but it was transferred about July 1, to our department and money earned by company last year was paid out of our vote—4867.

SUPPLY—MILITIA AND DEFENCE—ANNUAL DRILL.

Annual drill—further amount required, $175,000—5012.

SUPPLY—MILITIA AND DEFENCE—ANNUAL DRILL—*Con.*

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5013.

Is this the same as last year ? Was not the estimate last year based on the fact that camps would take place before the end of the fiscal year ?—5013.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—5012.

The annual camps are going on now, and this money will be required in a few days —5012. The number annually trained is larger and the pay was doubled under the new militia law passed two or three years ago—5013.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—5013.

This relates to work to be completed by June 30 ? Has it anything to do with Petewawa camp? Do not all the St. John artillery go to Petewawa camp ?—5013.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—5013.

We will have ample opportunity for discussion on other items—5013.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5013.

What was the difficulty with the Ross rifle down at the camp here last year ?—5013.

Annual drill, $650,000—7178.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—7179.

Transportation is paid to officers and men from the headquarters of the troops or squadrons to the camp—7179. Lord Aylmer says that he has been entirely misreported ; there is no friction in the Militia Council whatever—7180.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—7178.

Understood from the newspapers that there was some difficulty in the transporting of horses of the Thirteenth Scottish Dragoons—7178. It would not be unreasonable for the officers if they live in Montreal to ask that their horses be carried into camp—7179. Is it the intention of the government to abolish the Militia Council anl revert to the old orler of having a commander in chief ?—7180. Quotes an item from a Montreal paper of May 25 respecting dissension in the Militia Council—7181.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7179.

What provisions are made for members of troops who suffer from accidents at annual drill and who are seriously or permanently injured, or laid up for a long time?—7179. There is nothing in the supplementary estimates making provision for the case of Hambly—7180.

SUPPLY—MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

Chargeable to capital—for purchase of ordnance, arms, rifle ranges, lands for military purposes, reserve stores of clothing, equipment, &c., and for fitting up rifle ranges, $918,750—7161.

SUPPLY—MILITIA AND DEFENCE—*Con.*

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7166.

What rifle ranges have been purchased or are about to be purchased?—7166. Would the minister (Sir F. Borden) give the acreage for the rifle ranges and the amount paid for each?—7167.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—7161.

This is a repetition of the vote which was taken for the first time in 1903—7161. The contract with the Ross Rifle Company is for 10,000 rifles a year at $25 per—7162. The report of the special committee that sat on the case was that taking all in all the Ross rifle was a better rifle than the Lee-Enfield and the committee advised its adoption—7163. A large order for ordnance was placed some years ago at War Office prices in England with Messrs. Vickers and Maxim for artillery—7165. The Ottawa Car Company is communicating with the Coventry works in England for the purpose of inducing them to come here and establish a great factory for the manufacture of artillery—7166. The total cost of the new rifle range at Moncton with extras was $5,547—7167. The rifle range at Petewawa cost $40,000—7168. This vote of $56,250 is the nine month's appropriation for the purchase of land wherever they may be required—7169. The last report of the Auditor General shows 1,009 tents at $25 ; tents are bought by tender at the present time—7170. A proposition has been submitted to the government which is now under consideration and which may lead to the establishment of an ordnance factory in Ottawa or somewhere near Ottawa—7171. I shall have a report made at once upon the Martello towers—7173. Gives divisions of item ; the price of the Ross rifle was arrived at by ascertaining the price of the English rifle and submitting it and the rifle to Major Gaudette—7174. There are 32,000 rifles now under order for a militia strength of 100,000—7175. The ordinary active militia receive one issue of clothes in three years—7176.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7174.

How did the minister (Sir F. Borden) arrive at the price of the Ross rifle, $25 each?—7174. Have the experts ever been instructed to make an estimate of the actual cost of the Ross rifle for the information of the minister ? How many rifles are purchased at the present time and for a militia of how many ?—7175.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—7162.

How much of this vote is for rifles and how many rifles have been received already ? Have any complaints been made of the Ross rifle ?—7162. What steps do you take to examine these rifles as they are delivered, to see that they are up to the sample ?—7163. Is it the intention of the minister to purchase more lands in connection with the rifle range at Sussex ?—7166. Have you a rifle range at Moncton, and if so, what did it cost ?—7167. What did the rifle range at Petewawa cost ?—7168. Has the hon. gentleman (Sir F. Borden) the figures of what the Sussex

SUPPLY—MILITIA AND DEFENCE—*Con.*

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—*Con.*
rifle range has cost, outside the land ?—7169. How many tents did you buy from Woods, and what did you pay for them? 7170. What is the position with respect to the old forts in the maritime provinces, such as that at Westmoreland ?—to the old forts in the maritime pro- 7173.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—7164.
I have yet to see where any fault is found with the finish of the Ross rifle—7164. The sights adopted for the new Ross rifle are the best in the world. What ordnance has been purchased this year and where was it purchased ?—7165. What is the proposition in relation to this Coventry ordnance works that are talking of establishing themselves in Canada ?—7171. Understands that minister is considering the purchase of the Collegiate Institute in Ottawa adjoining Cartier Square ; it would be a splendid proposition to purchase both the Normal School and the Collegiate Institute—7173. The Ross Rifle Company are handicapped in connection with the question of wages anl the location of the rifle factory at Quebec—7174. Would suggest that the clothing, especially that of the rural regiments, should be taken up every year and put through a cleaning process—7177.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7169.
Has any purchase been made in the Pine Plains, in Simcoe county ?—7169.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—7172.
When we look at the millions of dollars this government are spending for useless purposes, the least they could do is to keep these military properties at Kingston and Prescott in repair—7172.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—7176.
A difference should be made between the city corps and the rural corps as to the time of the issue of the clothing ; compares the wear of each—7176. The city regiments should be furnished with their own complete camp equipment—7177.

Clothing and necessaries, $225,000—7181.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—7181.
There has been a considerable reduction in this due to the fact that there was a large amount estimated on account of taking over Halifax—7181.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—7181.
Has any difficulty existed in recruiting for Halifax ?—7181.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—7182.
Would like minister to take the condition of city corps in this respect into consideration—7182.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—7182.
I am not quite satisfied with the conditions as they at present exist with regard to city regiments ; gives reasons—7182.

SUPPLY—MILITIA AND DEFENCE—*Con.*

Construction of buildings at Lévis and Sussex camps, $2,000—7183.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—7183.
As a rule the district officers commanding are appointed from the permanent force —7183.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—7183.
What are you constructing at Sussex ?—7183.

For manufacture of reserve ammunition at Dominion Arsenal, $56,250—7177.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—7177.
We find in practice at the ranges that the shells for the bullets are not all of the same size ; explains difficulties with ammunition—7177.

For fitting up camp grounds,$35,000—7183.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—7183.
The camp for western Ontario gets $10,000 and Petewawa, $25,000—7183.

Pay and allowance, $941,250—7177.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—7177.
We have had to draw upon certain centres like Toronto, which is one of the best recruiting centres in Canada, to supply the requisite number of troops for Halifax—7177. There is a vote in the estimates for the new barracks for the corps at Lambton Mills, but we are waiting until the plans are completed—7178.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—7178.
Two ex-soldiers in the British army, one of whom requires about six years to complete his pension would like to know if their past imperial service would count on their pension—7178.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7177.
What is the policy of the hon. minister (Mr. Borden) in connection with the permanent corps at Toronto ?—7177. Hopes minister will be able to carry out his policy of not reducing the permanent garrison in Toronto. Is the work on the new barracks, for the permanent corps at Lambton Mills, started ?—7178.

Royal Military College, $69,000—7182.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—7182.
There are five applications this year, thirty-eight are admitted—7182.

Salaries, $42,900—359.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—359.
No change whatever except few statutory increases—359.

Salaries—for an increase of salary to H. N. P. Chesley to $1,750 from July 1, 1906, $150 —7182.

SUPPLY—MILITIA AND DEFENCE—*Con.*

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—7182.

This is an increase to a very valuable servant transferred from the Post Office Department to my department some time ago at the request of Mr. Jarvis—7182.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—7182.

Is Col. Gwatkin in the service?—7182.

SUPPLY—NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE

Office of the Comptroller Northwest Mounted Police, $12,975—360.

Foster, Geo. E. (North Toronto)—360.

Is the force larger ? Why the extra clerk? —360.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —360.

There is no increase, except statutory increases and a new clerk at $600 ; the extra clerk is asked by the comptroller—360.

Northwest Territories, Yukon Territory, provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan—

Pay of force, $268,000.

Subsistence, forage, fuel anl light, clothing, buildings, repairs, horses, dogs, arms and ammunition, medical stores, billeting, transport, water service, stationery and contingencies, 3$40,000—4967.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4967.

The whole population of the Yukon is not more than 8,000 people ; why then should we have to keep that number of men up there at that immense cost?—4967. How are the 206 men distributed?—4968. Do people themselves make no provision for constable work or is it all done by the Mounted Police?—4969. Why don't we have more fines?—4972. Who keeps up the jails in the new provinces?—4976. When Mounted Police are cutting the trail do they make improvements in the road ?—4977.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—4987.

I was not aware that there was any territory in the country so absolutely worthless as the hon. gentleman (Mr. Jackson) describes the whole territory of Keewatin to be—4987.

Herron, John (Alberta)—4989.

What is the pay of the rank and file of the Mounted Police at the present time? It would be better to have fewer men and pay them a little more—4989.

Jackson, S. J. (Selkirk)—4987.

There are not enough white children in the district of Keewatin to fill a schoolhouse eight feet by ten ; the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) need not be alarmed that any school law will ever affect the religion of any one in that country—4987-8.

SUPPLY—NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE —*Con.*

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—4978.

Did I understand the Prime Minister to say there would be 150 constables on detachment duty in the two provinces? Will they be at the disposal of the local governments ?—4978. Inspector Heffernan of the Mounted Police was offered the appointment of presiding officer of the court of revision held at the town of Regina at the close of the recent elections and accepted; it is a far cry from hearing a criminal case in an outlying district, and acting as magistrate in a civil case in the principal town of a province—4978-9. Hopes First Minister will have Heffernan's case inquired into—4981.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —4967.

This year we make a reduction of $100,000 in the expenditure—4967. Does my hon. friend Mr. Foster say that force could be dispensed with altogether in the Yukon ? It is not possible to say how much it may be reducel eventually, but we propose to gradually reduce it ; enumerates stations and men—4968. I quite agree with my hon. friend (Mr. Foster) that the time is coming when the Dawson authorities ought to look out for themselves and perform their own civic duties—4969. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) think that the mail service from Dawson to Fort Macpherson could have been performed by others than the Mounted Police as well or as cheaply?—4972. A constable in the Northwest Mounted Police receives $1.25 a day. Will my hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) tell me how many men we should keep in the Yukon ?—4974. The arrangements made with new provinces were that we should keep in the two provinces five hundred men out of the six hundred, and that they should pay the federal government $75,000 a year each; quotes minutes of council adopted—4975-6. We have at this moment 30 men on the Peace River who are cutting a trail from Edmonton to Teslin lake, to the Yukon system ; object in view is not only to afford facilities for prospectors and travellers, but to have in case of emergency at least communication with our own territory ; reads instructions—4977. Gives distribution of the force in the new provinces—4978. The force has been under special instructions, since I have been in charge of it, not to take part in politics at all ; if the force misbehaves in any way, it is the duty of those who think it has misbehaved to call the attention of the authorities to the matter—4979. Whenever they are sent to look after forest fires, they are under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior and get their instructions from that department—4981. The whole of the Territories, outside of the three provinces and the Yukon is now under the direction of a commissioner who is a commissioner in the mounted police—4982. The conference which will sit next fall will consider the claims of Manitoba for enlarged boundaries, but in the meantime we had to administer the territory and we did it the best we could; the jurisdiction of the Northwest Terri-

SUPPLY—NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE —*Con.*

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

tories extends from the mouth of the Mackenzie river to the shores of Labrador—4983. Does my hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) pretend that because Keewatin was administered by the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba that the school ordinance or any kind of ordinance or law passed by Manitoba applied to Keewatin ?—4984-5. In so far as the administration of laws Keewatin shall be under the same jurisdiction as the territory to which it is attached ; there cannot be any law in Keewatin except the law which is passed by the parliament of Canada—4986. The school Act was passed in 1875 and it applied to all the territories outside of Montreal—4987.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4986.

Suppose that in making an order in council saying that Keewatin should be attached to the other unorganized territory you (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) had used the same language and said that it shall be attached to the province of Manitoba, what would be the result?—4986. Notwithstanding what the hon. gentleman (Mr. Jackson) says there will be in the near future a population there and this parliament will have to determine questions at no distant date in reference to that territory—4988.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—4981.

Are not some of the Mounted Police detailed for special duty in connection with looking after forest reserves, perhaps only temporarily at certain seasons ? Is any of this expenditure in connection with the district of Keewatin ?—4981. Why was not that proposal included in the Act instead of our being given a distinct declaration by the ex-Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) that it was not the intention to include Keewatin in the territories—4982. Was there not a special Act called the Keewatin Act ? Why was not Keewatin included in the new Territories Act last session ?—4987.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4972.

How many men are stationed in the Yukon ? According to Auditor General's Report it costs $7,368 to police each 1,000 of the inhabitants—4972. We have arrived at a time when it would be wise to reduce this force. Is there not a police magistrate in Dawson ?—4973. When conditions have changed so materially and the population has increased so much and the people have become used to civilized life, it is not necessary to keep up the same force—4974. The cost of living in the Yukon is very much less than it formerly was, but the expenditure of the government is not being reduced proportionately—4975. If at any time in the future you take Keewatin from the territories and add it to Manitoba it would be claimed that according to the British North America Act, provision of section 93, they were entitled to a continuance of separate school rights—4983. Does the school law of 1875 not say that Keewatin

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—*Con.*

shall be under the same government as the province to which it is attached—4984. If Keewatin was under the Northwest Territories Act of 1875 there was no reason for saying it shall be under it now; in future it shall be under the same laws as the territory to which it is attached—4986. The Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba has power to make laws ; he can legislate for the insane, for women's rights and for the administration of justice—4989.

Thompson, A. (Yukon Territory)—4969.

It would be a very unwise policy on the part of the government to reduce the Northwest Mounted Police force in the Yukon to too low a point ; the United States government have 1,100 regular soldiers placed in forts along the valley of the Yukon river and throughout Alaska —4969. The system of book-keeping is wrong; these accounts should not be charged to the Yukon but to the federal government—4970. The Mounted Police force perform the offices of mining recorders and mail carriers ; they do work for every department of government, and the departments are not charged up for that ; this charge for the Northwest Mounted Police, as police, is not a legitimate charge against that force—4971.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—4980.

Inspector Heffernan sat on these cases in connection with the returning officer ; in all of those cases the judgment of the court could be revised by the presiding judge, Judge Rouleau at Regina—4890.

SUPPLY—POST OFFICE.

Post Office Department, $280,385.44—401.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General) —401.

Increases are simply statutory increases with the addition of one first-class clerk and one second-class clerk. Two additional clerks amount to $2,700; necessary because of increased work due to expansion of business of department—401. Submits amendment. Office hours in Post Office Department are from 9.30 to 4.30, with an hour of absence for luncheon—402.

Barker, Samuel (Hamilton, East)—402.

Has the deputy minister reported these additional officers necessary ?—402.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—402.

Are these extra clerkships to be filled by promotion from one class to another? Who is now performing the work which is to be imposed upon the first-class clerk to be appointed?—402. What is the reason work must necessarily be done outside of office hours?—403.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—401.

Who have been appointed to new clerkships ? Why are they necessary ?—401.

SUPPLY—POST OFFICE—*Con.*

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—402.

Would not same cause for increase apply to some offices outside Ottawa ? Is it not a fact that some offices are shorthanded by increase of work and what is being done to provide for them ?—402.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—402.

What are the hours of the Civil Service ?

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—403.

What is the amount the two extra clerks are to get ?—403.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—401.

Will Postmaster General explain increase $5,000 ?

Post Office mail service, $2,250,525—529.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General)—530.

Course which circumstances seem to call for, if the difference in amount was sufficient to be talked about, would be to compare with cost of similar services in other parts of the country the amount being paid to Lovering—530. Has found more than one instance where calling for tenders produced no tender at anything like so small a figure as that at which service was being performed. Every case must be regarded as one for the exercise of good, common sense judgment—532. Declines to answer hypothetical question—546. In second item there is an increase for twelve months of $154,000 and three-fourths of that for nine months. The $154,000 consists of ordinary land service, $105,000 ; mail service by railway $36,700 ; mail service by steamboats $7,300 ; supply of and repairs to mail bags $5,000.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—532.

If the department is to proceed on the principle of public calls for tenders, it could hardly be a matter in the discretion of the minister, as he might exercise his discretion to do away with tenders altogether—532-3. Answer of Postmaster General in regard to postmaster at Cannington was supposed to lay down a certain principle which opposition understood would be of universal application. What is the policy of the Post Office Department? Is postmaster receiving a salary of $1,000 or $1,200 a year in a small town, not to be permitted to engage in any other business?—538. Thinks it highly desirable that documents—which ought to be laid on table of House because Postmaster General has referred to them—should be brought before House for information—542. Is principle alluded to by Postmaster General sufficiently definite to impel him to dismiss that gentleman if facts can be substantiated? Apparently there is no principle to which Postmaster General is willing to commit himself—546. Minister has not yet explained increase of about $150,000 in second item—549.

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Bennet, W. H. (East Simcoe)—529.

Does this item allude to ordinary carriage of mails throughout country? Quotes Mr. Aylesworth on page 347 of unrevised 'Hansard'—529. Asks Postmaster General if he intends to continue contract to Mr. Lovering at $156 for balance of term, which expires four years from March 31, 1905; or will tenders be called for, leaving contract open for competition?—530. Surprised to hear Postmaster General. (Mr. Aylesworth) talk as he does with Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) sitting beside him. Postmaster General intends to disregard, whenever he thinks fit, the healthy principle of competition by public calls for tender—531. Action taken by present Postmaster General will serve as a precedent in respect to competition—534-5. Has Postmaster General a report of inspector, and what is name of inspector who made report?—542. Does Postmaster General think $400 a year for railway porters is 'adequate for their maintenance?' Postmaster at Victoria Harbour receives $500 a year and pays no attention whatever to office—543. Quotes 'Ontario Gleaner' of March 15 a newspaper published at Cannington—544.

Clements, Herbert S. (West Kent)—533.

Wants to draw minister's attention to matter concerning postmaster in town of Leamington—533. Postmaster General has announced a principle with regard to matter which he will doubtless find very embarrassing during his tenure of office; complaints are made by a number of prominent citizens of Leamington—539-40.

Fowler, Geo. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—533.

Answer which new Postmaster General has given to my hon. friend from West Kent (Mr. Clements) was a very flippant and improper one. Postmaster at Leamington is violating rule laid down that a man holding an office and getting a salary of $1,000 or upwards should hold only one office of postmaster—534. Can quite understand difficult position in which new Postmaster General is placed in view of fact that he himself is not satisfied with salary he receives from country for performing duties of office—540.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—546.

What was the other occupation the postmaster at Cannington engaged in?—540. What was result of investigation?—541. Former minister would not stoop to dismiss postmaster at Cannington; cannot be as charitable as leader of opposition in excusing Postmaster General—547. Many settlements in Ontario where people only get mail once a week—550.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—536.

In South Simcoe average rate per mile for mail service is not 10 cents as in the case brought forward by hon. member for East Simcoe (Mr. Bennett), but the average rate is 3·94 cents per mile—536.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—548.

Desires to call attention of Postmaster General to carrying of mails in part of

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Prince Edward Island. Hopes that within next few months, when summer railway arrangements are made, that the proper and economical delivery of mails will be provided for—548.

Sproule, Thomas S. (East Grey)—535.

Ex-Postmaster General cancelled many contracts that had been renewed at a figure below $200 when it was believed by the department that the work was being done much cheaper—535-6. Understood hon. member for Kent (Mr. Clements) to say that in case he cited the postmaster was getting salary of $1,200 a year, and yet he was engaged in several other undertakings, and the Postmaster General has no objection to make—539.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox and Addington)—547.

Wishes to bring attention of Postmaster General to case of the postmaster at Napanee, Dr. Leonard—547-8.

Post Office, Outside Service—Salaries and allowances, including salary of $950 for P. C. N. Dorion, a reinstated mail clerk, and a salary of $626 for John McAfee, a reinstated letter carrier of Montreal, their services to be considered as continuous, notwithstanding anything in Civil Service or Superannuation Acts, $1,335,134.44—525.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General) —525.

There is an increase of $83,940.75 for twelve months, or about $63,000 for nine months, caused by an increase in post office inspectors' offices of $8,330; in railway mail service of $31,640; and in city post offices, $43,970—525. Dorion was appointed a mail clerk in 1885 and was dismissed in December, 1897, on ground that he had taken an unduly active part in Dominion elections of 1896. On October 1, 1898, he was reinstated, and his services since then have been satisactory. McAfee was first appointed a letter carrier in Montreal in 1882. In October, 1903, he failed to report for duty, pleading sickness, and his services were dispensed with in Dec., 1903. It was afterwards discovered that illness was bona fide, and he was re-employed temporarily in June, 1904, and from that time forward his services have been satisfactory—526.

Bennett, William H. (East Simcoe)—527.

Is it necessary now for railway mail clerks to pass civil service examination before they are employed? What wages per diem are paid to railway mail porters?—527. Do these so-called mail porters take runs on trains and act in the capacity of ordinary mail clerks? How many mail porters, approximately, have been appointel in province of Ontario—529.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—525.

Will Postmaster General explain item?—525. Would hon. friend (Mr. Aylesworth) explain cases of Dorion and McAfee?—526. Does my hon. friend know there is

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a great demand for more letter carriers in Montreal?—527.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—527.

Was any investigation made at the time when these two mail clerks were dismissed—527.

Yukon Territory, $105,000—557.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General) 557.

Circumstances in regard to Yukon are of an unusual character, and service is one of expense. Amount does not show any increase—557. Surplus which late Postmaster General was able to show for last year was so large that there can be no reason for separation now—558.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—557.

Why is this item kept separate from the general appropriation? Some years ago, before the post office revenues had increased very largely, the late Postmaster General kept item separate so that he might show a surplus for rest of Canada —558.

Post Office—Miscellaneous,$295,875—550.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Postmaster General) —550.

There is an increase of $65,000 for twelve months, or $48,000 for nine months. Items aggregating this increase are for stationery, printing and advertising, an increase of $10,000 for twelve months; manufacture of postage stamps, an increase o $12,500; miscellaneous items, which can be given in fullest detail if desired, amounting to $45,000. This total is offset by an amount voted for rent of premises leased for post office purposes for 1906-7, but not required, $1,740—550. Postmasters are paid a fixed salary or percentage on income of office—555.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—554.

Is there any fixed principle in Post Office Department as to keeping post offices open on Sunday so that box holders may if they wish have privilege of going to boxes and getting mail?—554. What disposition was made of the request from Sault Ste. Marie for the privilege of having lobby of post office kept open on Sunday?—555. By what route is mail carried to Michipicoten ? Has Postmaster General received a petition from people of Belleview, Algoma, for the establishment of a post office there, and if so what action has he taken ? How often is winter mail delivered and who is contractor &—556. Has any further declaration been made with reference to post office at Thessalon; what is the result, and will new Postmaster General lay report on table of the House ?—537.

Clements, Herbert S. (West Kent)—551.

Would like to ask Postmaster General if there is any limit of population above which a street delivery service may be established in towns and cities? Citizens

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of Chatham are looking forward to great things from present Postmaster General. If corridors of post office were left open on Sundays, so that mail could be taken from boxes, it would be a great advantage—551.

Gunn, B. B. (South Huron)—555.

Do postmasters receive extra pay if they open their offices on Sunday? How could opening of a post office be brought about; is it by requisition?—555.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—556.

Can minister tell anything about petition in reference to mail steamer at Wicksteed —556.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—552.

Thinks Postmaster General should lay down some rule which might be followed in establishing free delivery services. Hopes minister will carefully consider claims of province of Prince Edward Island—553.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox and Addington)—553.

Does not see why large amount should not be set out in detail. What is the amount hon. minister will pay during year?—553. Minister can use money appropriated under head of miscellaneous for anything he wishes in department, and that is why he should be able to give a fair estimate of items—554.

SUPPLY—POST OFFICE—SALARY.

Verret, Hector B., private secrteary, as first-class clerk from July 1, 1906, to March 31, 1907, at $1,600 per annum, $1,200—7445.

Barker, Sam. (East Hamilton)—7446.

When promises are made to deputations by ministers, who are apparently convinced by arguments presented, those representations should not be allowed to pass without any further notice being taken of them. On any Civil Service Commission the outside service should be represented as well as the inside service—7446-7.

Blain, R. (Peel)—7445.

Is the minister (Mr. R. Lemieux) prepared to state the policy of his department in respect to the salaries of postmasters?—7445. What is the minister's policy with respect to officers taking part in political elections?—7450.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—7450.

The outlying districts in the eastern provinces should be well provided with postal accommodation—7450-1.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7448.

There is not a country postmaster in the Northwest who receives anything like an adequate salary—7449. The postal service has not kept pace with the rush of settlers. Has the Postmaster General been able to provide proper postal facilities on the Arcola branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and is there a mail car on that train?—7449.

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Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Postmaster General) —7445.

When I took charge of the Post Office Department I decided to retain the services of Mr. Verret who had been acting as secretary to the Solicitor General in the Department of Justice. I hope to be able to treat all the postmasters over this vast country in a spirit of justice, equity and fair-play—7445. The time has come when we should seriously reconsider the salaries paid to the officers of the outside service—7446. The demand is general all over Canada that the salaries of the country postmasters should be increased and I will tackle the question as soon as the work of the session is over—7448. I expect the postmasters throughout the country, if they wish to obtain an increase in salary, to keep quiet in office and perform their duties according to the law—7450. I intend to treat the country districts of the west and the east in a liberal manner—7451.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysboro)—7447.

If the revenue of the department can afford it, it would be a very popular and proper move to give the country postmasters more than they are now receiving—7447. When the rate of postage was reduced from two cents, it cut off about one-third the postmaster's salary; has sympathy with the movement to increase the postmasters' salaries—7448.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and Co.)—7446.

We should be willing to look after the civil servants by increasing their salaries at least oftener than every twenty years; hopes minister (Mr. R. Lemieux) will heed the request of the postmasters all over the country—7446.

SUPPLY—PRIVY COUNCIL.

Office of King's Privy Council of Canada—Salaries, $24,525; contingencies, $7,500.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—359.

If amendment comes in anywhere it should come in after word 'assistance,' and not after word 'contingencies'—359.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—358.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moves that the resolution be amended by adding after word 'contingencies' 'notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act'—358.

Foster, Geo. E. (North Toronto).

This item not in Auditor General's Report; second volume not down yet.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —358.

There is a decrease in item; salaries are the same as last year excepting statutory increases—358.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —358.

Will find words in details—358.

SUPPLY—PRIVY COUNCIL—HIGH COMMISSIONER, OFFICES OF.

Office of the High Commissioner—Salaries, $6,450; contingencies, $13,500.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—404.

Has there been any change made lately in the scope of this office as regards immigration work? Was there not some trouble between the High Commissioner's Office and Mr. Preston?—404.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—404.

High Commissioner has been made a channel of communication between Interior Department and the immigration branch in London. Mr. Preston and Mr. Griffiths had some differences anl the High Commissioner was asked to investigate and adjust it—404.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—BUILDINGS—ALBERTA.

Edmonton, immigration building, jail, public building, $8,000, $20,000, $10,000—7042.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7042.

The estimated cost of the immigration building is $15,646.65; the jail, $85,813.25. I have not the information in connection with the public building—7042.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7042.

I would like to know how much money is going to be spent in Edmonton—7042.

Edmonton immigration building, $5,000—6753.

Calgary public building—Enlargement for post office, examining warehouse purposes, changes, fittings, &c., $30,000—6752.

Edmonton public building, $30,000—6753.

Bennett W. H. (East Simcoe)—6753.

What will be the total cost including site?—6753.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6753.

The cost of erection could not be less than $200,000; the site was purchased for $20,000—6753.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Cumberland public building, $2,000—6755.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6755.

Has this building been commenced?—6755. What will this building cost?—6756.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—6755.

Where is Cumberland ?—6755.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6756.

We will erect as small a building as possible to meet the requirements of post office and customs; the cost of the site will be paid out of this vote—6756.

SUPPLY— PUBLIC WORKS—BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Con.*

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6755.

How much does the hon. minister (Mr. Hyman) intend to spend on that public building ?—6755.

Fernie public buildings, $10,000—6757.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6757.

The estimated cost is $35,000.

Ladysmith public building, $2,000—6757.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6757.

The site cost $1,500 and the building complete will cost $17,000—6757.

New Westminister public building—Enlargement for accommodation of Indian branch, $16,000—6757.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6757.

The contract is for $13,812; amends item—6757.

Osoyoos public building, $2,000—6757.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6758.

What does building cost inclusive of site?—6758.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6758.

The site will cost $200, and the building will cost between $2,000 and $3,000—6758.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6757.

Where is Osoyoos?—6757.

Ross, D. (Yale-Cariboo)—6758.

Osoyoos is on the leading wagon road in the Okanegan valley, on the boundary line between the United States and British Columbia—6758.

Vancouver public building, $100,000—6758.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6758.

The amount of the contract for this post office is $434,500—6758.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — BUILDINGS — GENERAL.

Construction of armouries, $37,500—6758.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6758.

Would like the Minister of Militia (Sir Frederick Borden) to consider the claims of Orillia for an armoury similar to that in Barrie—6758.

Electric and other power for running elevators, &c., $6,000—6764.

Hughes, J. J. (King's, P.E.I.)—6764.

Would like to call the minister's attention to the advisability of an elevator in the Marine Department in the West Block—6764.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — BUILDINGS — GENERAL—*Con.*

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6765.

We cannot make a connection between the Department of Public Works Department and the Marine and Fisheries Department because they are using every inch of space in the upper portion of the building—6765.

Heating Dominion public buildings—fuel, $75,000—6764.

Blain, R. (Peel)—6764.

How is the coal weighed that goes into the buildings here?—6764.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6764.

The coal is weighed on the government weigh scales and checked by an officer of the department; it is purchased by contract—6764.

Public buildings, including repairs, ventilation and lighting, furniture, &c., $130,000—6759.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—6759.

Hom much is spent each year on the public buildings in Ottawa to keep them in a proper state of repair ?—6759.

Rents—Dominion public buildings, $80,000—6759.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6759.

This is for buildings all over the Dominion —6759. Gives amounts paid for buildings rented during the year—6760. The department pays a rental based upon so many cents a square foot for the space—6761.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6763.

Would like to ask if the government intends to erect a building in Ottawa to accommodate all the department and quit renting buildings ?—6763.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6759.

Is this for the buildings in Ottawa alone? How much rent do we pay for buildings in Ottawa ?—6759. Do you pay taxes on these buildings? —6760. Can the minister (Mr. Hyman) give us the assessment of the Woods building in Ottawa?—6762.

Rents—Dominion public buildings—7013.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7013.

There is no vote brought down for that purpose. Naturally, we would wait for the Militia Department to act first—7013.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7013.

Has the Department of Public Works considered the desirability of purchasing the Collegiate Institute building so as to extend the area for the use of the Militia Department?—7013. It would be well to approach the provincial government, which controls the Normal School building—7014.

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Rents, repairs, &c.—Post office, fittings and supplies, $19,000—6763.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6763.

It is the desire of the department to have competition in all these matters, and there is competition in every instance—6763.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6763.

Tenders should be called, as this company in Newmarket is supplying these fittings without competition—6763.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — BUILDINGS — MANITOBA.

Brandon drill hall, $20,000—6743.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6743.

The cost of the building will be in the neighbourhood of $50,000—6743.

Neepawa public building, $5,000—6743.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6743.

This post office and custom house is expected to cost complete about $25,000—6743.

Selkirk public building, $10,000—6743.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6743.

The total cost is estimaated at $25,000—6743.

St. Boniface public building, $5,000—6743.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6743.

This post office is expected to cost $25,000, exclusive of the site—6743.

Winnipeg district military stores building, $15,000—6743.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6743.

Will it be constructed by tender and contract?—6743.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6743.

The total cost of this building is estimated at $23,925—6743.

Winnipeg—New immigration building, $47,000 —6743.

Winnipeg military building—Quarters for non-commissioned officers, including guard-room, &c., $6,000—6743.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6743.

The total cost will be about $66,000—6743.

Winnipeg—New post office—land and building, $200,000—6744.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6750.

Were the plans submitted by Darling and Pearson before the contract was let?—6750.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—6744.

The new post office is not at all commensurate with the requirements of a great commercial city like Winnipeg; the Minister of Public Works is too obliging to the proprietor of the Winnipeg 'Free Press'—6744-5. We who are responsible for the expenditure of public money don't want architects to have carte blanche in the erection of public buildings—6746.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6745.

If we provide for a growth in Winnipeg to 250,000 we are doing all that is necessary in the present vote—6745. The building was designed and the plans and specifications were made by Darling and Pearson—6746. The reason that building was constructed in the way complained of was so as to light the public lobby in the first story—6747. The total price of the land was $132,350—6748. The contract for the building is for $559,803, and we hope to have it completed this year—6749. The intention is to convert the old post office building into a custom-house, with an office in the building for the Receiver General's department—6750. The post office accommodation now enjoyed by the citizens of Carman is quite satisfactory—6751.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6749.

Are any precautions taken to prevent the contents being known before the tenders are opened?—6749.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—6748.

From whom was this purchased and what was the quantity of land?—6748. What will be the total cost of the building when completed and when will it be completed?—6749. Is provision made for the erection of a public building at Carman in the constituency of Macdonald, Manitoba?—6750.

Winnipeg Old Immigration Building—Brick veneer and fitting up hospital quarters in attic, inclusive of accessory improvements, $6,000—7042.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7042.

Why is the hospital placed in the attic? It is not a very convenient place for a hospital—7042.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7042.

This estimate comes from the Interior Department, and is no doubt introduced on the recommendation of the technical officers of the department—7042.

Winnipeg—Postal station north of Canadian Pacific Railway tracks, $30,000—6751.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6752.

What will be the total cost, including the land?—6752.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6752.

We cannot erect a building that will give sataisfaction for less than $30,000 or $40,000; the site was purchased in 1905 for $15,709.50—6752.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—MARITIME PROVINCES.

Public buildings, maritime provinces generally, $10,000—6728.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—6728.

What is this vote for ?—6728.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6728.

This is a general vote for repairs which may become necessary during the year—6728.

St. John's public building, $15,000—6733.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6733.

The total cost of building will be $43,000, including heating, wiring, sidewalks, fencing and site—6733.

Woodstock armoury and gun shed, $10,000—6728.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6728.

What is to be the total cost ?—6728.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6728.

The total estimataed cost of the building is $53,442.48—6728.

Antigonish—buildings chargeable to income, public building, $10,000—6727.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6727.

Is that a new building ?—6727.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6727.

These are revotes or continuation of contracts—6727.

Glace Bay public buildings, $15,000—6727.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6727.

The plans and specifications must be delayed until such a time as we have a survey of the site—6727.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6727.

Is this building under way yet ?—6727.

Inverness public building, $10,000—6727.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6727.

The site is bought and tenders advertised for—6727.

Shelburne public building, $10,000—6727.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6727.

What will be the total cost ?—6727.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6727.

The total cost will be about $20,000—6727.

Westville public building, $3,000—6727.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6728.

We have been negotiating for a site—6728.

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Belleville armoury, $15,000—6733.

Belleville public building—improvements, $1,000—6733.

Brantford public buildings—improvements, $6,000—6734.

Blain, R. (Peel)—6734.

Are the buildings in Brantford quite sufficient for the increasing trade and population of that city ?—6734.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6734.

In the opinion of the government, the alterations to be made will fairly meet all the requirements of the city—6734.

Guelph armoury, $30,000—6734.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6734.

Is this work commenced ?—6734.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6734.

The contract has been let and is for $80,000—6734.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6734.

What is the work to cost ?—6734.

Guelph public building—addition, improvements, furniture, &c., $5,000—6734.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—6734.

Is the Guelph post office the only public buiding on which this money is to be spent ?—6734.

Hamilton drill hall—addition, $30,000—6735.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6735.

The Militia Department asked for a large addition to the hall owing to the formation of a new regiment in Hamilton—6735.

Kingston military buildings—barracks for Royal Canadian Artillery, $20,000—6735.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6735.

Asks that words 'and repairs' be added to item—6735.

London military buildings—new stores building, $20,000—6735.

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Blain, R. (Peel)—6735.

Who are the contractors ? Is there a clerk of works there ?—6735.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6735.

The building is practically half-done ; R. G. Wilson is the contractor—6735.

London post office—addition to building and improvements, $15,500—6736.

Elson, P. (East Middlesex)—6736.

Was the contract let by tender, and is the work about completed ?—6736.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6736.

The work on the building itself is completed, but not the interior fittings ; William Tytler is the contractor—6736.

North Bay public building, $10,000—6736.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6736.

What will be the total cost, and will tenders be called for ?—6736.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6736.

The total cost will be about $40,000, and tenders will be called for—6736.

Owen Sound public building, $10,000—6736.

Blain, R. (Peel)—6738.

Is there a clerk of this work appointed ?—6738.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—6736.

For what purpose is this building designed, and what is the entire cost of the building ?—6736.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6736.

The cost of this building will vary from $40,000 to $50,000, according to whether stone or brick is used—6736.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6738.

Owen Sound is one town that requires a public building—6738.

Telford, W. P. (North Grey)—6737.

This is the first public building Owen Sound has had and the government should give us a building costing $75,000—6737. Owen Sound is justly entitled to the expenditure—6738.

Owen Sound—public building, balance due on site, inclusive of legal expenses, &c., $250—7013.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7013.

This $250 would not necessarily be the amount paid for legal expenses ; it would include the balance for site, legal expenses and everything—7013. The legal expenses were $100; that is paid through the Department of Justice—7013.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—BUILDINGS—ONTARIO—*Con.*

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7013.

Was all that for legal expenses? What were the legal expenses?—7013.

Peterborough armoury, $20,000—6738.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6738.

What is the total cost?—6738.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6738.

The total cost will be probably $100,000—6738.

St. Mary's public building, $10,000—6739.

Blain, R. (Peel)—6739.

Would the hon. minister (Mr. Hyman) give us an explanation of the difficulties surrounding the purchase of the site?—6739.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)

The site cost $2,300—6739. The total cost of the building will be $45,000, including fixings—6740.

McIntyre, G. H. (South Perth)—6739.

The site chosen does receive the endorsation of the representative of the county—6739-40.

Simcoe public building, $10,000—6740.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6741.

What will be the total cost?—6741.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) 6741.

The building will cost $25,000—6741.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6741.

Is the site purchased?—6741.

Toronto custom house—alterations and additions, $35,000—6741.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6741.

Is Mr. Curry supervising this work?—6741.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6741.

The total amount for remodelling is estimated at $51,149; this is done at the desire of the Customs Department who want increased accommodation for increased business—6741.

Toronto Dominion buildings—improvements, &c., $6,000—6742.

Blain, R. (Peel)—6742.

Is Mr. Curry in charge of all these buildings in Toronto?—6742.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6742.

Mr. Curry is engaged on all these works—6742.

Toronto drill hall, $75,000—6742.

Toronto military building, $50,000—6742.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6742.

What will be the total cost?—6742.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—BUILDINGS—ONTARIO—*Con.*

Toronto post office—additional postal station, $30,000—6742.

Toronto post office, $25,000—7039.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—7041.

I understand the former Postmaster General, Sir William Mulock, had in view the establishment of a pneumatic tube system—7041.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—7040.

In the United States the rule is rigid that no public building shall be constructed within, I think, 100 or 200 feet of any other building—7040.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7040.

The difficulty we have in going on with this work is that it is impossible to get the railway companies to give the department a ground plan where they propose to put their tracks or their station—7040. The pneumatic tube system would not apply to Toronto and Montreal as well as it would to larger cities like New York, Boston and Chicago—7041.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7039.

I notice there was no statement made by the minister in reference to the item of $20,000 for Toronto post office—7039. Is the minister prepared to make any statement in reference to the pneumatic machinery, and what policy he will adopt—7040. I may explain that the principle of the pneumatic tube was adopted previous to the fire. The fire swept that part of the city and put a new aspect on the whole situation—7041.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—BUILDINGS—OTTAWA.

Astronomical observatory—fittings, furniture, transit house, &c., $15,000—6709.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6709.

From whom were the fittings purchased?—6709. Is the Eclipse Furniture Company the one which the minister's private secretary, Mr. Hunter, is connected with?—6710.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6709.

This is a revote of the amount which was not expended last year for the completion of the Ottawa Astronomical Observatory—6709. I never heard of my private secrtary (Mr. Hunter) having anything to do with any company; will be glad to make inquiry—6710. This $15,000 will complete the work—6711.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6710.

How many specialty companies do you get these fittings from?—6710.

Wilson, U. (Leeds)—6711.

Would like hon. minister (Mr. Hyman) to tell us what this building, with the fittings, has cost so far, and what it will cost when completed?—6711.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — BUILDINGS — OTTAWA.

Departmental Buidings—Fittings, &c., $46,000 J7038.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—7038.

Any of the new steel fittings? Will they be bought by tender?—7038.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7038.

That is to fit up several new buildings. As to steel fittings, except in the smaller amounts, tenders will be called for—7038.

Departmental Buildings—Steel drawers and roller shelves, &c., $15,000—6736.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6736.

When are these things bought?—6736.

Departmental Buildings—Reconstruction of Nepean stone facing, $5,000—7038.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7038.

On the old part of the Western Block some of the Nepean stone facing is not in very good condition, and the officers who have examined it recommended its reconstruction—7038.

Dominion Archives Building, $38,000—6711.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6711.

This building is under contract; this $38,000 is for paying the accounts of the contractor—6711.

Eastern Block—Addition to, $75,000—6713.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6714.

Will this be by contract?—6714.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6713.

This is a revote at the request of the Minister of Finance for an extension of the vaults—6713.

Military Buildings—Additional stores building, $7,000—7037.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—7038.

The matter has been under consideration for some time—7038.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7037.

Some time ago I took the liberty of suggesting that it would be advisable for the Militia Department to secure the whole of Cartier Square, by buying out the Collegiate Institute and Normal School building—7037.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7037.

This is a small addition to the present stores building of the Militia Department —7037.

New departmental buildings, including site, $500,000—6724.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—BUILDINGS—OTTAWA—*Con.*

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6724.

What has been done so far?—6724. What is the expenditure contemplated?—6725. Is this money simply for land and not for the building?—6727.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6724.

The department is engaged in negotiating for the acquisition of certain properties in the city of Ottawa for the purpose of putting up this building—6724. Until we make a survey of the ground, with plans and specifications, it will be impossible to give an estimate which can be considered accurate—6725. There has been no property actually purchased—6726.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6726.

Are the different architects to be asked to submit plans for the building or are plans usually prepared in the department?—6726.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6725.

Have you made no purchases yet?—6725. Instead of a revote of $300,000 the amount should be $500,000—6726.

Parliament Buildings—Additions and alterations, $50,000—6712.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—6713.

If these improvements are not more rapidly carried out we will have to suffer a long time from present inconveniences—6713.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6712.

Will this work be done by tender?—6712.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6712.

The main expenditure on this vote will be the addition to the library and the extension of the western wing of the present building; am going to ask for small committee to deal with matter of improving the dining-room—6712.

Sproule, T. S. (East Simcoe)—6712.

At comparatively small expense the appointments in connection with the restaurant downstairs might be improved—6712.

Post Office Building—Post office fittings and renewals, $22,500—7038.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7039.

The amount does seem enormous; does it include this vote? I had a report early in the season that the building was leaking—7039.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7038.

This building has been finished for some time and occupied by the department—7038. My first estimate of the cost was $160,000. This is for fittings. There was something wrong with the construction of the roof—7039.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—BUILDINGS—OTTAWA—*Con.*

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7039.

How many floors have been added since the fire? The cost of putting on these floors was $175,113. The building cost $240,856 in the first place—7039.

Royal Mint, $150,000—6711.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6711.

Is the same man in charge of that building as clerk of works who was in charge of the Western Block tower?—6711.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—6711.

Has the man in charge of that work any other occupation besides that of attending to this building?—6711. When is it expected that building will be finished?—6712.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6711.

This is under contract and the vote is for payment of contractors' accounts—6711. The contract was let for $268,470; the building is to be completed by January, 1907—6712.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6712.

Has the hon. minister (Mr. Hyman) a statement of the amount of the contract?—6712.

Supreme Court Library—Addition to, $20,000—7034.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7034.

It strikes me that any addition to the existing library building would be a waste of money—7034. It is absolutely unsuitable and never can be made suitable—7035. You can hardly do any work there now for lack of space, and after this expenditure we will have just the same complaints as to-day—7036.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7035.

The ex-chief justice of the court and the present chief justice both called on me in reference to this work. We might possibly pay something additional to get the building completed in a shorter time—7035.

Victoria Museum, $125,000—6713.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6713.

The contractor is expected to earn this amount during the coming year; he has until 1908 to complete—6713.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6713.

What progress is being made with the building? The minister should exercise more than ordinary vigilance in connection with this work—6713.

Western departmental block—addition, $6,000—6714.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—BUILDINGS—OTTAWA—*Con.*

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6717.

Has Mr. Hutchison any relative or relatives employed in the hon. gentleman's (Mr. Hyman's) department?—6717. Did Mr. Curry receive any amounts in addition to those given for work in the city of Toronto?—6721.

Blain, R. (Peel)—6714.

Has not Mr. Curry, of Toronto, been in the employ of the government for the last few years as an architect for work in the province of Ontario?—6715. Asks minister (Mr. Hyman) if Mr. Curry would be regarded as an independent man to investigate such a case as the Laurier tower—6716. The report of the investigating commission shows that the material was not up to the work, that the workmanship was not up to the work, and that the plans were changed without the consent of the chief architect—6717. Quotes hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa); the impression left upon the House was that no man who was at that time in the employ of the government would be appointed to make an inspection—6718. Minister did not keep faith with the House—6719. Is it not a fact that Mr. Curry is the consulting architect for the province of Ontario—6723.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—6720.

Quotes minister's statement on April 6 last; the House and public were entitled to the fullest investigation, such as the minister promised—6720. The report of the investigating commission reflects seriously on the efficiency of the department—6721.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—6721.

The minister (Mr. Hyman) made a mistake in not calling in an outside person who had no connection whatever with the department to look into the fallen structure—6722.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6714.

The contractor was paid upon account whatever amount he had earned, upon the certificate of the chief engineer; he has been paid up to the 31st of December $51,330—6714. Mr. Curry has been employed by the department upon a percentage to do work—6715. Mr. Hutchison, of Montreal, was associated with Mr. Curry during the tower investigation, and they concurred in the report—6716. The contractor is engaged in rebuilding the tower—6720. Mr. Hutchison was an outside architect, and Mr. Curry does not make his living from the Department of Public Works—6722. Mr. Curry is at the head of his profession and could be depended on to give a fair independent judgment—6723.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6714.

Does that mean that all that money has been paid for the tower which fell the other day?—6714. What are the minister's plans in connection with the Western Block during the next few months?—6719.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—BUILDINGS—OTTAWA—*Con.*

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6714.

How is it that $85,000 was voted last year and that $6,000 more is asked this year?—6714. The impression left on the mind of the House was that the investigating commission was to be an independent one, entirely outside of the employees of the government, and one which would make a thorough and impartial report—6716. There is a great difference between a man who is employed permanently and a man who is employed on commission—6719. Was any inquiry made as to the walls in the rest of this building?—6724. ?

Telford, W. P. (North Grey)—6717.

A man who is a regular officer of the department is in an entirely different position from a man who is employed to inspect a certain work—6717.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — BUILDINGS — QUEBEC.

Actonvale public building, $1,500—6728.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6728.

The building is completed and this is to pay what is due on the contract—6728.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6728.

What is this vote for?—6728.

Chicoutimi public building, $12,000—6728.

Barr, J. (Dufferin)—6728.

Are these buildings all let by tender—6728.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6728.

How far has this proceeded?—6728.

Hyman with regard to appointing clerks—6728.

The contract for this building was let last August—6728.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6728.

What kind of a building will there be at Lévis?—6728.

Magog public building, $10,000—6729.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6729.

What is the total cost?—6729.

Blain, R. (Peel)—6729.

What is the policy of the minister (Mr. Hyman with regard to appointing clerks of works on these public buildings at Quebec?—6729-30.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6729.

The total cost will be about $20,000, the plans are being prepared, and we hope to advertise for tenders in a short time—6729. Quotes sample of letter sent whenever any recommendation for inspectorships have been made—6730.

Montmagny public building, $7,000—6731.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — BUILDINGS — QUEBEC—*Con.*

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6731.

The work has been commenced; the contract has been let; and it is for a post office—6731.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6731.

Would like to ask minister what this building is intended for, and has the work on the building been commenced ? What has been done with the old building ?—6731-2.

Montreal barracks for permanent corps, $20,000—6732.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe))—6732.

Is this a new work ?—6732.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6732.

That is placed in the estimates at the request of the Militia Department—6732.

Montreal military building—new stores building, $10,000—6732.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6732.

Has this contract been let yet ?—6732.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6732.

This building will be built by tender—6732.

Montreal post office—building for and installation of pnuematic tube system for post office purposes, $55,000—6732.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6732.

Are all these buildings to be built by tender?—6732.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6732.

The contract has not been let yet—6732.

Nicolet public building, $5,000—6732.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6732.

The site was given free ; the contract has been let ; and the total cost will be about $20,000—6732.

Quebec citadel—drill shed for school of gunnery, $10,000—6732.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6732.

Has this work been let yet ?—6732.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6732.

It will be let by public tender—6732.

Quebec military buildings—shed for storage of heavy goods in shot yard, $1,000—6732.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6732.

The total cost of this new building will be about $36,000—6732.

Sherbrooke drill hall, $20,000—6733.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — BUILDINGS — QUEBEC—*Con.*

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6733.

In all cases, will the works be done by tender and contract ?—6733.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—6733.

Does the minister first decide where he will erect the public building, and then go to the owner and ask for an option ?—6733.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6733.

For this building at Sherbrooke the plans are almost completed ; they call for an expenditure of $125,000—6733.

St. Hyacinthe drill hall, $28,000—6733.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6733.

This building is under contract and will cost $50,000—6733.

Three Rivers drill hall, $30,000—6733.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6733.

The total cost of the building will be $52,500—6733.

St. John's military buildings—stables for cavalry, $7,000—7036.

Borden, Hon. Sir Frederick (Minister of Militia and Defence)—7036.

The infantry has been removed from St. Johns to Fredericton, and it is now proposed to establish a cavalry depot at St. Johns—7036. I quite agree that there ought to be a library at every depot—a technical library—7037.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7036.

What is the occasion for the establishment of cavalry at St. Johns ?—7036. For what force ?—7037.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7036.

This is a vote asked for by the Militia Department to make provision in St. Johns for a stable of cavalry—7036.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7037.

At St. Johns there is no public library ; there are a certain number of people trying to furnish reading matter for the soldier—7037.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — BUILDINGS — SASKATCHEWAN.

Medicine Hat public building, $15,000—6753.

Moosejaw public building, $11,000—6753.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6753.

The amount of contract is for $23,000—6753.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6753.

What has been the cost of that building ? —6753.

Regina post office, custom house, &c., $25,000 —6754.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — BUILDINGS — SASKATCHEWAN—*Con.*

Prince Albert—public building for post office, court house and registry purposes, $20,000 —6754.

Saskatoon public building, $15,000—6754.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6754.

How much is it intended to spend on this building ?—6754.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6754.

The present estimate of the cost of the building is $30,000 without the fittings—6754.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—MANITOBA—COLONIZATION ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Colonizataion roads and bridges in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, $15,000—6997.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6997.

It is for the purpose of building a road from Edmonton to Peace river and Slave lake—6997.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—HARBOURS AND RIVERS—BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Columbia river—improvements, $30,000—6995.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6995.

The details of the expenditure are as follows : Above Golden, $2,500 ; below Golden, $2,500 ; above Revelstoke, $6,000 ; below Revelstoke, $5,000 ; at Revelstoke, $5,000 ; and in the Arrowhead lakes, $8,000—6995.

Victoria harbour—dredging and removing of rocks, &c., $20,000—6995.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6995.

Is Victoria harbour getting pretty nearly finished?—6995.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6995.

I do not know that it will ever be entirely finished—6995.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—NEW DREDGING PLANT—BRITISH COLUMBIA.

New dredging plant, British Columbia, $120,000—6996.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6996.

Any new dredges in this ? It is not fair to parliament or the country that the minister should keep back such large estimates until the dying days of the session —6996.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6996.

A new dredge is being built by contract at the Polson Iron Works, Toronto. My hon. friend (Mr. Foster) knows how difficult it is to get into supply—6996.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—NEW DREDGING PLANT—ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

New dredging plant, Ontario and Quebec, $50,000—6995.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6995.

Will the hon. minister give the details of that ?—6995. Where are these being constructed ? Where are they laid up ?—6996.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6995.

Details of dredges given—6995. They will be laid up at the most convenient place at the end of the season—6996.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—HARBOURS AND RIVERS—BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Pitt river—substituting a 250-foot through truss for original 132-foot truss of draw span on C. P. R. bridge, inclusive of accessory works, $55,085—7053.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7053.

This is the amount found by the engineers to be due to the C. P. R. by the government—7053.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—HARBOURS AND RIVERS—MANITOBA.

Arnes—Lake Winnipeg wharf, $1,200—6994.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6994.

It is a small expenditure on a new wharf. A man named Darling is in charge—6994.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—6994.

Is this a new wharf ? Who has charge of the work ?—6994.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6994.

A small vessel has been built, called the 'Priestmen,' which is something of the character of a dredge—6994.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—6994.

What tools or implements are being used for dredging out this river ? Who built the boat, and what is its name ?—6994 How many new votes are included in the votes for harbours and rivers in Manitoba ?—6995.

Fairford river—cleaning out river bed below artificial outlet from Lake Manitoba, $2,000 —6994.

Manitoba—St. Anne's improvements, Red Deer—revote of $76,000 lapsed, $125,000—7036.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7036.

There is no work of exactly this character in America, and before the department completed the work I thought it well to have all the information possible—7036.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7036.

We have complaints about the slow rate of progress—7036.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—HARBOURS AND RIVERS—NEW BRUNSWICK.

Chance Harbour, N.B.—breakwater, $500—6940.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6940.

Work is done by day labour. The wharf was put there, not for the purpose of landing, but as protection work. I have had no complaints about it—6940. I shall be very glad to have a report made—6941.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—6940.

Was that work done by tender or day's work ? If it is covered when the tide is in it will be rather dangerous for the fishermen seeking shelter—6940.

Chockfish—improvement outlet of river, $1,500—6941.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) 6941.

This is intended for repairing one of the piers and extending the other out—6941.

Dalhousie—harbour improvements, $28,000—6941.

This is by contract—6941.

Dipper—harbour breakwater, $20,000—6941.

This is by contract. I have asked the contractors, Boyce & White, Ottawa to complete the work as soon as possible—6941.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—6941.

Is its quite an extensive and a very important and much needed work. I suppose it will be finished this fall—6941.

Quaco harbour—Extension of east pier, $10,000—6941.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6942.

What is the object? Is it a harbour of refuge?—6942.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6941.

The plans and specifications made possibly a larger work than we should undertake —6941. The object aimed at is to give further protection to the harbour, which is a harbour of refuge and a shipping harbour—6942.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—6941.

Is that by contract? What is the nature of the work? And why was it not proceeded with last season?—6941.

Petit Rocher—Harbours and rivers, $31,250 —7043.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7043.

What is that breakwater at Petit Rocher? Is it in the same line as D'Israeli?—7043.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7043.

That was originally an isolated block and we are connecting it with the shore so as to make a breakwater and wharf—7043.

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River St. John, including tributaries, $6,000—6942.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—6942.

This figures at just half the appropriation for last year—6942.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6942.

This expenditure covers only nine months. There are three months—January, February and March—when we cannot work—6942.

River St. John—Wharfs in tidal water—contributions to local government not to exceed one-half the first cost of wharfs built by them, $5,000—6942.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) 6942.

For several years there has been an arrangement with the local government by which we pay half the sum they may spend; they provide an estimate and plans are submitted—6942.

St. John harbour—Dredging, $100,000—6942.

I have only the general information that the contractor has met with great difficulty on the work covered by the original contract—6942. We are now advertising for tenders for the extension of the work, in accordance with the wishes of the people of St. John—6943.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—6942.

I have understood that the contractor has met with trouble in the dredging. Has the minister any information on that point?—6942. Would that be in the part of the harbour up near Rodney's Slip?—6943.

Glace Bay—harbour improvements, $12,500—6774.

Motion by Mr. Hyman that the item be amended by inserting before the words 'harbour improvement' the words 'assistance towards.' Amendment (Mr. Hyman) agreed to—6777.

Blain, R. (Peel)—6777.

Asks for explanation of the dismissal of foreman at Georgeville wharf—6777-8. Is the new man competent to make out the time sheets and a statement of materials used in the construction of the work?—6779. Was Mr. Macpherson an incompetent man?—6780. Quotes letter from William Chisholm, dated Oct. 19—6782-3. Is it a fact that Mr. Macpherson wrote the engineer asking why he was dismissed?—6784. Would the hon. gentleman (Mr. Hyman) state the date of Mr. Macpherson's dismissal?—6786.

Chisholm, W. (Antigonish)—6777.

Explains dismissal of foreman at Georgeville wharf—6777-8. Mr. Macpherson was not acceptable to my friends in that

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district—6780. Mr. Macpherson has no divine right to be continued as foreman, nor has any Conservative down there so far as I know—6781. Angus Macpherson did not give satisfaction to a majority of the people of the district—6783-4.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6787.

There are many men who, unfortunately, are illiterate yet who are good, practical workmen and useful citizens—6787.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6774.

Gives details—6774. Moves amendment—6777. When the season's work was completed Mr. Macpherson was paid for what he had done, and he ceased work; he was not dismissed—6786.

Johnston, A. (Cape Breton)—6775.

The matter of tolls has been adjusted by the municipal authorities of Glace Bay—6775. The present arrangement has been carried out with satisfacton to the people of Glace Bay—6776.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—6774.

Would like an explanation of this expenditure—6774. Glace Bay harbour should not be altogether under the control of the private company who are charging high tolls for the use of the wharf—6775. Quotes letter to D. M. Burchell and H. Macdonald, dated March 9, 1903—6776. Objects strongly to the Dominion Coal Company having full control over wharf when the Dominion government are spending large sums of money upon it—6777.

Habitant river—wharf at Canning, $10,500—6787.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6787.

In every case where it is possible to make a contract, we make a contract—6787.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6787.

Is this under contract?—6787. There is no reason why a contract should not be let—6788.

Harbours and rivers, $107,200—7042.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7042.

Which are new votes?—7042. It seems early to begin repairing the breakwater. Why didn't they put the talus there in the first instance?—7043.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7042.

What is the population?—7042. Why not use concrete instead of creosoted timber?—7043.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7042.

Some of these are revotes and some are votes asked by the engineer—Scotch cove is a new vote—7042. A talus will have to be added to the new harbour. Creosoted timber lasts for a good many years—7043.

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Harbours and rivers—Nova Scotia, $307,300—6772.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6773.

This being the end of the fiscal year, we have to give instructions where works are to be continued for the coming year—6773.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6773.

There is no justification for voting money year after year when no expenditure is made—6773.

Inverness (Broad Cove) Mines harbour—repairs,$10,000—6788.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6788.

Tenders are called for in every instance except where the engineer of the department reports that the work can be better done in the public interest by day labour—6788.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6788.

What is to account for the fact that the repairing is done one way in one province and another way in another province—6788.

Port Hood harbour—closing northern entrance with brush and stone work, $15,000—6789.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6789.

This is not being done by contract, but by day work; hopes to complete work for about $80,000 instead of $300,000—6789.

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Amherstburg—improvement of channel, &c., including purchase of land, $10,500—6985.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6985.

There was a certain amount of dredging and we had to buy the water lots right out. This will complete the work—6985.

Beaverton—harbour improvements, $2,200—6985.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6985.

That completes the work. J. R. White was clerk of the work. I have not a memo. of his qualifications. He has been in charge some considerable time—6985.

Belle river—dredging entrance, &c., and renewing close pile protection work, $3,500—6985.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6985.

This will complete the work—6985.

Blanche river—improvements, $6,000—6985.

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Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6985.

This is for the running of a small snag boat we have there. This river runs into Lake Nipissing—6985. This is to make improvements in the channel of the river, not for any particular place—6986.

Bronte—harbour improvements, $2,200—6986.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6986.

This will complete the works—6986.

Cobourg—repairs to piers, $5,000—6986.

This is a public work. The expenditure is for repairs to a long breakwater that was built there some years ago—6986.

Collingwood—harbour improvements, $56,000—6986.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6988.

It is very handy, where government dredges are doing work by the day or by the hour, to have a benevolent inspector who can spend the best part of the time away at town—6988.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—6987.

Will the minister give us information as to the qualifications of these men who have the oversight of how this money is expended? One of these men was recommended by the McCarthy Club of Collingwood—6987. The inspectors should have other qualifications in addition to common sense and honesty—6988.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—6986.

What about this? Have these men these qualifications?—6986.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6986.

This will complete the original intention of the department with regard to channel 110 feet in width—6986. It is under the contract of Mr. C. S. Booth. The clerk in charge requires no qualifications except common sense and honesty. The engineer attends to the technical work—6987. If any of the public inspectors are not acting in the public interest, I would be glad if the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) would give me the information privately—6988.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6986.

In what state of progress is this work? Who is doing the work?—6987.

Echo Bay—wharf, to complete, $800—7049.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—7051.

Quotes newspaper item referring to purchase of a site at St. Mary's, Ontario. Perhaps the minister will give us an explanation—7051. Are we to understand that the frontage is fifty feet only and that the lot is bounded on either side by buildings now constructed—7052.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7050.

Here is an item—Louth harbour—assistance of the municipal authorities of the township of Louth—7050.

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Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—7049.

Does this complete the work? Was not the work completed when the contractors were paid? What is the length of the dock? What is the depth of water at the end?—7049. The total earnings of the dock last year were $20, and the wharfinger received fifty per cent of the proceeds—7050. The government is allowing coal to be stored there practically in competition with the New Ontario dock—7051.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7050.

I see there is an item here for a wharf at Roche's Point. Where is that? Whom does it serve?—7050. Was not this water lowered by the United States government building that Hay lake channel? The United States government should be called upon to pay this cost—7051. Has the St. Marys lot been purchased on the basis of religion and politics? What improvements are being made in the Winnipeg river, Ontario?—7052.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7049.

This is to complete the work. There is $100 for a small stone approach, and $700 for strengthening, forcing and extra bricking. Length of dock, 2,078 feet; depth of water, 12 feet at low water—7049. I am not aware that it will serve only one boat. We agreed to pay $1,500 on account of having caused the flooding of the lands. Roche's Point is in Lake Simcoe—7050. The Department of Public Works has no charge of the docks, only the building of the docks—7051. The object of this is to remove boulders near Kenora—7052.

Goderich—harbour improvements, $50,000—6989.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6989.

A contract was entered into for the Goderich harbour works some two years ago; before the completion of the work, a remarkably heavy storm destroyed a portion of the work. The work will be done by contract—6989.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6989.

Is not the work to be repaired?—6989.

General repairs and improvements, $15,000—6989.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—6989.

Is there any item included in this general vote for promised dredging at Port Credit? Has that item been passed?—6989.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6989.

Did I promise that? I can discuss that question with the hon. gentleman (Mr. Blain) at the present moment—6989. When the dredge is moved from Hamilton, she will stop at Port Credit and do the work—6990.

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Midland—harbour improvements, $50,000—6990.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6990.

What is the total amount that will be spent there this year? Is there not something in the supplementary estimates, too?—6990.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6990.

It is intended to spend this $50,000, and, I think, we should do more than that. A small amount is to be spent in the harbour itself, on the government dock—6990.

Ontario, $107,795.84—7014.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7014.

That would not be in my department. If the hon. gentleman will tell me any particular work that is in need of repair, I will look after it—7014.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7014.

I have looked in vain for some item to make improvements along the Trent valley waters. All along the line of the Trent valley waterway the canal works are very much in need of repair—7014.

Owen Sound harbour—dredging pile protection work and improvements, $15,000—6990.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6990.

This may not complete it, but that is all the engineer has asked us to put in this year—6990.

Parry Sound—wharf, $2,500—6990.

I move that that be reduced to $1,500. Motion agreed to—6990.

Point Edward—dredging, $15,000—6990.

None of this is in Sarnia bay; there is nothing to be done except in the channel—6990.

Port Burwell—improvement of harbour, $45,000—6990.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6991.

The C. P. R. have completed arrangements for bringing coal for their whole western system to Port Burwell by ferries—6991. There is also another company contemplating bringing 300,000 to 400,000 tons—6991.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6990.

What are you doing there?—6990. Are they extending that railroad towards Collingwood?—6991.

Point Edward—dredging, $5,250—7048.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7048.

That makes $20,000 voted for this for the next nine months, while only $17,000 was given last year—7048. What is the name of the firm doing the work, and what amount do they receive?—7049.

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Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7049.

Were the American dredges excluded from tendering? One of these suction dredges would do this at from 3 to 5 cents a yard. There is no city property at Point Edward—7049.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7048.

This has no reference to the time within which the dredging has to be done, but to the quantity that has to be done—7048. The Dominion Dredging Company are doing the work by contract; for material other than rock they get 18 cents a yard; a suction dredge could not do the work—7049.

Port Arthur and Fort William—harbour and river improvements, $300,000—6772.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6772.

It is intended to extend the breakwater at Port Arthur so as to afford protection for large docks which have been erected there—6772.

Port Stanley—harbour improvements, $60,000 —6991.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6991.

Port Stanley is practically the outlet of the city of London, and for a number of years the whole coal supply of the west has come to Port Stanley—6991.

River Thames—wharfs at mouth, $2,500—6991.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—6991.

I would like to know what has been done as to dredging at the mouth of the Thames?—6991.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6991.

It is under contract—6991.

Rondeau Harbour — improvements, $60,000— 6991.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—6991.

I would suggest that one of the departments put life prservers on that pier—6991.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6991.

That would come under the Department of Marine, and I shall have pleasure in bringing the matter to the intention of my colleague—6991.

Silverwater, Manitoulin Island—wharf, $2,000 —6991.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—6991.

Is there a government wharf there already? —6991. How much has been spent? What contractor has done the work so far? I understood from the minister last session that all work over $5,000 would be done by contract—6992. Are the recommendations of the engineer made in writing? It seems a slipshod method of supervising large expenditures—6993.

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Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—*Con.*

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—6993.

Has any consideration been given to the petition for a small wharf at Rondeau (inner) harbour? I do not remember if the hon. minister had charge of the department when the Shrewsbury wharf was built—6993.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6991.

This is for the completion of a new wharf undertaken some time ago at an estimated cost of $4,500—6991. It was estimated that $1,500 would be spent by June 1st. The law is that work over $5,000 must be let by tender, unless in the public interest it can be better done by day labour—6992. The recommendations of the engineer could not be done in writing. A wharf at Rondeau would not be used for commercial purposes—6993. I was not in the department when the Shrewsbury wharf was built, but I believe there was a petition from the people asking for it—6994.

Toronto harbour—improvements at eastern entrance, $25,000—6994.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6994.

Every year there has been a deposit of sand at the bar. We have one of the departmental dredges working there—6994.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—6994.

What is the trouble with the eastern entrance? Is this to open the sand drift? 6994.

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Bic harbour—wharf at Point à Coté, $5,000— 6943.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—6943.

Is this a new work? Will this complete the work? What is to be the total cost? 6943.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6943.

The department has not determined what is to be the extent of the work there?—6943.

Canton Fabre, Lake Temiskaming—wharf, $2,000—6943.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6943.

This will complete the work—6943.

Chargeable to income—harbours and rivers, $532,450—6943.

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Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —*Con.*

There are no new works ; they are continuations or revotes—6943.

Chateauguay—wharf on south shore of Lake St. Louis between Woodland and Bellevue, $1,000—6943.

Just a small wharf between the points named. Nothing has been done yet—6943.

Walsh, R. N. (Huntingdon)—6943.

What is that wharf ? Has the contract been let ? Will the work be done by day's work ?—6943.

D'Israeli—wharf, $750—6943.

Beland, H. S. (Beauce)—6954.

The distance is exactly sixteen miles by rail—6954.

Bergeron, J. H. G. (Beauharnois)—6963.

Between Ste. Genevieve and Isle Bizard the piers were built by the federal government and the steel bridges by the Quebec government, but it was perfectly understood it was for a bridge—6963.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—6944.

The statement was that the engineer had not visited the wharf before he gave his recommendation—6944. Why did he extend the wharf out 250 feet, if there was water there ?—6945. Has any application been received from the municipal corporation to rest their bridge on the government structure ?—6949. Does the minister propose to put a railing on this wharf or bridge, or whatever he calls it ?—6951. Is any portion of the $750 now being voted for the purpose of putting on a railing ?—6955. The depth is more, according to the engineer—6960. Why was it necessary for the government to put a steel bridge across if it were just for a wharf ?—6962. We are entitled to an explanation as to why this work was done by day labour instead of by public contract—6965. Did the engineer advise to do this work by day labour rather than by contract ?—6966. Three-fourths of the stone bought by the department was driven past the public scale on way to works. Quotes 'Hansard,' page 3559, of this year—6967. It has been proven in the committee that the municipality decided to have its portion of the work done by contract—6968. Does Mr. Tobin still make the statement that Mr. Champoux said to him : 'I will give you $5 per thousand feet if you get me that contract ?'—6970. Would the minister be prepared to produce the offers that were made to supply the timber and lumber, and give the prices ?—6971. The engineer will not venture to say that an offer was made in writing—6972.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6952.

I would like to know the tonnage of these vessels—6952. Does the tide rise and fall there ? Would the minister be good enough to send that affidavit over ?—6953.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Questions the statements in the affidavit. It must be a wonderful thing to see these argosies going under this bridge laden with the commerce of the country—6957.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6944.

Does the minister still have implicit confidence in his officers when he finds work like this foisted upon him ?—6944. The minister had better send over and get the plans and specifications—6952. It would not be difficult for the engineer to draw a rough sketch, so we could see for ourselves—6955. This vote is the most absurd I have ever heard of—6958. What business has the Public Works Department with Dominion money in a little internal lake like that ? Quotes contract —6959. The minister has accommodated a community by building them one-third of their bridge under the name of a wharf—6960. I find on looking up the 'Hansard' of 1891, that parliament was notified that the thing under construction there was a bridge—6969. They were not built as wharfs—6970. If the minister were to appoint officers there would he call him a wharfinger or a bridge tender ?—6973.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—6968.

The late government did not do it. You sad it was built for a wharf—6968. If the hon. minister will turn to 'Hansard' he will find he is entirely mistaken—6969.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—6952.

The official reports of the Marine Department should tell all about these gorgeous steamers—6952. The House and the country need the official documents and not a photograph—6955. Is not this whole thing a deception on the part of the government ?—6963. Do they sell stone by the ton at D'Israeli ?—Can the minister give us the number of piers built and their dimensions ?—6973.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6944.

This is simply completing the work, and we must spend the amount. Quotes statement from engineer—6944. Quotes affidavit of Mr. Ray—6945. Quotes statement from Mr. Tanguay, M.P.P.—6946. I will pay just the same attention to an application from that council in connection with this matter as I would to the hon. gentleman or any one in his constituency—6949. I presume the original plan will be carried out. If the hon. gentleman says there is a railing there I suppose there is—6951. Quotes affidavit of Mr. Ray—6952. The lake is sixteen miles long and three and a half miles wide—6953. This work is being done by day labour, and I do not know whether there are any plans of it in the department or not—6955. This vote for harbours and rivers in the maritime provinces generally is used in cases of emergency, mainly for the purpose of making repairs—6956. On the 23rd of May, when the discussion on this vote took place,

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there was exactly 11 feet of water at one end of the wharf and 10 at the other—6957. I think I could name others in the honourable gentleman's (Mr. Foster) time as absurd or more so—6958. The depth of water is marked 0-0, 6-6, 4-2, 8-2, 10-2; the depth of the water at the end of the work was 13-2 feet—6960. It is a common thing to put blocks down and have a span across—6961. There is a common way of building wharfs. Quotes reports of Public Works Department, 1890—6962. Here are the reports of the department, and I ask where there is in either report a reference to a bridge?—6963. If you take the Quebec Central Railway time table it shows that Lake Aylmer is exactly sixteen miles long—6964. There is no departure from the plan of the engineer—6965. In every instance the engineer advises that the work had better be carried out by day's work or by contract—6966. The reason the scale was bought was to check the weight of stone—6967. That is for the lumber, I suppose, not for the whole thing—6968. The report I have read says that on Oct. 24, 1889, a contract was entered into for the construction of two piers on the river there—one at Isle Vizard and the other at Ste. Geneviève—6969. There is nothing to show they were built as bridges until 1891, when application was made to use these piers for the purpose of a bridge—6970. We simply never could keep track of the records of all such transactions if they were all carried on in writing—6971. I understand from the engineer that 30 cents a ton meant 30 cents a yard—6972. I have no doubt the engineer could figure out the weight by comparison with the perch—6973.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6953.

What is the size of the lake, and how many wharfs are to be built by the government?—6953. I find that its greatest length north and south is about seven miles, and its width varies from one mile to possibly two and a half miles—6963.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—6945.

Is five feet of water sufficient depth for a wharf?—6945. Is the municipal bridge to be a swing or a stationary bridge?—6949.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—6954.

Would it not be a good idea to transfer these small works from the department to the municipalities, and in that way do away with a great deal of discussion?—6954.

Martin, A. (Queen's)—6956.

I desire to call the minister's attention to the necessity for improvements at Belle River, P.E.I.—6956.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6946.

Those people who deny what I have stated have never seen the place—6946. I said

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Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—*Con.*

hay was cut at D'Israeli, below the bridge at the very place where the engineer says he made soundings—6947. If he went when the water was low, when the cows were in the field, he would have to drive the cows away in order to make soundings—6948. I do not deny that there is water in the Black creek because it is a small lake, but between Black creek and Lake Aylmer there is a mile and a half—6949. If you need money for a wharf, ask for a wharf; if for a railway, ask for a railway; but if you need money for a bridge and come and ask for a wharf, you are deceiving the government—6950. The distance from the dam from Weedon to D'Israeli is eleven miles by rail; the head of the lake is a mile and a half below D'Israeli. Give me the name of the man who owns the steamer on the lake—6953.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6970.

Were they paid thirty cents for stone in the field?—6970. The interesting thing is to try to make out how many votes were roped in by the stone buying—6972.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and county)—6943.

I think this is the wharf there was some question about—6943. The fact that some money has been spent improperly is no reason why we should spend more—6944. Does not the minister know it is already built, that there is connection, and that the people are using it?—6949. It is stated that these scales were bought for the purpose of weighing stone, but I see by the Auditor General's Report that the stone was bought by the perch—6973.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—6961.

Why was the second pier that the municipality butted up against built? Was that built by the government, and for what purpose?—6961. Quotes correspondence that took place about the building of the bridge—6964. There is no use saying this is a wharf; it is a bridge, from beginning to end, and was intended to be so from the start—6965.

Tobin, E. W. (Richmond and Wolfe)—6947.

There is no time of the year when there is not from five to six feet of water at D'Israeli—6947. I think the work was needed, and we want more wharfs on Lake Aylmer—6948. The council of D'Israeli, a majority of them Conservatives, asked for the wharf; if the people there see fit to use the bridge for a wharf later on, and ask for it, I shall be pleased to recommend it—6950. A friend of mine wrote me that the municipality were filling in the embankment with stone and earth, but they did not use any timber connecting the work—6951. The distance from Lake Weedon to D'Israeli by rail is between eleven and thirteen miles, and, I think the lake will average from three to four miles wide. Quotes letter from J. H. Dionne—6954. Mr. Champoux's

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statement is untrue. The stone was got from the farmers, and they were paid 30 cents a ton, and had to be weighed on the scales—6970. It was cheaper to buy the scales, and they are still the property of the department—6971.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—6954.

If small works like this were handed over to the municipality to keep up, it would go a long way to induce the members of this House to allow such expenditures to be made—6954.

Grande Riviere du Beaupré—wharf, $3,000—6973.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—6974.

This wharf, then, will be about six or eight feet above water at low tide—6974.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6974.

This is only for renewals and repairs to the old structure. The wharf is being used; boats are going to the wharf—6974.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6973.

What will be the dimensions of the wharf?—6973. The water will have to rise ten feet before it can reach that wharf—6974.

Lake Megantic—piers, $5,000—6974.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6974.

This is for renewals and repairs of piers on the lake, not for a new work—6974.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6974.

Will that pier be in the county of Beauce or in the county of Compton ?—6974.

Harbours and rivers, $203,050—7043.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7043.

Why do you have to bring down all these supplementary estimates ? Was the work at Sorel built in so flimsy a manner before that it fell down, and that you now propose to build a more permanent structure?—7044. Is Mr. Valiquet a resident engineer? Quotes Mr. Valiquet's report. By this report the blame is laid distinctly upon the manner of construction—7045. The engineer does not say anything about quicksand—7046. Why did you not have an investigation made by an outside engineer ? Quotes chief engineer's report—7047. What is the value of the part left standing ?—7048.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—7047.

Has there been any official investigation to ascertain cause of the collapse ? Men not directly or indirectly connected with the department should be selected—7047. I would like to find out about this investigation; what engineer?—7048.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7047.

Did the minister find in his report that the original contract had been carried out according to its terms ?—7047. What is the value of the St. Lawrence work and the Sorel work together ?—7048.

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Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7043.

There is not a new work in that; every one of these is a revote of the amount that was in the estimates before—7043. In view of the light we have now as to the character of the soil at Sorel we may put up a more permanent structure. The government dredge was dredging—7044. Mr. Valiquet is one of the engineers of the department. The dredging was done for piling, and the character of the soil afterwards caused the accident—7045. Everybody knows the danger of dealing with quicksand. We are not only going to rebuild where the accident took place but strengthen the other work as well—7046. There was an official investigation which showed that the original contract had been carried out—7047. That report has reference only to a part of the work. The real damage done was about $15,000. I have referred the matter to Mr. Jennings, Toronto—7048.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7043.

No new work in this Quebec province lot?—7043. I cannot help thinking after reading the report, that the accident at Sorel was due to the gross carelessness of the engineer of the department—7044. Will this complete the work ? The engineer reports that the other work is in a very unsafe condition—7046. The St. Lawrence side then cost $231,000, and is still standing ?—7048.

Quebec—harbour improvements, $50,000—7036.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7036.

We have a contract with the C. P. R. for temporary sheds until the department can supply a place for permanent sheds—7036.

Montmorency Falls—cribwork revetment wall along harbour front, $3,000—6975.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6975.

Is that being used by the river steamer ? What depth of water is there ?—6975.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6975.

I do not think the water is deep enough for a river steamer. It is used for landing supplies sent from the city of Quebec—6975.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6975.

Here is another place where, so far as I can see, no wharf is needed. No boat can go there that draws more than two or three feet of water—6975.

Montreal harbour, lower division—improvements below St. Mary's current, $50,000—7036.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7036.

Has there been any trouble with reference to the concrete work done last fall ?—7036.

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Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7036.

I have visited them. I have no report in connection with any difficulties in connection with the cement work—7036.

Pointe aux Trembles—wharf, $10,000.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—6975.

Are any of these votes for new works, or for continuation of works already begun —6975.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6975.

The contract will finish it. They are mostly revotes for continuation of works begun—6975.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6975.

Will that finish the wharf ?—6975.

Quebec harbour improvements, $180,000—6771.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6771.

This is for the purpose of paying the contractor for works on the deep water wharf between the 1st of July and the 1st of March next year—6771.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6771.

Will the minister (Mr. Hyman) explain what he proposes to do in the Quebec harbour?—6771.

Rivers Oshauapmouchouan and Peribonka—training dykes, &c., $5,000—6975.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6975.

Where are these rivers and what is being done ? What is a training dyke ? Why are you dredging on these small rivers ? —6975. Have we really as a government adopted a policy of that kind, and is that what is proposed to do hereafter ?—6976.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—6976.

Are these waters under government control ?—6976. The policy of the government was in the past that this government would never build wharfs in inland lakes—6977.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6975.

The department built training piers on each side, trying to confine the channel and to use the water for scouring instead of dredging—6975. The policy of the government is that any fair expenditure that brings results to the people should be made—6976. All waters that are navigable are under the Dominion control—6977.

Riviere Blanche—repairs to wharf, $1,500—6977.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6977.

This is the one in Rimouski county—6977.

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Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6977.

Might I ask which Riviere Blanche this is? —6977.

Rivière Oulle—Repairs to pier, $10,000.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6977.

Yes ; it is the terminus of the I. C. R. and the ferry runs from there to Murray Bay in connection with the railway—6977.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6977.

Is there any line of steamers navigating there ?—6977.

Riviere St. Louis—improvements, $7,000—6977.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6978.

In connection with this work and this vote, is this a revote, or is it to be spent this season ? I saw a dredge at work last summer, and it was doing good work —6978. If the work is done on the River St. Louis, it will have a considerable effect on the work spoken of by Mr. Walsh—6979.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6978.

This is intended for the running expenses on the Riviere St Louis. It was a large work, involving some $70,000 or $80,000, and the department did not think they were justified in going on with it—6978. Some of the $500 expended went on surveys. I have not the papers here, but I think it is estimated that it would cost $80,000—6979.

Walsh, R. N. (Huntingdon)—6977.

Where is this money to be expended ?—6977. What has become of this vote that was in last session ? Are they going on with the work ?—6978. The greater amount of that $500 went to the electors of the county for the hire of teams. The Minister of Public Works in 1903 stated ('Hansard,' page 13474) that the total cost would be $25,000—6979. We are then to understand that the government has no intention of going on with this work ?—6980.

Saguenay river—piers and booms above Chicoutimi, $2,153.40—7016.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7016.

This is only reconstruction. There has been no change of policy ; there were works constructed by a former government. There will be a revenue. Tolls will be charged—7016. The government has made a certain expenditure with the distinct understanding that the returns in the way of tolls will repay all operating expenses—7017. I think this is the only case in which the government have extended their piers and booms. The present government did not start the policy; the St. Maurice works were started fifty years ago—7018. I think I am correct in saying that the Trent is also operated at a slight loss to the government. We get a large revenue from the St. Maurice works—7019.

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Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—7016.

Has there been any revenue in the past? Will you charge tolls?—7016. Why not leave that to the local government? The Ottawa is the boundary—7017. Do these works interfere with navigation or do they assist navigation? Why should the federal government interfere in this when the timber dues are collected by the provincial government?—7018. I see no reason why the Dominion government should interfere in this thing at all—7019.

Perley, G. H. (Argenteuil)—7016.

I would like the minister to explain why he felt that this was a proper work for this government to undertake. The booms and piers there were originally built by lumbermen in the ordinary way—7016. I do not understand it is the policy of this government, or has been for many years, to construct piers and build booms—7017. The Ottawa and the St. Maurice river works were built before confederation, and were taken over by the Dominion government—7018. I am glad to know from the minister that this is the only case, and I hope it will be the last—7019.

St. Anne de Chicoutimi—wharf, $1,000—6980.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6980.

Your policy now is to build wharfs for the accommodation of ferry boats—6980.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6980.

This is directly opposite Chicoutimi. This wharf is not built solely for the ferry; it is in the use of general navigation—6980.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—6980.

Does any navigation go to that wharf? What is there besides a ferry boat?—6980.

St. Maurice district, province of Quebec—improvements to boom works to facilitate the floating and storage of logs, &c., $30,000—6996.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6996.

What revenue do we get from the St. Maurice slides and booms?—6996. Have you the amount expended up to the present?—6997.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6996.

The total revenue is $57,095, and the expenditure is $35,000 for maintenance. The total expenditure on construction from July 1, 1867, to June 30, 1905, is $625,000—6997.

Three Rivers Harbour—Additional deep water wharfs, $30,000—6980.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6980.

What will be the whole amount? What will you have when you spend the whole of it?—6981

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Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6980.

It is under contract—6980. About 2,000 frontage; depth of water, 30 feet. I have no objection to Mr. Kemp making any reference to it—6981. The statement that the loss to the government is anything like $200,000 is absurd—6983. On account of the quicksands and the continuous action of the river, the work did not hold. Unfortunately a wharf built on the old bed of a river is one of the most difficult character to construct—6984. We accepted the work from Mr. Poupore, the contractor—6985.

Kemp, A. E. (West Toronto)—6981.

In 1902, the Minister of Public Works announced the intention to build a wharf at Sorel to accommodate sea-going vessels. Quotes Prime Minister—6981. An accident happened at Sorel in November last involving, I believe, a loss of $200,000. Quotes report of Mr. Papineau, resident engineer. Quotes report of Mr. Valiquet—6982. The matter is of such imtance that the minister should give us some explanation of it—6983. If this wharf cost $271,297 for 600 feet, and if 256 feet of it is destroyed, and the rest is in a dangerous condition, how is it possible that $15,000 can repair it?—6984.

Wilson, Uriah (Lennox)—6983.

Was the dredging done after the wharf was built?—6983. Would it not have been better to have had the dredging done before any work was done on the wharf?—6984.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—HARBOURS AND RIVERS—QUEBEC AND ONTARIO.

Dredging—Quebec and Ontario, $35,000—7014.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—7014.

I would like the minister to send an engineer up to Port Credit to see if something cannot be done—7014.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7014.

I will have the engineer of that district look into the matter—7014. I quite appreciate the difficulties at the entrance to Toronto harbour; I have asked to have the engineer instructed to have that work done as early in the spring as possible—7015.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—7014.

I desire to call the attention of the minister to the subject of the dredging of Toronto harbour—7014. Some arrangement should be made to have the channel kept clear, so that the important harbour of Toronto may be kept open during the season of navigation—7015. The dredge could have done the work—7016.

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Campbellton wharf—Extension and repairs, $22,000—6935.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6935.

What is being done there? Does the Public Works Department own the two wharfs?

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6935.

There are practically two contracts in Campbellton at the present time; both wharfs are owned by the department—6935.

Cape Tormentine—Improvements and repairs to harbour works, $10,000—6935.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6935.

Who has the work—who is the engineer there? When the minister says the work is being done under the supervision of the engineer what does that mean?—6935. What is the modus operandi of spending $10,000 or $20,000 a year on this place? There is no advertising in the public press for tenders?—6936. How much will you spend there this year? How much was spent last year How are these supplies got? Are estimates called for from both firms? Is it not a fact that certain names are given to the minister, and his instructions are that these persons are the persons from whom the supplies are to be got—6938. Who fixes the price of these materials in the end Your officers are not worth a hill of beans in regard to looking into these things unless they have the pressure of the minister above them—6939.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6936.

The work was not done by tender, but the material is. There is no advertising, but prices are asked for—6936. We are asking for $10,000. The amount spent last year was $9,643. Creosoted timber cannot be got in Canada at all; there are only two firms from which it can be purchased and they are in Norfolk, Virginia—6937. No doubt the names are furnished, but in every possible case we buy the supplies as cheaply as we can—6938. There is a current price for each kind of stone, and there is an engineer who is specially detailed to look after that—6939. The amount is here for two contracts which have been entered into for an extension of the wharf—6940.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—6940.

Where is the expenditure on the Campbellton wharf being made? Is this property on Mr. Shize's land, and does the $50,000 include the amount of expropriation?—6940.

Point Prim Island—wharf, $5,000.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6931.

The fact of having called for tenders shows the intention of the department to go on with the work—6931.

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Martin, A. (Queen's)—6931.

I do not think there is any great intention to go on with this work. Has the engineer made a report on the Bell River harbour?—6931.

Rustico harbour—Breakwater on Robinson's Island, south side of entrance to harbour, $7,500—6931.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6932.

The work is not done by day labour. With regard to dredging, that is a difficult matter; it is a sort of hand-dredging that has to be done—6932.

Martin, A. (Queen's)—6932.

The minister knows that dredging is absolutely necessary; that the pier without dredging is useless because vessels going in there invariably strand—6932.

Summerside harbour—breakwater, $30,000—6932.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—6933.

Has the department come to the conclusion that winter ferriage is practicable there?—6933.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6932.

Tenders were called for, and the amount of the contract is $133,962. It was let in February and the work is being proceeded with—6932. The object of the work is to render more easy the winter navigation between Summerside and Cape Tormentine—6933.

Woods islands—Extension of jetty protecting southern breakwater from scour, $1,250—6933.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6933.

We are asking only $1,200, and we could not ask for a contract for a work of that size; I hope to have a new dredge there this fall—6933. According to the contract the department has a thirty days' test of the dredge—6934. I have no information with regard to the Point Prim report, but will ask the chief engineer—6935.

Martin, A. (Queen's)—6933.

The dredging that the minister has been doing in that harbour has resulted in no benefit at all. I understood there was to be a new dredge—6933. One dredge is not sufficient. Harbours both on the north and south side of the province are very much in need of dredging—6934. I understand the minister sent an engineer down to Point Prim harbour, and I would like to know what report was made—6935.

Roche, Wm. (Halifax)—6934.

Could the minister not send a dredge to the south shore of Nova Scotia; they

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could work there in the winter when they could not be put to work in other places —6934.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—HARBOURS AND RIVERS—SASKATCHEWAN.

Battle river bridge at Battleford, $35,731, and accrued interest due contractor, $37,600—7020.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7020.

The contract is let to John Foley, Ottawa; amount, $38,426; construction, three truss steel spans, twenty feet wide; the central span is 162 feet; 9,000 feet of piles driven to their foundation—7020.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7020.

Who has the contract, what is the total cost of the bridge, what is the length of it, and what is the construction of it? —7020.

Lake Mountain outlet—Improvement of navigation dam at Craven, &c, $2,500—7052.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—7052.

Who is asking for this? The settlers at the lower end may demand it, but I do not know if they will at the upper end—7052.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7052.

This is a small dam being built across the Qu'Appelle river, the object being to keep the water in Last Mountain lake, which is being navigated—7052.

North Saskatchewan river—Survey, $5,000—6995.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6995.

The character of the river is such, I understand, that the channel is continually shifting. One of the officers of the department has been sent up to look over the ground—6995.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6995.

Nothing has been done so far? But it will be gone on with and further examined—6995.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — MISCELLANEOUS.

Arbitrations and awards, including payments authorized, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act, $3,750—6765.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6765.

Has the minister (Mr. Hyman) any further information on the subject since the discussion of last year?—6765.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—MISCELLANEOUS —*Con.*

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6765.

When there is a dispute between a contractor and the government, the minister has an investigation by other officers of the department; it saves a lot of law costs and is the best way of getting at the facts—6766.

Deep Waterways Commission, $17,500—6769.

National Art Gallery, Ottawa, including the purchase of paintings on the advice of a committee of artists, $5,700—6767.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6767.

The new building will be ready in a few years—6767.

Transportation Commission — To complete payments, $800—7021.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7021.

How long have they been at work? Who are the members of the commission?—7021.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7021.

Total cost $36,499.09; worked during 1903-04, 1904-05 and 1905-06. Commisioners were Messrs. Reford, Fry, Ashdown and Bertram, and they were paid $25 a day for each day they worked—7021.

Kemp, A. E. (Toronto East)—7021.

Were they paid for their services, or simply their expenses?—7021.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—7021.

What was the total cost of that commission?

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — MISCELLANEOUS—MANITOBA.

Miscellaneous, $31,000—7053.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7053.

What is the meaning of this Red River Commission?—7053.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7053.

What is the international position with reference to the other matter mentioned. There have been no negotiations between the two countries—7053.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7053.

That vote is put in because I notice that the United States congress have put in a vote for $30,000 under the same wording —7053.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—SALARIES.

Engineering branch—salaries of engineers, inspectors, superintendents, draftsmen, clerks and messengers, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $94,500—6767.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—SALARIES—*Con.*

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —6767.

These are technical officers, and the object is to be able to pay them a greater sum than the minimum allowed by the Civil Service Act—6767.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6767.

Why do you make this exception with regard to the Civil Service Act?—6767.

Salaries, $42,187.50. Contingencies, $11,250.00.

Barker, Samuel (Hamilton, East)—597.

Minister of Customs has convinced committee that system ought to be abolished all around—397.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—377.

Would like to understand a little better the policy of government with regard to matters under discussion. Quotes reply of Postmaster General *re* postmaster at Cannington. Compares case of Mr. Gobeil with that of postmaster at Cannington. What is policy of government regarding inside and outside service? What is difference between postmaster at Cannington and deputy minister of Public Works? —380. From Prime Minister's own statement there was no justification whatever for paying Deputy Minister of Public Works one single dollar for his services—384. Quotes Mr. Monk's statement in debate of 1903; leaves question to be discussed later on—391.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—371.

Mr. Gobeil, the deputy minister, gets placed upon certain arbitrations in connection with affairs of department, and for each arbitration he is paid $400. If one superior officer can do it, why cannot every other superior officer in every other department claim the right to do same—371-2. Government should pay officer for legitimate work; and if he attends to it, he will have all he can do—374. Who are the other arbitrators? Are they paid extra?—374. Postmaster General decided that postmaster at Cannington should give his time exclusively to his office or leave it. Auditor General did not pass these two accounts, but reported them to Treasury Board—388. Quotes Auditor General's report *re* travelling expenses of Mr. Gelinas, secretary of Public Works Department—398-9-400. Secretary of Public Works is very extravagant—400.

Fowler, Geo. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—376.

Is finding of court of arbitration final, or is minister final arbitrator? How can minister call this an arbitration when it is simply an investigation? Vote does not cover investigations, but simply arbitrations—376.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—375.

If contractors have claims against government either for wrong measurements or any other reason, they should not go to same man who has already given judgment—375-6.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—SALARIES—*Con.*

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister ot Public Works) —372.

Quite true there is vote in estimates providing for payment of arbitrators. This vote is used for purpose of paying for overtime of certain officers of department who act as board of arbitration. There are four officers on board—the deputy minister, the chief engineer, the chief architect, and one of the other technical officers—372. Can be no arbitration without sanction of minister—374. It is not always a question of claims, but often of interpretation—375. Quotes from Hansard debate of 1903 on same item. Thinks only objection is to extra remuneration—390. Has asked Mr. Gelinas to make a full and detailed staement of expenses—400.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—374.

Why is Mr. Gobeil paid extra?—374. Are these claims made against the government, which are arbitrated in this way?—375. If these officers are competent, and are not paid enough salary, they should get an additional salary. Officers may disagree among themselves and be paid an additional salary for settling their disagreements under guise of arbitrators —394.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —381.

No parity at all between this case and case which is mentioned. Whether or not the officers who are called upon to perform duties should be remunerated or not may be open to question—382. Admits that expression 'arbitrations and awards' is not proper—385. Principle that a man in civil service should give all his time to duties without extra remuneration a right principle—387.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—372.

Arbitration evils becoming epidemic; goverment should expropriate all time and services of these gentlemen in public service in return for salaries paid them —372-3.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—391.

From statements made this afternoon there is no arbitration. Difficulty is that vote authorizes government only to pay employees who act as arbitrators and make awards. Thinks that minister had better consider whether votes passed by parliament have been applied as voted, or whether money has been used without justification—392.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—375.

How much were they paid last year?—375. This is proper time to discuss question—385. Absolute analogy between postmaster at Cannington and Mr. Gobeil; will arouse jealousies in civil service. The system is a vicious one and should be stopped—386.

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Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —392.

In administration of a department questions necessarily arise, which it is not easy for minister to settle; takes Customs Department for comparison—392. There is wisdom in employing services of leading expert to confer with others upon some particular matters and to advise minister after full discussion—393. Board of Customs do work without extra pay—397.

Taylor, George, (Leeds)—397.

Understood Prime Minister to say there was no comparison between question under discussion and the discharge of postmaster at Cannington—397. Wants to know if every postmaster drawing salary equal to postmaster at Cannington is going to be dismissed—398.

To provide for three chief clerkships, $4,275—7022.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7030.

Is the tower being built under the same specification as before?—7030.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—7028.

Does the minister not think he was a little hasty in suspending Mr. Taylor? Who has charge of the inspection of the tower now? That, I suppose, is a change of policy—7028. The tower was constructed without an inspector—7029. What time elapsed between the date of Mr. Taylor's resignation and its acceptance by the minister? Was there no written acceptance of the resignation?—7033. Did the minister suspend Mr. Taylor without having some detailed interview with him?—7034.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7022.

How many first-class clerks are there in the department?—7022. How many chief clerkships are there now? Are these three gentlemen the senior first-class clerks? Are these appointments of the minister made solely upon the recommendation of the deputy?—7023. Is it the intention to make promotions from the second-class clerks to fill the vacancies? Has the minister filled the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Taylor?—7034. Was Mr. Taylor a chief clerk? Quotes Mr. Taylor's letter to the deputy minister—7025. It seems to me to be a very manly and straightforward letter—7026. It would be very much better in the future to have some person specially engaged on the work of inspection—7027. How did Mr. Taylor come to undertake the inspection in the first instance. Quotes Mr. Taylor—7029. What will be the salary of each of these gentlemen who are promoted?—7034.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7021.

After the return of the chief architect, was Mr. Taylor supposedto continue the inspection—7027. Did he get a hint that he had better retire, the same as the

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officers of the department at Peterborough?—7028. Has the minister any record showing that Mr. Taylor was appointed to supervise the work?—7029. Has the minister read the letter from the contractor, Mr. Goodwin, concerning Mr. Ewart? What has he to say to that?—7030. What does Mr. Hunter get extra for the secretaryship?—7031. Does any other secretary get $2,400 a year after six months' service?—7032. Are they educated men?—7033.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works) —7022.

These are all first-class clerks and have been in office a long time—one twenty years, one thirty-five years and one forty years—7022. The appointments are made solely upon the recommendation of the deputy in a written report—7023. The department pays the expenses of any departmental officers who have to travel on public business. We furnish no passes—7024. Mr. Taylor was an architect; he practically had charge of the drafting; he was not in the permanent service—7025. As regards his ability as an architect, I personally thought highly of him —7026. I think I was not unduly hasty in suspending him. Mr. Adams, an old employee of the government, is inspector of the tower now—7027. Mr. Taylor assumed the inspection himself, and the only fault I find with him is his failure to say he was too busy, either to the minister or to the chief of the department—7028. I have glanced over the evidence and read the report carefully, and I am prepared to discuss Mr. Goodwin's letter —7030. Mr. Taylor is not being made a scapegoat. Mr. Hunter's duties are very onerous, and he is called upon to work at all times of the day and night. He has been in the service about six years—7031. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) knew the duties of a private secretary, he would make a distinction between a private secretary and a clerk in the department—7032. I am not sure whether Mr. Taylor sent his resignation in or brought it in; I know he came to see me —7033. I have no doubt that I saw Mr. Taylor in the department and discussed the matter with him. Each of the gentlemen promoted will get $1,900—7034.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7030.

Is there any evidence to show that the chief architect knew that Mr. Taylor had more than he could attend to?—7030. I was wondering whether Mr. Taylor was being made a scapegoat—7031. Previous to that time Mr. Taylor had been notified that he was under suspension—7034.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7029.

I understood it was the uniform practice of the department to appoint clerks of works on works of any magnitude?—7029. It should be the invariable practice—7030. Was it Mr. Taylor's duty to appoint the clerk of works or inspector, or was it the duty of the architect or deputy minister?—7034.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7022.

There is a good deal of fault found because certain favoured ones always get promotion and others equally deserving do not—7022. Are there any perquisites attached to these offices? I have been told that many of these officers are furnished with passes—7024. You increase the salary of J. B. Hunter by $200 per annum; that is more than the statutory increase. How long has he been in the service?—7031. You cannot justify such rapid promotion where the official is not a professional or technical officer—7032. It is no encouragement to faithful servants who have spent long years in the departments when they see a young man taken into the service and promoted to a salary of $2,400 in six years 7033.

Temporary clerical and other assistance, inclusive of services of all persons required who were first employed after July 1, 1882, notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act, $45,000—6767.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6768.

I can see no reason why men of high technical qualification should be kept on for twenty years as temporary clerks—6768.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6768.

There were in some departments quite a number of clerks described as 'permanent temporaries and they were transferred to the regular list with the rank of first class—6768.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6767.

There has been no change made in the department with reference to these matters for a great many years—6767. There is great difficulty in getting engineers and sometimes the minister has to decide promptly on the question of salary to retain the services of an engineer—6768-9.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6768.

We were told two years ago that the government intended to make these temporary clerks all permanent and place them regularly under the Civil Service Act—6768.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — TELEGRAPH—LAND AND CABLE LINES.

Land and cable telegraph lines, lower St. Lawrence and maritime provinces, including working expenses of vessels required for cable service, also maintenance Marconi wireless telegraphy at Belle Isle, $86,000—6771.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6771.

The Marconi service has been very satisfactory so far as the Department of Public Works is concerned—6771.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6771.

Could the minister (Mr. Hyman) tell us what success has attended the Marconi system?—6771.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — TELEGRAPH LINES—MARITIME PROVINCES.

Telegraph lines—maritime provinces, $2,100.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7020.

What is the total mileage of government telegraphs in Canada? What is the revenue and expenditure?—7020.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7020.

Mileage, 6,586. The expenditure is $384,000, and the revenue is $139,000—7020.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7020.

The minister was getting ready to make a nice explanation on item 335 when we returned to item 334—7020.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — TELEGRAPH LINES—NOVA SCOTIA.

Cape Breton Island—telegraph extension, $1,000—7011.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7011.

We have established a telephone instead of a telegraph, instead of keeping an operator at work—7011.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS—TELEGRAPHS—QUEBEC.

Grosse Isle, Quebec islands—quarantine system—establishment of two Marconi wireless stations as an alternative to the submarine cable connection, $3,500—7011.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7011.

Our cable was in the way of ship's anchors and was often broken, consequently, we determined to install the wireless, so as to have continuous service—7011.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7011.

What is the object of this? Is the wireless system working satisfactory there?—7011.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — TELEGRAPH—NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Edmonton to Athabaska Landing—telegraph office at Athabaska Landing, $1,100—7012.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7012.

I suppose, possibly, that indicates that it is in the new village. The object of the government lines is to serve these districts which commercial companies will not undertake to serve—7012. I recall a case in which we are making a transfer, and in which an arrangement to charge certain rates is being made—7013.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — TELEGRAPH NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—*Con.*

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7012.

Is the telegraph station at Humboldt in the new railway village ? I suppose the minister will take care not to deprive the settlers, who are dependent upon it of the service ?—7012.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7012.

Do the government, in arranging to hand over these lines to private companies, provide that in case the charges imposed by the companies are too high, the government may lower them ?—7012. The government should retain means to protect the public concerned, when they hand these lines over to private companies—7013.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — TELEGRAPH LINES—PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Telegraph lines—Prince Edward Island and mainland, $5,250—6769.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—6770.

The island has been well treated in the matter of telegraphs and they are satisfied—6770.

Hughes, J. J. (King's, P.E.I.)—6769.

The present telegraph service is a vast improvement on what we had before—6769.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6769.

I had the pleasure of making the agreement with the company for the reduction of rates to which the hon. gentleman (Mr. A. Martin) refers—6769.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—6769.

Would like to know if minister will take any steps to see what can be done to provide a night service with special rate for Prince Edward Island ?—6769.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — TELEGRAPH LINES—QUEBEC.

Land line—Descente des Femmes to Sacré Cœur River, Saguenay, $2,785—7020.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7020.

A line on Saguenay river. This completes its construction. It is about fifty miles long—7020.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — TELEGRAPH LINES—YUKON.

Telegraph lines—Yukon system (Ashcroft-Dawson), $138,750—6771.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6771.

Our line does not pay operating expenses; the expenses are $183,000 per annum—6771.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6771.

Does that line pay for its maintenance ?—6771.

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Yukon system—additional amount, $25,000—7021.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—7021.

How many miles will this $25,000 build ?

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7021.

Does this Ashcroft line pay expenses ?—7021.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7021.

This is not for the building of a telegraph line to the Yukon. It does not pay expenses. I gave the total revenue to the leader of the opposition—7021.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7021.

Would the hon. minister explain fully with regard to the wireless telegraph at Belle Isle ? You passed a vote for $30,000. Was there any revenue from that ?—7021.

SUPPLY — PUBLIC WORKS — TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

Georgian bay to Montreal—surveys for waterway via French and Ottawa rivers, including payments authorized, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act, $100,000—6772.

Port Colborne harbour—harbour improvements, $60,000—6772.

Surveys of headwaters of Ottawa river and tributaries, with a view of devising a scheme for the regulation of the water levels of the upper reaches of those streams so as to afford increased facilities for navigation purposes, $5,000—6767.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6767.

When do you expect to complete it ?—6767.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6767.

This $5,000 is for the purpose of obtaining additional information to that which we have in reference to the possibility of storing water for use there in connection with the canal—6767.

Surveys and inspections, $37,500—6767.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—6767.

This is a general vote for the surveys and inspections all over Canada—6767.

Surveys and inspections, $20,000—7020.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—7020.

Who does the surveying for the province of Ontario ? Who does it for the city of Toronto ?

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—7020.

This is for surveys and inspections of public works all over Canada. The resident engineers do the surveying in the province of Ontario—7020.

SUPPLY—RAILWAYS AND CANALS—LITIGATION.

Cost of litigation in connection with railways and canals, $4,500—5179.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5179.

The Justice Department has the taxing of the lawyers' bill and the fixing of the rate; the Department of Railways and Canals is responsible for the payment of the commissioners, but not of the lawyers—5179.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5179.

Will the minister explain how it happened that in the investigation into the Kirkfield lock matter he paid his engineer only $450 for all services rendered, and he paid one of the lawyers $900 for fifteen days?—5179.

General consulting engineer to Dominion government—salaries, $5,175.00; contingencies, $750—416.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—416.

Mr. Schreiber was promoted from position of deputy minister and chief engineer of railways to position of consulting engineer—416.

SUPPLY—RAILWAYS AND CANALS—CANALS.

Canals—collection of revenue, $681,663—5343.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—5350.

Quotes petition presented by the Dominion Marine Association. Has minister remedied the winching grievance complained of?—5351. Was not the old system of passing vessels through the canal under their own steam a much better system than the present mode of employing electric power for that purpose? In your regulations will you discriminate between the smaller vessels and the large freighters?—5352.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5343.

We are having the Balsam lake canal examined—5343. There has been no change in the Davis contract since last year—5344. The matter was simply a question of a corporation assuming a certain responsibility and the obligations of the government, under the contract with Mr. Davis, were transferred to the St. Lawrence Power Company—5345. The lighting of the canal for the year cost $29,130 and the power used in operating locks and bridges cost $25,200, a total of $47,130—5346. We are not using any lights that we are not obliged to use during the winter season—5347. There was a question between Auditor General and company as to the amount that should be paid, and that sum the Auditor General was subsequently obliged to pay under advice of the Justice Department—5348. We are now following the same basis of agreement that was entered into between the former Auditor General and the contractor—5349.

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Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways—*Con.*

In order that the company should install their plant it was necessary for the government to take up to a certain limit; the government is obliged to take and pay for 400 horse-power at $63, which amounts to somewhere in the vicinity of $25,200—5350. I can quite appreciate the fact that the Dominion Marine Association is very anxious to have regulations that will enable its boats to speed along, but there must be safety of property and safety of life for first consideration—5351. There is a clause in the original contract relating to expropriation, and we have not acted upon that so far—5352. There are 250 lights during the season of navigation and 100 lights when navigation is closed—5353.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5343.

Has the minister (Mr. Emmerson) any items under consideration for the canal north of Balsam lake?—5343.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5344.

What did the Davis contract cost last year?—5344. There were practically 130 lights kept going from December 1 to March 31, when the canals were frozen up, for which about $5,000 was paid; for a few thousand dollars government could have developed power to run the plant itself—5345-6. We are paying $63 per horse-power for which we ought to pay about $14—5349. It did not cost the St. Lawrence Power Company one dollar to place the property ready to develop the power, and it certainly did not cost $400,000 to develop 400 horse-power—5354. If the government had expropriated it, they would have had the whole power, and it would not have cost the country anything—5355.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5344.

What is the present position of the Davis contract?—5344. Mr. M. P. Davis, with the Auditor General and the Minister of Railways and Canals, agreed the contract price was to be reduced from $52,000 to $29,000; we are paying Mr. M. P. Davis for the years for which he had already been paid—5347. Mr. Davis claimed that he was entitled to payment for all the lights, whether they were necessary or not; quotes Auditor General's report—5348. Was the provision for expropriation in the original contract?—5352. We did not make the present contract—5353.

Cornwall canal—to fill in space between old and new locks at foot of canal and to put in rip-rap facing of stone around 'point' between locks, $11,000—5358.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5358.

W. M. Leacy, of Prescott, was the lowest tenderer; this work is practically completed, and this will finish the whole thing—5358.

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Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5358.

Who has that contract?—5358.

Port Colborne, including elevators, $200,000—5165.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5165.

The plans are ready and we will ask for tenders; the estimate was for a 2,000,000 bushel elevator, and we have reduced it to 800,000 bushels—6165.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—5165.

On what did you expend the $310,000 voted last year?—5165.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5165.

What will be the total cost of that elevator?—5165.

Port Colborne entrance, $225,000—5165.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5165.

This is to continue the work of improvement, which consists of earth and rock excavation, construction of two crib and concrete docks extending out into the lake, 600 feet long and 200 feet wide, on which elevators may be built, rebuilding west pier and dredging inner basin—5165.

German, W. M. (Welland)—5165.

The outside harbour of Port Colborne is safe for vessels drawing twenty-two feet right up to the mouth of the canal; it is rock excavation and is practically all completed now—5165.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5165.

How much water is there now?—5165.

Electric lighting and power plant, $12,000.

To pay final estimates deepening rock cut, Port Colborneto Humberstone, $19,766.25—5357.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—5357.

Is this new work?—5357.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5357.

It is under contract—5357.

Rideau canal—to rebuild three swing bridges, $3,600—5174.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5174.

They are to be built at Long Island, Beckett's Landing and Nicholson's; these bridges are in a bad state of repair—5174.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—5174.

Where are these to be?—5174.

Sault Ste. Marie canal—construction, $100,000—5165.

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Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5165.

This is to be expended in deepening and widening the shoal at the upper entrance; the work is under contract, five tenders were received and the lowest got the contract—5165.

Sault Ste. Marie canal—construction, $20,000—5357.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5357.

This is in connection with the extension of the south pier at the port of entrance and the deepening of the channel; the contractors are Boyle Bros., for the piers, and C. S. Boone for the dredging—5357.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5357.

Will that Ste. Marie canal be completed this year?—5357.

Sault Ste. Marie—Shelter for lockmen, $2,000—7506.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7507.

I remember very well when the disaster occurred, and I must say that it never has been satisfactorily accounted for. The Auditor General would not be justified in paying the claim unless in the opinion of the Department of Justice it was justified in law—7507. The officer only submitted the evidence; he did not recommend anything—7508. The rule on the I.C.R. is that an official investigation is had at once by the superintendent of the division—7509. We have no officer in our department, but there is an officer in connection with the Railway Commission, Mr. E. C. Lalonde—7510. That is a provincial road, and I doubt whether we have jurisdiction. I laid that on the table some time ago—7511.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7509.

What excuse is given for an investigation not taking place?—7509.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7507.

What was the report of the officer appointed by the government to inquire into railway disasters, in regard to this matter?—7507. Who is the officer now for investigating railway wrecks throughout the country?—7510.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7511.

Will the hon. minister bring down the report from the Railway Commission with reference to the cause of accidents—7511.

Laurence, F. A. (Colchester)—7506.

On December 6, 1902, an accident occurred at Belmont in Colchester county, on the Intercolonial Railway, by which six persons lost their lives. I urge the granting of compensation to the relatives of the unfortunate people who were killed—7506. That gives one a very poor impres-

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Laurence, F. A. (Colchester)—*Con.*

sion as to the safety of railway travelling in this country—7507. I would be very glad indeed if the hon. minister would treat the coroner's jury's verdict as conclusive on the facts, and be governed by it—7509. Quotes verdict. I hope the minister will now give the matter his serious consideration and, if not this session, next session, make some compensation to these people—7510.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John city and co.)—7508.

I think the point brought to the notice of the committee by Mr. Laurence is a very important one. If a man is killed and his family are left without a breadwinner, are they not incapacitated?—7508. How did the people come to be killed?—7509.

Trent canal—construction, $175,000—5166.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals—5166.

There is $140,000 for the hydraulic lock at Kirkfield, and $35,000 for the Simcoe-Balsam lake section; the Dominion Bridge Company have the contract. I am not in a position to announce the policy of the government until we find full and complete surveys and an estimate—5166.

German, W. M. (Welland)—5167.

Neither Mr. Geo. A. Cox nor the Bank of Commerce, nor Molson's Bank owns the water-power; the government owns it—5167.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5166.

Why is the work not being proceeded with? What is the policy of the government in relation to this work?—5166. This matter has hung fire since 1896, and not a mile of contract has been let by this government; if minister (Mr. Emmerson) has not a definite announcement next session, he will not get his estimates through so easily—5167.

Trent canal—improvements on east branch of Holland river to Newmarket, $100,000—5167.

Item agreed to, on division—5171.

Blain, R. (Peel)—5170.

What will be the total cost of the work?—5170.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5167.

The amount is to be expended in making the Holland river from Cook's bay navigable, of the same standard as the Trent canal, viz., 6 feet navigation. There were five tenders received, and the lowest one was accepted—5168. Quotes report of engineer—5169-70. $291,000 is the estimated total cost of the work—5170.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5168.

Will the minister explain the necessity for this work, and why it is undertaken before the Trent canal is completed?—

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Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—*Con.*

5168. Has the minister taken any precaution to have an estimate made of the flow of water during the summer months?—5170.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—5167.

What is the explanation with regard to this item? This is a useless waste of money, and I think the item should be struck out—5168.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—5171.

What amount of traffic will go over this portion of the canal—5171. Will the hon. minister (Mr. Emmerson) give me information as to whether a survey has been made from the main line of the Prince Edward Island Railway to the coast?—5172.

Trent canal, improvements, $15,000—5172.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5172.

This is for some minor repairs at Buckhorn, Peterborough, and Young's Point, some dredging below Hastings and some other items—5172.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5172.

Will minister explain item?—5172. We do not need an expenditure of $57 per light per year, the locks can be lighted for a great deal less than that—5173.

Trent canal—to purchase tug, $4,000—5360.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—5360.

Where is the boat to be kept?—5360. Is the dredging to be done by the Lake Simcoe Dredging Company under this department of the Trent canal?—5362.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways —5360.

This amount is to be spent in buying the tug 'Sovereign'; the boat now owned by the department is eighteen years old, and is not heavy enough for the work—5360.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5360.

Quotes memorial from citizens of village of Bradford requesting canal extension of the main channel of the Holland river—5360-1.

Trent canal—staff, $8,300; repairs, $8,000—7499.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7499.

Why are these additional amounts necessary?—7409.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7499.

They arise because of our taking over certain works that have heretofore been operated by the Ontario government—7499. We want to conserve the waters on the Gull river, the Burnt river and Union river—7500.

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Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—7499.

Where are the repairs to be done?—7499. Are you using the dams, &c, for reservoirs?—7500.

Welland canal, electric light and power plant, $60,000—5161.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5162.

The estimate of the cost of plant including bridges, machinery and lighting plant, transmission line, &c., was $420,523; the present cost of lighting is about $10,600 per annum—5161. Everything is operated by electricity; all the work was done by tender and contract; we only pay $14 for horse-power for the whole year—5162. The whole expenditure per annum in connection with the lighting, handling of gates and everything is $22,000. An increase of $7,000 is asked to cover the extra cost of lighting and operating the canal with electricity—5163.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5162.

How many horse-power do they furnish and what does it cost for lighting?—5162.

German, W. M. (Welland)—5164.

The superintending engineer of the canal considered that it would be cheaper in the long run to make a contract with the Cataract Power Company at $14 per horse-power for a short period for light and power; in order to create 1,800 horse-power you would have to amalgamate four or five levels—5164.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—5161.

How much is that electric plant costing, and what did you do with the other contract you had for supplying power?—5161. How many horse-power are they using?—5163.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5163.

How do you came to pay $22,000 a year for 800 horse-power?—5163.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—5164.

Why do you not make your own electricity instead of paying $14 to an outside company?—5164.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5161.

When was this contract entered into and what does it cost?—5161.

Zimmerman, A. (West Hamilton)—5163.

The original contract was for 800 horse-power, but when they get the whole system in use they will use more than double that amount. The original contract was only for lighting; to-day they are operating all the locks and bridges by electricity—5163.

Welland canal—To deepen portion of summit level, $25,000—5358.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—5358.

Is that new work?—5358.

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Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5358.

Welland canal—To pay gratuity to D. W. Parr, $1,000—7500.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7500.

When an attempt was made to dynamite the Welland canal in 1900 D. W. Parr, the man who gave the alarm, sustained injuries. I think the country would be justified in paying him this amount—7500. The man has not been able to do any work since; he is incapacitated—7501.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—7500.

Would not the sum be a large one?—7500.

Williamsburg canal—To build a gate lifter—revote, $1,375—5358.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5358.

This is to build a gate lifter, which was to have been completed within the fiscal year 1904-5. Messrs. J. Inglis & Sons built it at the cost of $8,575—5358. I have it on the authority of those who ought to know and who have no interest in the matter, that the steamer is unnecessary for the surface of the canal—5359.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5358.

Has it been completed and delivered?—5358. This canal steamer is not needed by the superintendent—5359.

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Beauharnois canal—Regulating weir opposite parish of St. Stanislas, $600—7512.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—7512.

What has been done about the works promised last year at the head of the Beauharnois canal? I wish the hon. minister would see about it as soon as possible—7512.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7512.

This weir will be necessary when the St. Barbe drain is completed next summer. I will go there with the deputy and examine into the situation—7512.

Carillon and Grenville canals—Dams across slides, $26,250—5079.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5079.

The amount asked for is to fill in the opening left in the body of the dam for a timber slide; no more timber will go through—5079.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—5079.

How will the timber go down?—5079.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—5079.

Supposing any timber goes down, how will it go through—through the lock?—5079.

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Galops rapids—To complete channel, $11,050—5158.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5158.

This will certainly be completed this season—5158.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5158.

At what time does the minister expect that this will be completed?—5158.

Galops canal—To stop leak in bank, $18,000—5080.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5080.

This is necessary owing to leaks which have developed in the banks. Tenders were advertised for. This is a case of faulty construction forty years ago. What was considered sufficient for the original pressure that existed at the time of the original construction is found to be not strong enough now—5080. Since then the level has been raised, increasing the pressure, with the result that the water has forced its way through these banks—5081.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—5080.

The whole canal was rebuilt down at the Galops. The locks were enlarged, and the walls strengthened and made much larger—5080. Surely when you raised the water you raised the banks or deepened the water to allow the boats to go through the canal?—5081.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—5080.

Were tenders advertised for? How long since the original bank was built? Has the minister discharged the engineer?—5080.

Lachine canal—Rebuilding slope walls along, $33,375—5079.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5079.

Yes; all done by contract—5079.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5079.

Is that all done by contract?

Lachine canal—To repair leak from basin 1 to lock No. 1, $20,000—5358.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5358.

Who has that contract?—5358.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5358.

It was given by tender to the lowest tenderer, Quinlan and Robertson—5358.

Lachine canal staff, $5,000—7483.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7483.

We had anticipated that the electrical apparatus would be in working order before this, which would have saved us considerable in the way of staff, but it is not yet completed—7483.

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Lachine canal—To pay W. Mitchell two-thirds time lost, and for medical attendance; injured while at work, $123—7500.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7500.

This is an employee who was injured while loading timber at the Lachine canal basin—7500.

Lachine canal—Electric installation, revote, $3,000—7511.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7511.

If coal goes into the harbour there is no charge—7511.

Johnston, Alex. (Cape Breton)—7511.

There is very serious competition, nonsense!—7511.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—7511.

If coal is unloaded in the canal, there is a tax rate of five cents a ton. I think that so far as hard coal is concerned, it might be left in abeyance—7511.

North channel—forming channel and building dam between Galops and Adams islands, $24,500—5158.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5158.

This is to wind the thing up; it is for what is called the Gut dam in the North Channel; the total expenditure on the Gut dam was $64,471.46, and on the North Channel, $1,411,041.73—5158. The total amount expended to February 28, 1906, was $1,519,533; the original estimate was $750,000 for a 200-foot channel—5159. It was the option of the government to construct that dam or not to construct it, and they subsequently entered into a contract for its construction at a price that had been named in the original tender—5160.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—5159.

What was the original estimate—5159. Who gave this extension of contract to Mr. Cleveland to build the dam?—5160.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5158.

How long will it be before this contract will be finished; what was the original estimate for this dam, and how much has been expended already?—5158. The tender was asked for the channel years before it was decided to build the dam at all; it was not in the original specifications—5160.

North channel—forming channel and building dam between Galops and Adams island, $33,900—5357.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5357.

About 25,000 more will finish this work—5357.

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Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5357.

Is this in addition to the main estimates?—5357.

Quebec canals—Re-marking boundaries, surveys, plans, &c., $1,500—5079.

To build two flat scows, $4,500—5079.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5079.

What is meant by the Quebec canals?—5079. Does the term 'Quebec canals' include all the canals in Quebec? Are the boundaries to be taken of all the canals in Quebec?—5080.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5080.

This amount will be required to mark the boundaries, place boundary stones, and to collect all necessary information in connection with the Quebec canals. The scows are to be used in connection with dredging—5080.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5080.

What do you want with the scows?—5080.

Soulanges canal—Workshops, heating lighting and machinery, $550—751.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7511.

The government do their own lighting—7511.

Soulanges canal—Construction, $14,271—5357.

Blain, R. (Peel)—5357.

When was the work done?—5357.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5357.

This is to pay on the final estimate, the balance due Manning Bros.—5357.

Civil government, salaries, $46,050—5014.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—5015.

Where does the increase of $5,000 come in for last year? Instead of a reduction of $700, I find an increase of $5,000—5015.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5014.

Moves an amendment. It seems to me very desirable that the statistical branch of the department should be organized. Without committing myself to any appointment, I have been considering the fitness of Mr. Payne—5014. The chief engineer and deputy minister is now in recept of $7,500; heretofore it was $6,000; and then there have been uniform statutory increases to everyone entitled to them—5015. We require additional clerical asistance in that department, apart from the work which was done by Mr. Ridout. Mr. Payne will cease to be private secretary—5016.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—5014.

Whom has hon. gentleman in view? That is the only increase in your civil service estimates?—5014. I understood the minister to say he was going to deduct that salary from his vote for salaries for engineers, draughtsmen and all those connected with his office, but I find he has not done so—5015. You increase the amount also on permanent staff for two additional second class clerks—5016.

Collection of revenue, $6,558,000—5343.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5343.

These are the usual votes—5343.

Miscellaneous, surveys and inspections, railways, $13,500—5174.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5174.

The survey of the branch line to the coast on the Prince Edward Island Railway was made. There is no prospect of the line being built this year—5174. I have petitions for branch lines from almost every section of the island—5176. The rate given to Prince Edward Island shippers has been equal to that given to others; we have increased in a very slight degree the freight rates on the Prince Edward Island Railway—5178.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—5179.

What are the names of the contractors on the Newmarket canal?—5179.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—5174.

Would like to ask minister whether a survey has been made from the main line of the Prince Edward Island Railway to the coast? What was in the report ,and what was the attitude of the government in respect to this line?—5174. The Prince Edward Island Railway was constructed and built and paid for by the province of Prince Edward Island; it was taken over on confederation by the Dominion authorities, and it does not make any difference whether it is a paying investment or not, we ought to have facilities for transportation—5175. Before the last Dominion election we had an absolute promise that the survey would be held, and all information and data in regard to this branch would be given. Quotes Hon. Mr. Emmerson at page 2174 of last year's 'Hansard'; the recent action of the department in raising the rates along the Prince Edward Island Railway will not tend very largely to increase its earnings—5176. Compares rates of Intercolonial Railway with the Prince Edward Island Railway—5177. We want a rate that will permit our products for export to compete in the markets of the world with the products of other countries—5178.

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Railway Commission—Maintenance and operation of the Board of Railway Commis-

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sioners for Canada; additional amount required, $7,500—7513.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7513.

I think there is $60,000 in the main estimates. This made about $107,000—7513.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7513.

What is the full amount for the Railway Commission—7513.

Additional sidings and spur lines, $35,500—7502.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7503.

One at North Sydney Junction, one in connection with the Wallace ferry, one at Windsor Junction and one from Fort Lawrence to the government wharf—7502. About 11,000 feet of siding and 3 or 4 miles of spur lines. Whoever is interested does the grading, and we put on the ties and rails—7503.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7502.

Where are the spur lines being built?—7502. What is the total length of the spur lines and sidings respectively? Does the government pay for the whole of the spur lines?—7503.

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Air brakes on freight cars, $21,000—5074.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5074.

We are fitting new cars and refitting the old cars with Westinghouse air brakes. The total number of cars to be equipped after the 30th of June, 1905, is 2,276—5074.

Campbellton—improvements at, $17,200—5070.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5070.

This is for an addition to the coal plant, additional sidings, for an air compressor, a reservoir, a yard air-testing plant, and an addition to the water service—5070.

Coal-handling, machinery and appliances—Intercolonial Railway, $40,000—5357.

Blain, R. (Peel)—5357.

My hon. friend from St. John (Mr. Stockton) wishes to speak on this item; will he be permitted to do so on another item?—5357.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5357.

We are going to begin work at Lévis—5357.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5357.

Are these to take coal out of vessels and put it in cars?—5357.

Double tracking parts of line, $60,000—5356.

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Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5356.

This is between Halifax and Rockingham and Bedford Bridge and Windsor Junction. The Intercolonial Railway does not run through the maritime provinces on Sunday because there is a strong prejudice there against doing so—5356-7.

Lavergne, A. (Montmagny)—5356.

On account of the maritime provinces, the Quebec people are deprived of a train on Saturday or Monday—5356.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5356.

Where is this? Were there ever any complaints in the maritime provinces about passenger trains on Sundays?—5356.

Drummondville—Improvements at, $12,750—5070.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5070.

This includes improvements to water service, pipes, additional siding and platform—5070.

Governor General's cars—To purchase, $39,000—7511.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—7512.

Did His Excellency ask for two cars?—7512.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7511.

The Governor General requires cars and made applicaion for them—7511. We bought two cars from the C.P.R. for His Excellency—7512.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7512.

Has the Governor General not a private car at present?—7512.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—7512.

Is the same principle to be applied as to the last purchase, to charge the interest to the Governor General?—7512.

Halifax—To increase accommodation at, $300,000.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5071.

Was the $250,000 voted last year expended, what is the present condition of the work, what will be the total expenditure, and what is the nature of it? What is the total estimate?—5071.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—5072.

What is the cost of this present contemplated accommodation at Halifax?—5072.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5070.

Besides making an expropriation, we have purchased a lot of land. The total expenditure in connection with the Halifax terminals is $2,779,362—5071. The total estimated cost from the start of the I.C.R. there will be $3,250,000. Last year we

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expended $130,298—5072. That leaves $250,000 more that will have to be provided—5073.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5073.

When did you start this present work?—How much have you spent?—5073.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—5071.

Will this complete the proposed extension? What has been expended there already besides this $2,779,000 ?—5071.

Henderson, David (Halton)—5072.

I think that was a fair question and that it should receive a fair answer—5072. The minister is expected to answer a fair question in a fair way—5073.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—5072.

How much did the new work cost last year? And you ask $300,000 for next year ? How much will it take to finish it after that ?—5072. You say that $2,779,000 have been spent up to what time ?—5073.

Halifax—increased accommodation at Halifax, $60,000—7483.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7483.

Who owned the land ?—7483.

Cochrane, Edward (E. Northumberland)—7483.

Who bought the land ?—7483.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7483.

This is for the purchase of land for a roundhouse from Mr. Henderson. We have asked for $250,000, and this is $60,000 to meet this special expenditure. It was bought direct—7483.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—7483.

What is the total expenditure for increased accommodation at Halifax this year?—7483.

Increased accommodation and facilities along the line, $8,500—5079.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—5079.

What parts of the line are to be double-tracked ? Is this all in connection with this other increased accommodation?—5079.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5079.

Will double-track line near Halifax ; then we will double-track between Stellarton and New Glasgow—5079.

Increased accommodation and facilities all along the line, $12,200—7503.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7503.

This is for a freight shed at Iona ; mechanical semaphores at Woodburn ; water supply at Wallacebridge ; dwelling for

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agent at Riverdale and improvements at Maccan, St. Alexis, Salmon lake and at Miliniked—7503.

To increase water service, $7,300—7481.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7483.

The hon. minister has got the actual expenditure to the 31st of May. Perhaps he will give us the capital expenditure to the 31st of May—7483.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7481.

The contracts do include the substructures, but not the superstructures. The passenger and freight earnings for fiscal year were $836,981.26 over the preceding year—7481. For the whole government railway system, inclusive of the Prince Edward Island Railway, the surplus for the year will be in the neighbourhood of $50,000—7482. My deputy informs me that monthly statements come here from the management at Moncton, showing the operating expenses, but not the capital expenditure—7483.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—7481.

Will the hon. minister give the estimated cost of the steel superstructures of the bridges in the contracts that have have been let. If we had that we could estimate what the road is going to cost—7481. Would the hon. minister give us the expenditure of capital account for the year ?—7482. It is easier to give the capital expenditure than the other—7483.

Increased water service, $7,300—7483.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7483.

This is for an addition to the water service at St. Charles Junction—7483.

Locomotive and car shops and land purchased at Moncton, N.B., $540,000—7501.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—7501.

Has not the minister a separate estimate of the cost of the locomotive shops, from the car shops, and how much he wants for machinery ?—7501.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7501.

This amount includes locomotive, car shops, tools and machinery, and additional yard accommodation. We do not carry insurance on any government property—7501. The whole expenditure will amount to about $1,000,000, which will be the outside limit—7502.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—7501.

Was there any insurance on the shops ?—7501.

Lévis—increased accommodation at, $4,300—5355.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5355.

What are you doing there ?—5355.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5355.

In view of the fact that on the completion of the Quebec bridge we hope to be running our trains into Quebec instead of requiring passengers to cross from Lévis by ferry, the government would not be justified in going to greater expense at either Quebec or Lévis at present—5355.

Lavergne, A. (Montmagny)—5355.

Is the government going to make any improvements in the arrangements for the convenience of passengers between the railway and the ferry ?—5355-6.

Mitchell—diversion of line, $4,000—5070.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5070.

That is supposed to complete—5070.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5070.

Does that complete ?—5070.

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Motion that the House go into Committee of Supply—Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—127. Motion agreed to and House went into Committee of Supply —304.

Armstrong, Jos. E. (East Lambton)—296.

Why do people in eastern provinces who travel on Intercolonial receive fares at from 50 to 65 per cent of what we have to pay in western Canada to our railways ?—296.

Barker, Samuel (Hamilton East)—135.

Has the hon. gentleman any objection to reading the letter to which that is a reply ?—135.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—127.

Might perhaps facalitate business to some extent to have hon. gentleman make his statement now, but under circumstances it is impossible to have usual discussion —127. Did the hon. gentleman ever see that evidence ? I have asked two or three times to have it brought down and laid on table of the House—283.

Broder, Andrew (Dundas)—131.

Regarding carriage of hay, did the railway discriminate between people who were able to pay and those who were not as well off—131.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—303.

Desires to allude to matter that concerns his constituency ; maps which accompany minister's report do an injustice to city of Brantford—303. Believes member for Cumberland's statement regarding railway passes grossly exaggerated ; trusts

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day will come when Intercolonial will be a paying proposition ; government ownership not always a failure ; congratulates minister on able speech he made in presenting report ; but sorry to say, cannot congratulate him on his financial showing—304.

Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—297.

Present minister been in power for two years ; during that two years there is a deficit of $4,000,000—297. No member of opposition has ever said a word against the raise of wages on Intercolonial ; cost of living has greatly increased in the last 25 or 30 years ; perfectly willing that men who work on Intercolonial should be properly paid for services—298. Wages paid in city of Moncton by Intercolonial are from $400,000 to $500,000 a year too much ; never in history of Intercolonial was political influence so rampant—299. Intercolonial runs through rich agricultural country in New Brunswick—302. If Intercolonial were managed decently and honestly, and were removed from political influence, it could be made a dividend-paying road—303.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—128.

Desires to give explanation with respect to Intercolonial Railway and other branches of Department of Railways and Canals—128. Statement of results for fiscal year of Intercolonial Railway ; receipts for 1905 from passenger and freight traffic, exceeded the receipts for preceding year by $400,000 ; was a very material increase in cost of maintenance of equipment on the Intercolonial—129. Quotes Mr. M. J. Buter regarding special circumstances affecting operation of Intercolonial during last fiscal year—130. Deficit for fiscal year 1905 subject of much comment and misrepresentation by newspaper press of country—132. Quotes criticism of Montreal ' Gazette '—133. Quotes letter of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy with reference to C.P.R. practice of keeping capital and revenue accounts; same practice in force on Intercolonial ; considers that Intercolonial had its birth at conference in Charlottetown on Sept. 8, 1864—136. Quotes Sir George E. Cartier and Sir John A. Macdonald on Intercolonial as 'link of union'—137. Quotes Hon. Geo. Brown on advantages accruing from construction of Intercolonial—138. Quotes Hon. A. T. Galt on benefits conferred on maritime provinces by Intercolonial—139. Deficit simply a question of passenger and freight rates—140. Canals are deficit creators—142. Long route, water competition and low rates unfavourable to Intercolonial's success—144-5-6. Made personal examination of Intercolonial road in August, 1905—150. Remedies are being applied to road—151-2. Government of Canada do not propose to sell the Intercolonial—153-4. No government can hope to escape responsibility for operation of railway by putting railway into the

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hands of a commission—154-5. The Intercolonial Railway is a safeguard and a regulator of the transportation charges of the country—157.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—131.

Is the $134,000 included in that $518,000 ? Can an order in council do that ?—131. Will the hon. gentleman state the amount paid to the Grand Trunk since confederation ?—141. Hon. Minister of Railways and Canals has shown wonderful alacrity in making budget speech at early period of session; Minister of Railways' speech confined solely to the deficits of the Intercolonial Railway—157. Why cannot the Intercolonial be managed in the same way that railways in every other part and portion of the Dominion are managed ?—160. The Intercolonial is a laughing stock among railway men—161. Quite true there are other benefits to country from Intercolonial than receipts from road ; what the people of this country want is an economical management of the road, so that the receipts and expenditures may at least balance—162. When the Montreal 'Gazette' stated the Intercolonial was a bankrupt concern it stated the absolute truth ; quotes Hon. Alex. Mackenzie who said that capital account on Intercolonial should cease—271. A more glaring false statement was never made to this country or to members of House—272. Expenditure on Intercolonial Railway should be confined entirely to revenue account ; it is a railroad that ought to pay, and would pay if properly managed—275. Is it possible that railways and telegraphs can be managed in an economical and proper way by the government of the country ? The only hope for the road is an efficient control either by a commission or some other means than the present one—278. The hon. minister is not paying the attention to parliament that he ought to pay—279. How does the present hon. Minister of Railways and Canals, in his statement, intend to increase the revenue of Intercolonial Railway by abolishing passes ?—284.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—127.

Rather an unusual proceeding to rush into business immediately upon meeting of parliament ; if hon. friends opposite are not ready for discussion we shall leave it until another sitting—127.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—286.

Will the hon. gentleman explain what railway patronage he has—286.

Logan, Hance J. (Cumberland)—280.

Have at last found out what is the Conservative policy in reference to the Intercolonial Railway; Minister of Railways has always been attentive to public duty—280. There are functions which must be performed by a government railway which

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would not be expected of a railway belonging to a government concern—281. There is in this country to-day a determination on the part of some people that the Intercolonial Railway shall either be handed over to a commission or that it shall be conveyed by lease or sale to one or other of the great private railway corporations—284-5. If the same rate of wages was paid to-day that was paid in 1896, we would have a handsome surplus on the operation of the Intercolonial Railway—288-9-90. No railway corporation in Canada buys general stores at a less cost than Intercolonial—291. Present minister deserves support and sympathy—293. Does not complain about expenditure on other great Canadian enterprises; Intercolonial as important as canals—294. Give Intercolonial preference over all roads—295. Government should make it feature of their tariff policy that the preference to goods of Britain and colonies shall only apply when these goods are brought in through Canadian ports—296. A minister from maritime provinces knows the needs of the Intercolonial best—297.

Newcastle—improvements at, $25,500—5070.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5070.

This is for a new engine house, a turntable and a water service—5070.

Pictou Landing—Raising wharf, $10,000—5073.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5073.

There is a large quantity of lumber shipped from Pictou Landing, and it is proposed to raise the wharf higher—5073.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5073.

What are you doing there ?—5073.

Pictou—Increased accommodation at, $75,000—5075.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5075.

Excavating, filling, grading, additional tracks, overhead bridge, loading platform, water service, moving buildings, &c. Estimated expenditure for present year, $85,000 ; total estimated cost, $316,000—5075.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5075.

What is to be done at Pictou ? What is going to be spent on this ?—5075.

Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—5075.

The Minister of Marine has practically abandoned Pictou as the winter port for Prince Edward Island, because there is not enough water on the bar—5075.

To provide side ladders on box cars, $14,000—7501.

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Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canal)—7501.

This is to be expended to equip box cars with side ladders, in accordance with the Railway Act, 1903. The end ladders are there—7501.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—7501.

What about the end ladders?—7501.

To put railway between Indiantown and Blackville into condition for operation, $15,000—7503.

Clarke, A. H. (South Essex)—7505.

We ought to encourage the coloured people, so that they may become educated and take a high standing in the community. They should be given their fair share of the public positions—7505.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—7503.

I have the honour to represent a large number of coloured people—7503. In the various departments of this government there are positions in which coloured people could be employed with most beneficial results to the public service—7504. I feel it my duty as a representative of that section of the people to advocate their interests here—7505.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7503.

This is to build a bridge where a considerable traffic can be done in quarry stone near Blackville, the Hood Stone Quarrying Company—7503. There are more coloured people employed on the Intercolonial than ever before—7505.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7503.

What is the explanation of this ?—7503.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—7503.

Who owns the stone quarry ? And this is to build a bridge for the accommodation of the stone quarry ?—7503.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—7505.

Some time ago I had the privilege of selecting lands in the Northwest for some settlers of the coloured race who came from Essex, and they have made exceptionally good farmers—7505.

Rivière du Loup—engine house, machine shop, &c., at, $12,500—5070.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5070.

Additional sidings, water service and coal plant, all new—5070.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5070.

What does the '&c.' include ?—5070.

Rolling stock, $509,290—5076.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—5077.

The accounts do not appear to agree—5077. There are places which cannot do business with the I.C.R. on account of the scarcity of cars. Is it not the case that a larger number of I.C.R. cars are away on other roads than any other railway ?—5078. Do you keep track of those cars ?—5079.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—5077.

The Auditor General's figures are for 1905, and these estimates are for 1905-6 ; they cannot be compared—5077.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5076.

How many locomotives have you altogether ? About how many of these wear out each year ?—5076. Then, all the locomotives that are destroyed are made good out of revenue ? And you only need to build out of revenue three or four each year ?—5076. Will the motor car be an official car ? It is meant for work and not for junketing ?—5078.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5077.

How many locomotives did you sell last year and the year before ?—5077.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5076.

We replace out of revenue worn out engines. We build a number of engines at Moncton. When we put a locomotive out of commission, we replace it out of revenue. We have about 300 locomotives ; some from as far back as 1875—5076. I don't think we sold any locomotives last year. The appropriation for 1905-6 was $1,548,500 ; the estimated expenditure for that year up to the 30th of June was $1,054,210—5077. A motor car will be a combined engine and car for making short runs. Cars are kept tied up at St. John and Halifax with freight awaiting arrival of steamers. The American roads keep our cars longer than regular time allowed, and then endeavour to avoid demurrage—5078. Whenever we get American cars we try to retaliate—5079.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—5076.

Where does it appear that the locomotives are replaced out of revenue ? I find that every locomotive that has been purchased is charged to capital account, for the past two years, except the locomotives built at Moncton—5076.

Henderson, David (Halton)—5076.

What is the average life of a locomotive on the Intercolonial ?—5076. I would venture to say it is not three years—5077.

Rolling stock, $116,000—7501.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7501.

This is for 215 hopper bottom coal cars to cost $518 each. They are to be used to handle the output of the Acadia coal mines, which is a profitable traffic—7501.

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Rothsay—improvements at, $1,050—7501.

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

This is for a new freight shed and baggage room, and we have to raise the station building and enlarge it—7501.

Stellarton—increased accommodation at, $10,500—5074,

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5074.

I did not even make an indefinite promise ; I was not called upon. I will certainly take it into consideration—5074.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5074.

Sussex is one of the most important stations along the line of the I.C.R.; the present station is not suitable for the extent of the traffic. I hope the minister will give us a new station—5074.

St. Moise station, $250—7483.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7483.

This is for additional sidings—7483.

To strengthen bridges, $236,000—5016.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—5023.

Would not that decrease be largely due to climatic conditions? You would require fewer men during the past year, but in another year the expenses might run higher—5023 Can the hon. minister give us any assurance as to what he bases that confidence on ?—5024. Is it not a fact that the other roads are paying larger dividends than at any previous time, and are paying larger wages ? I suppose you do give a few more passes—5028.

Carney, Michael (Halifax)—5050.

What about the difference between the old rail which is fit only for the junk heap and the cost of the new rail which is worth $31 or $32 a ton ? Why do you find fault with the old bridges being laid aside,, then, and no account being taken of them. You are confounding yourself—5050.

Cochrane, Edward (E. Northumberland)—5033.

Will the minister tell us if the Canada Eastern pays ?—5033. I know the I.C.R. management is most ridiculous—5034.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—5022.

How much of the earnings would be due to the increased rates ? Are the wages paid on the I.C.R. higher than the wages paid on the C.P.R. or G.T.R. ?—5044. Would the minister give us the changes that have been made which produced the increased revenue and decreased expenditure—5027. The wages have only been brought up to an equivalent with those on other roads—5028. Not a private car, I suppose—5029. How many employees

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were added by the purchase of the Canada Eastern ?—5033. Then the purchase of the Canada Eastern would not account for the increase of employees ? I think it was a member of the Senate who complained that there were too many employees on the C.P.R.—5034. I do not think St. John is overburdened with employees—5035.

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Give details of this vote. The chief items, all but three, are connected with the Drummond county road—5016. My hon. friend (Mr. Haggart) knows that everything is expanding in Canada, and we are using heavier engines. There is going to be a great expansion in the earning power,and a great contraction in the expenditure—5017. The conditions that prevailed at the purchase of the Drummond County Railway are not the conditions which prevail to-day—5018. $97,500 of this is a revote. On a later day, when the committee is considering these items, I will give in a very concise form just what we were doing, so that it will save time—5019. I stated some time ago that we adopted the policy of the C.P.R., and that the Intercolonial Railway made no departure in respect to its expenditures on capital account. Quotes Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's letter—5020. All this expenditure is for reducing the curvatures on the Intercolonial Railway. I am very glad to bear testimony to the excellent work that Mr. Butler has done—5021. Whatever reforms have been inaugurated during the past year have resulted in no depreciation of the value of the railway. The wages on the Intercolonial have been very largely increased—amounts to nearly one million dollars per year—5022. During the past year there was a decrease of $800,000 in the working expenses ; the financial conditions on the Intercolonial have been improved for this year, but not for this year alone—5023. All we have endeavoured to do is to bring the standard of our freight tariff up, not perhaps to the elevation of the Grand Trunk or the Canadian Pacific, but to a reasonable standard—5024. The increased traffic on the Intercolonial is very considerable; we designed an increase of 10 per cent in the freight rates ; and we raised the passenger rates so as to make them nearly conformable to the rates charged by the C.P.R. in the east—5025. The wages of the men who do the work along the track, who do the work in the shops, have all been materially increased—5026. We have no private cars; they are all official—5027. We give credit for the valuation of the rail which is replaced by the 80-pound rail, deduct it from the original cost of the 80-pound rail, and the difference is charged to capital account—5031. Not only does the C.P.R. do that, but every railway on the continent does it. If you improve the gradients, according to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, that should be

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charged to capital account, while, according to the hon. gentlemen opposite, it should be charged to revenue—5032. The purchase of the Canadian Eastern Railway, two years ago, at $6,000 a mile, was the best bargain ever made in the history of Canada ; the line is paying, and its traffic is growing—5033. There was no increase of employees. When no additional help is required on the Intercolonial I can say, 'No,' just as firmly as any one in this country. I have read a lot of fairy tales, they are very interesting—5034. I think the hon. member for St. John will go down to that city and say that there are scores of men on the Intercolonial Railway who are not required, and St. John is on a par with every section of the road—5035. With respect to the laying down of the rails, the fastenings and the work of putting down the new rails are all chargeable on the Intercolonial to revenue—5036. The extent of the betterments to a railway, whatever that may amount to, is properly chargeable to capital account—5037. You would eliminate the question of betterment altogether ; my hon. friend's (Mr. Foster) argument would simply reach an absurdity if the question were only one of weight—5039. The market regulates the price—5041. If a railway station is replaced, or an engine wears out and is removed from service, we replace it at the cost of revenue—5042. A larger rail lessens the expenditure of operation ; it means a larger locomotive, a larger train, a lesser number of hands, and therefore lessens the operating expenses, and is a betterment to the railway, an improvement to the earning power, and a proper charge against capital—5043. We had trains on the Intercolonial that were unnecessary so far as the traffic is concerned, and we took them off—5044. The lessening of the train miles lessened the expenditure. Some of the trains were run until November; some were taken off in August—5045. The facts speak for themselves ; there is $800,000 of a reduction in the working expenses—5046. There have been reductions in night operators and in the offices at Moncton. I dispensed with Detective Skeffington's services because he was no good—5047. Sir Thomas Shaugnessy lays it down as a principle that when you improve the grade and the curve, that is a proper charge against capital account—5050. I think the land bought at Moncton cost about $1,000 an acre. Mr. Hewson had no commission to act as middleman for the government—5061. Mr. Hewson is a prominent Conservative lawyer who lives in Moncton, and a very worthy man—5062. The land is situated in the heart of Moncton, and I am satisfied the bargain is a good one—5063. Mr. Friel has never been a partner of mine—5064. Lands in that section of Moncton are being offered at $2,000 an acre and we only paid $1,000—

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5065. I think we made a splendid bargain—5066. We were offered a free site, but we were not offered sufficient land—5067. The site of the present city of Moncton has been settled as far back as 1759—1755 I think—5068. The laying of the rails was charged to revenue; and I think the rebuilding of the bridge. We credited the old ones at a valuation of $40,000—5069. We charged the new bridge to capital account, and we reduced that charge by the value of the old bridge—5070.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5019.

You say the Intercolonial adopts no other plan than that which is adopted by the C. P. R. and other great railways ; just let the committee know what that is—5019. I want the minister or his deputy to make a calculation as to what the extra cost of new rails would be, calculated on the difference of 13 pounds to the yard, for the amount he laid down, and tell this committee what that would amount to—5031. If it takes the minister twenty-five minutes not to answer a simple question, how long will it take him to really answer all the questions that will be asked him on these estimates ?—5035. Quotes the Minister of Railways—5036. The difference is 13 pounds, and according to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, that is what is charged to capital, and nothing else—5037. There is nothing said about the value; it would be absurd to put any other interpretation upon the letter—5038. You take up the light rail and substitute a heavier one because the old rail is too light and you want a heavier one. What does Sir Thomas say about the strengthening of the bridges ?—5039. You were between $300,000 and $400,000 out in your calculation, according to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's rule, and according to what you said was your rule—5040. To-night the minister has thrown aside Sir Thomas' rule, and has introduced the principles of betterments—5041. Quotes Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's letter. What is the minister's rule in regard to replacing station houses ?—5042. The minister makes section 11 of Sir Thomas' letter apply to every section preceding it—5043. If one of his section men takes out a rotten tie and puts in a good one, does he charge that up against capital ?—5044.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5045.

How many trains did you take off ? You took off the train between St. John and Hampden last fall and put it on again this spring. Did you ever run it in the winter time ?—5045. The reduction in working expenses has not been accounted for by the number of trains you have spoken of as having been taken off—5046. You dispensed with Detective Skeffington's services, too—5047. What was paid for the land purchased from Mr. Hewson ? Mr. Hewson as a sort of middleman ?—

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5061. The total cost of the property was $14,600 and the rake-off was $5,000—5062. I have said nothing in reference to the minister personally—5063. This is the same piece of property on which James Freil, a solicitor and ex-partner of the minister, charged 20 days search in the record office, that could very easliy be made in one day—5064. If the hon. minister wants to do the proper thing, he will have the matter properly investigated and sworn evidence taken—5065. A free site was offered by the city of Moncton, and was not accepted—5066. The only question is, has the railway paid $5,000 or $10,000 more than it would have needed to pay if it had purchased these lands itself—5067. I do not know what my hon. friend (Mr. Emmerson) means by saying the title goes back to 1759 ; I do not think the county was organized at that time—5068. In this $136,000 for strengthening bridges, do you include the St. Leonard bridge and the Mitchell bridge ?—5069. Then you charged that bridge at what price ? What proportion does that bear to the original cost ?—5070.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—5016.

Is this for strengthening the bridges on the Drummond County Railway ; have you increased the size and weight of the locomotives, and has the whole work of strengthening the bridges been completed?—5016. There is an expansion in deficits on the road, but not in profits—5017. According to the opinion of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy the amount charged to capital account for new rails would lay 419 miles of track instead of 118—5025. Quotes Sir Thomas. If the hon. gentleman has not a staff capable of informing him what is the correct state of affairs the sooner he gets a better staff the better it will be for the country—5026. The law says the C.P.R. has no power to issue a pass—5028. The present minister and his predecessors of the Liberal government have been in the habit of charging nearly everything to capital, and in order to fortify himself got a letter from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy which lays down principles antagonistic to those which the hon. minister has been putting into practice—5047. Last year he got the money voted here and charged up the full price of the new steel bridges to capital—5048. I would rather have an intelligent minister though he be a rogue, than a fool who is too stupid to manage a concern. Let the minister apply the same rule that I applied several years ago in managing the railway—5049. Was the laying of the rails and the placing of the bridges charged to the ordinary revenue account? In the Auditor General's Report there is an expenditure of $25,000 for rebuilding these bridges—5069.

Henderson, David (Halton)—5017.

The minister has told us that when the Drummond County Railway was taken

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over by the government, it was all in proper condition—5017. If the road was in excellent condition, why are we called upon to vote this large sum for the improvement of the road—5018. Do you charge these bridges to capital account? —5020. Why was this good work not started a year ago, and a very large amount of money saved to the country?—5022. How much do you pay the trackmen?—5023. To my mind, all the minister is entitled to charge to capital account is the cost of the actual difference between the weight of the rail which he took up and the weight of the rail which he put down—5049. We have nothing whatever to do with the cost of old rails. The grade is one thing and the bridge another; the hon. gentleman (Mr. Emmerson) proposes to charge both to capital account—5050. The more the Minister of Railways charges to capital the bigger the surplus will be which the Finance Minister will have to boast about—5051. If the minister spends $100,000 in reducing grades or straightening out the road, he makes it worth $100,000 more, and would be fairly entitled to charge that to capital—5052.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—5018.

Have you increased the weight of the rail also? What is the weight?—5018. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Emmerson) charge the new rails all to capital account?—5019. The contagion is going from the top down—5047. Why did you (Mr. Loggie) not refer this matter to Mr. McAlpine?—5057.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—5060.

If the people should be protected from the depredations of any railway, it is from that of a government railway—5060. We get not a dollar of interest from the capital invested in this railway, which has special and peculiar advantages and immunities, and yet it is piling up deficits year after year—5061.

Loggie, William S. (Northumberland, N.B.) —5052.

What have we as an asset, and what is its earning power ? I endorse the statement of the Minister of Railways, that if there ever was a wise bargain it was the purchase of the Canada Eastern—5052. I would like to ask the ex-Minister of Railways how he would provide betterments for the road other than by adding to the capital account?—5053. Quotes clause in Railway Act which refers to cattle straying on the railway—5054. When the Eastern Railway was owned by the Gibson Manufacturing Company, if cattle were killed the bills were paid; but now cattle killed on similar conditions are not allowed as a claim by the government—5055. Quotes letter from B. N. Underhill, Chelmsford, N.B.—5056. Quotes letter from E. H. Allen, claims clerk of the Intercolonial Railway. I bring this matter before the minister

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and ask him in all fairness to take it into consideration—5057. The widow Murphy's cow was a long time before this House; but finally compensation was arranged for; hopes to see the existing claims settled. Quotes Railway Act, chap. 58, section 239, sub-sec. 2—5058. I ask the minister to consider the advisability of putting a sum in the estimates to meet such cases as that of Mr. Underhill—5059.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—5029.

I do not find any fault at all with the wages you pay the employees ; the great evil is that you have too many to do the work—5029. If you want a minister to manage that road, let one man do it and not a hundred. As long as you allow the member of parliament to interfere with the minister so long will he have deficits —5030.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5018.

How much was spent last year on the Drummond County end of the Intercolonial and charged to construction account ? —5018. How much was charged to capital account?—5019. I think Mr. Butler is a good man—5021. Has there been any increase in the freight?—5022. Have you any intention of using the running rights which have been secured over the Canada Atlantic, and extending the road to the Georgian Bay?—5024.

To strengthen bridges, $53,500—7501.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—7502.

Is any part of that item charged to revenue? And there is no work that will be charged to working expenses? I mean for the stronger bridges you are placing there?—7502.

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That is all capital. We buy the new bridge and take up the old one, and we credit the value of the old bridge which is charged to capital—7502.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7502.

How do you value the old bridge?—7502.

Sydney Mines—Extension to, $31,700—5075.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5075.

$5,000 of this is a revote. We ought to have at least two or three acres of land—5075. We are trying to avoid land with buildings upon it—5076.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—575.

Where is the land? What are you paying for it ? Are you going to expropriate ? Are you going to take lands now covered with buildings?—5076.

To pay a compassionate allowance to the father of C. Floyd and S. Floyd, killed by by an accident, $400—7483.

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Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—7484.

We find first of all that the minister was setting a bad example by being interested in certain commercial concerns. Mr. Matthew Lodge turns up in every transaction—7484. A lawyer in Halifax, a Mr. Pearson, took it into his head to become a railway supply company—7485. Mr. Pearson employed Mr. Matthew Lodge as agent, and then success attended the operations of the company. Mr. Lodge got a contract for delivering oil, but up to the present has not delivered any, although the contract still goes on—7486. The Imperial Company continued to deliver the oil, although Lodge got the $27,000 contract. A round sum was paid for turning over the contract—7487. Quotes letter to Mr. Joughins in reference to a belting contract by Mr. M. J. Butler. Mr. Joughins is the mechanical superintendent. Mr. Butler went as far as he could—7488. You may get prices and prices, but the main question is, 'Do you get the quality?' I have not said anything that is not in the evidence—7489. Mr. Sumner is a stockholder and president of the company—7490. Mr. Lodge put in the tender for the Eastern Railway Supply Company and deposited his own private cheque—7491 Quotes letter from Mr. D. Bryce Scott to Mr. Pottinger, dated 18th Jan., 1905. Mr .Lockhart's report is dated the 17th Jan. Quotes the letter—7497. Quotes minister's letter to Mr. Pottinger on Jan. 23rd. Quotes Mr. Pottinger's reply on Jan. 26th. The minister must have known when he wrote that letter that this test was going on—7498. The minister's interest in the company is just what it was, and whether he is a mere shareholder or the president is immaterial—7499.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—7493.

What were the regular officers doing when all this stealing of mail bags was going on?—7493.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—7493.

It is utterly impossible to expect that a detective placed at Moncton will prevent stealing at St. John—7493. About the oil matter, a careful and sensitive minister of the Crown would have been about the first person to direct his officer not to buy from any company in which he was interested—7494. That is a matter that should be left to the officer of the department—7495.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—7489.

My hon. friend (Mr. Barker) has indulged in some fictions; if they were facts his conclusions might be acceptable—7489. The I. C. R. had been purchasing New Brunswick oil for a year or more; it is true that I was connected with the company, but this transaction did not inure to my advantage—7490. Mr. Lodge had nothing to do with the illuminating oil contract; the Eastern Railway Supply Company had to deal with it, and they assigned the

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contract to the Imperial Company—7491. I don't propose to shut out my friends from all transactions connected with the I. C. R. I dismissed Detective Skeffington because he was absolutely useless—7492. I did not wish to expose Mr. Skeffington before the public or do him any injury, but these are the facts—7493. Not a few days—a few months—7497. They had been purchasing oil from that company for some months, but I did not know it—7498. Oh yes, I have given up connection with the company—7499.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—7495.

It was shown conclusively that a better quality of oil was obtained for the I. C. R. than could be got elsewhere, and a saving of five cents a gallon. Quotes Mr. Sumner—7495. The minister had no connection with the company, from the standpoint of being its manager, since 1894. Mr Lodge had sold goods to governments for twenty years. Quotes evidence—7496. Mr. Sumner was the managing director of the company who sold the oil after the present Minister of Railways had given up all connection with the company—7499.

Truro—Increased accommodation at, $84,000—5073.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5073.

Will that complete the work?—5073.

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Yes; so I am informed—5073.

National Transcontinental Railway—Surveys and construction, $10,000,000—5115.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—5118.

The government has only to build half the distance from Winnipeg to Superior Junction, and the first seventy miles of that is comparative desert—5118. What is the estimated distance between Winnipeg and Quebec, according to the latest information?—5120.

Blain, R. (Peel)—5116.

What is the cost in each case of the sections from Winnipeg east and from Quebec west?—5116.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5116.

Would the minister (Mr. Emmerson) tell us what survey parties are out and what particular districts they are proposing to cover on the parts of the line they propose to locate? What proportion of the entire distance between Moncton and Winnipeg has been finally located—5116. What are the several surveys called?—5117. What will be the cost of rails and ties per mile?—5118. Is the section under construction from Quebec towards Winnipeg 150 miles or 120 miles?—What would be the total cost of a mile

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of this road based on an expenditure of $35,315 for the work comprised in the contract?—5119. Is section B the one for which the contract has been let?—5120. What remains to be done before you advertise for tenders for the section between Winnipeg and Quebec—5122. Has the work advanced far enough to enable the commission to estimate the cost of that portion of the road —5123. What was the total amount paid to the Grand Trunk Pacific for surveys of the line east of Winnipeg? Were there any further surveys made by the government upon that route, or were these surveys adopted?—5127. Would like to have some explanation why the report which has been printed seems to embrace the items of less than one-fifth the total amount paid—5128. Would like to ask just what information the government had as to the character and utility of the surveys when they decided to pay the Grand Trunk Pacific, and when did the government decide to take over these surveys and pay this amount?—5129. What portion, if any, of the surveys actually paid for were begun before the policy of the government was announced on July 13, 1902?—5130. Is the line as finally located north or south of the preliminary line?—5131. To what extent, if any, are supplies purchased by public advertisement and tender?—5135. The purchase of the Wisconsin Central would justify changing the name of this railway from National Transcontinenatl to the 'International Transcontinenal Railway—5137. The very recital in the agreement and the Act declares that this was to be a national transcontinental railway for the conveyance of the traffic of the west by a Canadian route to Canadian ports—5140. If the government had insisted on owning the road to the Pacific coast, they would have been in a better position than they are to-day—5144. How much of this $10,000,000 is to be used for surveys? Does minister expect to begin construction on the terminals at Quebec and Winnipeg during the fiscal year?—5145. What is the estimated time limit for the completion of the four hundred miles?—5146.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—5115.

Is the whole section between Quebec and Moncton definitely located with the exception of the Edmonton and Moncton section? Does minister expect, if he calls for tenders in July, that the construction work will commence before winter?—5117. Did the commission or engineers furnish the government with an estimate of the cost of these sections before tenders were called for?—5119. Has the re-survey of the river route been completed?—5121. If there is no urgency with respect to the construction of the section from Quebec east, will the minister say what is the urgency with respect to the section from Quebec west?

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5124. How much of this estimate is for surveys and how much for construction? —5125. Quotes return brought down in response to an order of the House dated April 18, 1906—5148-9.

Daniel, J. W. (St. John city)—5118.

Can the minister say whether the contracts which have been let include the ties and the placing of ties or not?—5118. What was the amount of interest which the hon. minister paid, what was the rate and how long did the interest run?—5133. Will the cost of terminals in Winnipeg be borne entirely by the government road, or will the Grand Trunk Pacific share the use and the cost of them?—5146.

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This is to meet the cost of surveys and probable payment on account of construction; Mr. McArthur was awarded the contract for the western section, and Hogan and Macdonald were given the contract for the Quebec section—5115. The total estimate of Hogan and Macdonald is $5,297,257, and the tender of Mr. McArthur is for $13,010,000. There has been no portion of the line between Moncton and Quebec located—5116. The preliminary surveys have been made for the whole line, and the preliminary location survey between Moncton and Chipman—5117. The traffic for the railway between Chaudiere and Moncton is to be created by the construction of the line between Winnipeg and Quebec; the cost of ties and rails will approximate $5,000 per mile—5118. The question of the cost of any particular mile or any particular few miles, does not alone determine the cost of the whole line; there are individual miles of the Canadian Pacific Railway that cost $100,000; one is not safe in reaching a judgment as to the cost of a line between Quebec and Winnipeg until the whole is under contract—5119. I would judge that the western section would cost somewhere in the vicinity of $57,000 or $58,000 per mile for the 250 miles. Formal approval has been given to the location of section B; that runs from Quebec city 150 miles—5120. The survey between Moncton and Quebec is incomplete, and therefore we are not in a position to deal with it—5121. The location survey between Winnipeg and Quebec will not determine the matter finally—5122. It will be some months before the commisioners will be in a position to put the Winnipeg and Quebec sections under contract, The section between Quebec and Moncton will be ready before the section between Quebec and Winnipeg—5124. The total expenditure on surveys up to the first July of this year is about $1,000,000, and for the nine months commencing July 1 next we expect to expend in the vicinity of $650,000—5125. The original preliminary survey favoured the back route, but the

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government did not approve of the recommendation—2126. The Grand Trunk survey covers the actual cost of the preliminary survey starting at Winnipeg as far east as Nat's lake, verified by audit; that is to a point north of North bay—5127. The Grand Trunk Pacific's total expenditure in connection with surveys was over a million dollars, we only paid $352,000. The auditors were guided in reaching conclusions by the vouchers of expenditures which were part of the record of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company—5128. The settlement with the Grand Trunk Pacific was on November 30, 1904; it was for an amount expended on surveys, with interest to that date, as per a certain statement A; the total was $318,308.24—5129. Before the announcement of the policy of the government respecting the transcontinental railway, the Grand Trunk Pacific had survey parties out, and they surveyed from North Bay west to Winnipeg—5130. The government survey was a very thorough one and resulted in securing a much more favourable route, and in securing that route the government surveyors were very materially aided by the data which had been gained by the Grand Trunk survey party—5131. We did not pay the Grand Trunk Pacific for that portion of their survey between North Bay and Nat's lake; from Nat's lake west to Winnipeg we paid for their surveys because we utilized their information—5133. The Winnipeg section will cost a little over $13,000,000, and the Quebec end a little ov r $5,000,000—5134. The supplies are altogether purchased by public advertisement and tender except an occasional small purchase—5135. The Grand Trunk Railway ports will be in Canada when the Grand Trunk Pacific is completed—5137. The chairman of the commission thought that during those nine months the whole of the $10,000,000 would be expended in connection with construction, terminals and surveys—5145. I am clear in my opinion that it is necessary for the government to control these terminals both at Winnipeg and at Quebec—5146. Mr. Schreiber is consulting engineer for the government in connection with the western division; his salary is $6,000—5147. About $9,000,000 has been set apart for construction and terminals—5148.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —5141.

Whether or not the anticipations of the government with respect to traffic going east will be realized, time alone can tell; we have done everything to bring that about and now look for results—5141. Has the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) the authority of Mr. Hays for that statement ?—5142.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—5121.

Has the minister decided which route will be adopted, the back route or the river

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route of the Moncton division ?—5121. How soon do you expect to have the final report from these parties as to the final routes in New Brunswick ?—5122. Do you expect to wait until you get the line constructed from Quebec to Winnipeg before you begin work on the line from Quebec to Moncton ?—5123. What have the surveys cost to date ?—5125. Were these surveys made by Americans ?—5128.

German, W. M. (Welland)—5143.

Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. F. Maclean) not remember that Mr. Hays agreed in the Railway Committee to build the Transcontinental to Moncton if his company got a charter to do so—5143.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—5125.

Would the minister (Mr. Emmerson) give a short description of the road that is being built between Winnipeg and Quebec ; the gradients, the curvature, the weight of the rails, the character of the country, and the estimated cost ? How will the portion of the road yet uncontracted for compare with the portion for which the contracts have been let ?—5125. What will be the distance between Winnipeg and Quebec under the new survey ?—In order to obtain a gradient of fourtenths between Quebec and Moncton how much have you had to increase the distance as compared with a straight line between those two points ?—5126. Is any part of the Grand Trunk survey from Lake Nipigon to Lake Abitibi ? Where were the other surveys which involved an expenditure in the neighbourhood of $1,000,000—5132. Wants to know from minister whether they did not buy from the Grand Trunk Railway Company the whole of their survey of the line east of Winnipeg except that of the branch to Lake Superior and if that is not so, what portion of the survey was left unpaid ?—5133. It is now known in London and Canada that the issue of new Grand Trunk Railway stock is for the purchase of the Wisconsin Central—5136. Would the minister state what amount of this $8,300,000 for construction and terminals is to be used for terminals ?—5148.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—5134.

Is the hon. gentleman (Mr. Morin) correct in his figures of the contracts which have been made for the Quebec and Winnipeg ends of the road ?—5134 What will be the total estimated cost including the rails and other things that are not covered by the contracts which were let ?—5135.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—5135.

How will the Grand Trunk bring its western freight east pending the completion of this road from Winnipeg east ?—5135. The Grand Trunk Railway will be a transcontinental system running through Chicago rather than through Canada; quotes Montreal 'Witness' of to-day—5141-2. Mr. Hays is not building the eastern end but the western end, and he is making this

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connection with Chicago, and this boasted transcontinental is to be a factor of Chicago and bring the traffic to Portland—5143.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—5126.

Does the government propose to adopt either of these two routes between Quebec and Moncton or is it intended to have a new survey ?—5120. Do the two contracts that have been let for the construction of the road from Quebec bridge to La Tuque and from Lake Nipigon to Winnipeg include grading, bridges, laying of ties and laying of rails ?—5134.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—5137.

The interest of the Canadian Pacific Railway is entirely in Canada ; its ports are in Canada. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway ports are in the United States and their main interest would be to take all their traffic to the United States—5137.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—5143.

Are we not more likely to get traffic to our own ports if we have a road built that leads to our own ports upon which we can run our own trains if we see fit ?—5143. Had we built to the Pacific we would have had to pay for it ; and if necessary, to build at any time—5144.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—5147.

What position has Mr. Schreiber now and what salary ?—5147.

Ross, Duncan (Yale Cariboo)—5138.

It is far more important for this country to see what the Canadian Pacific Railway is doing on the other side of the line than to hear the rumour that the Grand Trunk Company is buying the Wisconsin Central Railway. What is the C. P. R. doing with 5,354 miles of railway in the United States ?—5138. Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Osler) explain to me why the Canadian Pacific Railway is building a line from Carrington to cross at right angles its direct line from Winnipeg to Minneapolis ?—5139.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5115.

We are asked to vote $10,000,000 and we ought to have more particulars—5115. It was not intended by the Grand Trunk to carry its trade over Canadian railways, but largely over American railways—5139. How much has been spent on the surveys up to the present time ? What mileage has been actually located between Winnipeg and Moncton ?—5146 .

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Prince Edward Island Railway, $185,500—5079.

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I shall have to get the information—5079.

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Lefurgey, A. A. (Prince, P.E.I.)—5079.

Was a survey made for a branch line to West Cape on the main line of the P. E. I. Railway ?—5079.

To increase accommodation at Charlottetown, $150,000—5149.

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This is in connection with the station and offices of the company ; the estimated expenditure this year is $50,000 and we are asking for a revote of $58,000—5149. The traffic on the Murray harbour branch will not warrant two trains a day—5150. We increased the P. E. I. R. rates so as to put them on a par with the rates heretofore charged on the Intercolonial Railway, and we expect that an increase in the earning power will result—5152. The expenditure during the past two or three years in the construction of railways on the island has been very large, and the results of the operations of these railways has not been very satisfactory. The time will come when these lines can be operated very cheaply, and the country will then be quite ready to construct them—5157.

Hughes, J. J. (King's, P.E.I.)—5151.

Arrangements were made a few weeks ago by the Postmaster General, to transfer the mails by rail to Murray Harbour and tenders are now being called for the new routes which have been necessitated by the transfer—5151. Time has come when the advisability of the extension of the main line of railway from Souris or Harmony Station to Elmira should receive serious consideration—5154. Quotes notice Hon. Mr. Haggart put on the order paper near the end of the first session of 1896—5155. It has been hinted that the hon. member for Lanark (Mr. Haggart) formerly Minister of Railways, is not so favourable now to the extension of the railway system in Prince Edward Island—5156. I am satisfied that if the local manager and the general manager will look into this matter, they will come to the conclusion that it is a straight business proposition to make this connection—5157.

Martin, A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—5149.

What progress is being made in the construction of this station ?—5149. How does the Murray Harbour branch compare with other parts of the railway in Prince Edward Island ?—5150. What conclusion has the minister (Mr. Emmerson) come to with regard to building this line to New London ?—5151. Does the Minister of Railways expect that the revenue from the Prince Edward Island Railway will be increased because of the increase of railway rates which he has ordered ?—5152.

McLean, A. A. (Queen's, P.E.I.)—5153.

Quotes report of Mr. W. A. Weeks, appointed by Minister of Railways to take evidence and report upon disputes caused

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by expropriation of land for the Murray Harbour branch—5153. Men who lost their lands have been unfairly dealt with—5154.

SUPPLY—SENATE.

Salaries and contingent expenses of the Senate, $57,994.50—7573.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—7573.

These estimates are sent to us signed by the Clerk of the Senate, and unless there is something exceptional about them, no conference takes place—7573.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7573.

Is there any conference between the Senate and the members of the government with reference to their estimates ?—7573.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

Administration of the Chinese Immigration Act, including remuneration to Trade and Commerce and Customs officers, $3,000—7539.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7539.

How many Chinese came in last year ? Do you not think that is a pretty large sum ? Among how many officers is this money distributed ?—7539.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7539.

We have to watch the frontier ; I do not think the expenditure is very heavy. Gives list of officers employed—7539.

Commercial agencies, including expenses in connection with negotiating treaties or in extending commercial relations, miscellaneous advertising, &c., $37,500—7539.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7540.

What does the minister think of the Mexican agency ?—7540.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7541.

Then the government have no policy with regard to commercial agencies in the United States? Why was the Chicago agency discontinued ?—7541.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7539.

Quotes list of expenditures last year—7539. We have a pretty good trade with Mexico in exports, but do not get much on the return trip—7540. We have no agency in the United States at present. The expenditure was not justified by the returns—7541.

Chief inspectors, &c.—Grain Inspection and Manitoba Grain Acts, $52,500—7541.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—7541.

Formerly a car contained 500 bushels but now it contains 1,000 bushels and the fee

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is still 40 cents. The reason the western end is self-sustaining is because the Ontario millers' grain is inspected there and we get no credit for that—7541.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7541.

Do you not propose to make this self-sustaining ?—7541. When the capacity of the car was doubled the easiest thing in the world was to double the fee, which would then be relatively as reasonable as it was before—7542.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—7541.

Are A. A. Leach and M. Leach, paid stenographers of the government, any relatives of 'thin red lines' Leach ?7541.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7541.

The western part of the inspection is self-sustaining but that is not so in the east—7541.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7541.

It is not possible to decrease this amount and we may have to increase it; the inspection rate is 40 cents a car, but the capacity of the cars has largely increased and the inspection rate remains the same—7541. Explains present condition relating to car inspection—7542.

Culling timber—salaries of supervisor, bookkeeper, &c., $4,575—7542.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7543.

Are you making any appointments as these cullers go out ? What is the revenue from this ?—7543.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7542.

The office of supervisor has been vacant for some years and we do not intend to fill it ; move that item be reduced by $1,900 ; gives names of staff with salaries—7542.

Perley, G. H. (Argenteuil)—7543.

While I should not like to take the ground that these offices should be abolished, no more appointments should be made. Leaving out the salary of the supervisor and the superannuations, the revenue just about takes care of the expenditure—7543.

Ocean and mail service between Great Britain and Canada, $225,000—7543.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7544.

Do the new Canadian Pacific Railway steamers participate in this ?—7544. Is the attitude of the British government the chief obstacle in removing the delay caused by calling at Moville ?—7545.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—7544.

Why did not the government make the arrangement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company direct instead of through the Allans ?—7544. Do the mail steamers plying between New York and

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Great Britain receive subsidies from the United States government or from the British government ?—7545.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7543.

Quotes rates provided in the new contract for this service with the Allan Company—7543. We wanted the service to go by the Intercolonial Railway and as the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Allan Company have come to terms we have a very good service. Up to the present our efforts have not been successful in suppressing the port of call—7544. The Cunard line receives substantial aid from the imperial government ; the American government do not contribute any steamship subsidies—7545.

Steam communication between St. John and Digby, from July 1, 1906, to March 31, 1907, $9,375—7545. Item stands—7551.

Copp, A. J. S. (Digby, N.S.)—7545.

This steamship line is the connecting link between western Nova Scotia and western Canada ; for an annual subsidy of $12,500 we are entitled to a daily service—7545. Quotes resolution passed by the Maritime Board of Trade asking for a better service ; quotes a communication from Mr. Schofield, the president of the St. John Board of Trade ; quotes commercial travellers petition addressed to Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright (Minister of Trade and Commerce)—7546-7-8-9. Ever since 1895, when the Dominion Atlantic Railway Company succeeded in running the Bay of Fundy Steamship Company off the line between Digby and St. John their traffic has more than doubled, while this subsidy remains the same—7549. Why should the people of Digby not have a daily service ? This company is entitled to no increased subsidy but should perform a daily trip and are receiving a sufficient subsidy from this government to compel them to perform that daily trip—7550. Moves that the word 'daily' be inserted in this item—7551.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7549.

Has there been any change in the wharfage rate ?—7549.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7551.

Asks that item be allowed to stand—7551.

Steamers between St. John and Halifax or either and the West Indies and South America, $60,525—7551.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—7551.

This matter has been investigated by the department and by the government and we have had representations from Halifax and St. John that the subsidies were absolutely indispensable to the trade—7551. Our trade with South Africa is increasing and more and more of our goods are

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being carried to South Africa. With the new treaty of commerce with Japan that trade is going ahead with leaps and bounds. This is a wise expenditure—7552.

Perley, G. H. (Argenteuil)—7551.

Would like to ask whether the department has figures to show whether subsidies of this kind are in the interest of the country—7551. I would be in favour of the subsidy if I were sure it increased our trade—7552.

Steam service between Victoria and San Francisco, $3,750—7553.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7553.

That is a service that is really doing us no good at all—7553.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7553.

Even if it were absolutely useless, there is a peremptory necessity for this service in the articles of confederation—7553.

Steam communication during the season of 1906, from the opening to the closing of navigation, between the mainland and the Magdalen Islands, $15,000—7553.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Postmaster General) —7553.

The 'Amelia,' a very good steamer, is on the route—7553.

Steam communication from July 1, 1906, to March 31, 1907, between Quebec and Gaspé Basin, touching at intermediate ports, $6,375—7553.

The 'Gaspesian' is on the route—7553.

Direct monthly steam communication between Canada and South Africa, $109,500 —7553.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7554.

Does the minister know whether there is any record in the department showing what proportion of the freight carried is Canadian and what proportion is United States freight ?—7554.

How long are we committed to that contract with this company ?—7544.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7553.

Our trade with South Africa is increasing and these steamships are doing a good export business, but little import business.

Steam service during the season of 1906, between Sydney, C.B., and Bay St. Lawrence, calling at way ports, $1,500—7554.

Steam service between St. Catharines bay and Tadoussac during the winter of 1906-7. $2,500—7554.

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Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7554.

This service is done by Messrs. Fry Brothers, of Quebec, and they have refused positively to continue it unless we give this increase of $500—7554.

Steamboat service between Canada and Mexico, $75,000—7554.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7554.

Gives figures for passengers and freight—7554.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7554.

Have you any account of the trade that has been done?—7554. We paid $100,000 for carrying 12,000 tons of freight—7555.

Steam service between Annapolis and London or Hull, England, or both, $5,000—7555.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7555.

Last year this subsidy was not earned—7555.

Steam communication between St. John and ports in Cumberland basin, $2,200—7555. Motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that item be amended by adding after the words 'Port Essington' the words 'or Port Simpson.' Motion agreed to—7555.

For a steamship service on the Petitcodiac river between Moncton and way ports, and a port or ports on the west coast of the county of Cumberland, in the province of Nova Scotia, $1,500—7555.

Steam communication between Newcastle, Neguac and Escuminac, and calling at intermediate points on the Miramichi river and Miramichi bay, $1,125—7556.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7556.

The provincial government ought to do something for these little river services —7556.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7556.

In many of these places in the maritime provinces there is not enough trade to justify private enterprise, and we have to give some assistance to the people in order that they may have communication —7556.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7556.

These services cost $1,144 last year, and we have had no information as to whether the money was earned or the trade developed—7556.

Additional amount required for Canada-Australian service for the year 1905-6, $16,975.43.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7556.

This subsidy has been increased the year before and this is to cover the shortage—7556.

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Additional amount required for one trip 'Yomba' from Montreal, &c., in June, 1905, to Havana in connection with Mexican service—trip not continued to Mexican ports, $2,500—7556.

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

This steamer made a trip before the contract was actually signed, and as the Auditor General would not pay the account we had to vote it—7556.

Additional amount required for commercial agencies, including expenses in connection with the negotiation of treaties, or in extension of commercial relations, &c., $7,500 —7556.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7557.

Have you done anything with regard to the extension of treaties during the current year?—7557.

To promote steam communication with Pelee Island, $1,500—7557.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —7557.

This subsidy is granted to enable the people of Pelee Island to have communication with the Canadian mainland.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —7557.

We have thought it well to provide this subsidy so that a Canadian boat will give the people Canadian trade—7557.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—7557.

Did they not have some regular communication before that?—7557.

To provide for steamship communication between Quebec and the Isle of Orleans during the time between the closing of regular navigation in the autumn and the taking of the ice bridge between the island and mainland and also after the breaking up of the ice bridge until the resumption of regular navigation in the spring, $500—7557.

To promote direct steamship communication between Canada and Newfoundland, $20,000 —7557.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —7557.

This increased subsidy is offered with a view of getting a more frequent service; it is expected that an almost daily service will be obtained—7557.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—7557.

Do the Reid Company, who own the Newfoundland Railway, contribute anything to this service?—7558.

Steam communication between St. John and Digby, from July 1, 1906, to March 31, 1907, $9,375—7580.

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Copp, A. J. S. (Digby)—7580.

I have come to the conclusion that I had better allow this item to stand until the November session; we intend to have our daily service, however—7580.

Salaries, $16,668.75; contingencies, $5,700—403.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —403.

Are but few changes. One third-class clerk promoted to a junior second-class, increase $150. Statutory increases, $650—403.

SUPPLY—GENERAL.

SUPPLY — AMERICAN VERSUS CANADIAN DUTIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Motion that House go again into Committee of Supply—Mr. Fielding—4898. Motion agreed to, and House went into committee of supply—4912.

Clarke, A. H. (South Essex)—4909.

The farmers of South Essex are quite willing to bear their fair share of the taxation by such a tariff as will foster manufactures in this country. The farmers of South Essex are in a better position at the present time than for many years—4909. Tobacco growers in Canada say that the pink stamp which is put on the combination tobacco is unfair to them; people are prejudiced against it—4910. Since corn was put on the free list it has brought a better price than ever before; the farmers of Essex would favour a duty on corn although they do not insist very strongly upon a protective duty—4911.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—4898.

The most important matter we have to deal with in the Canadian parliament is the budget and the tariff—4898. The motion moved by the hon. member for East Lambton (Mr. Armstrong) the other day was to declare that this government should endeavour to capture for Canada some of the great trade in natural products which is carried by other countries with Germany. Approves of imposition of German surtax; reads return which was moved for and brought down on May 3; reads statement giving imports from United States to Canada and exports from Canada to the United States—4900. Gives rates of duty, Canadian and American between the two countries; compares Canadian farmer's market with the American farmer's market—4901. We should apply the same duty to agricultural products coming from the United States or any foreign country that they apply to us; give the Canadian farmer the Canadian market—4902. Does not think that any congratulations should be offered to the hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) for having prohibited the importation in bond of American hogs. The duty on tobacco should be changed; the farmer should have a direct duty upon tobacco—4903. As soon as the Canadian manufacturers can guarantee to this government or to any other government that

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they can supply the wants of this country in lap-welded piping, I shall be in favour of imposing a higher duty—4904. The importation of binder twine and wire free of duty is to the disadvantage of the Canadian farmer. There should be rigid and strict government inspection of the wire imported into this country; wire fencing is becoming one of the most expensive items that the western farmer has to meet—4905. There is no other section in Canada equal to West Kent and the adjoining counties for agricultural products; we have the banner counties of the whole Dominion and the best farmers to till the soil. All the farmer asks for is equal protection with the manufacturers and other interests in this country—4906. Hundreds of first-class farmers from the district where I live are leaving and going west, simply because, under present conditions, with the taxation they have to pay, they cannot meet expenses. When tariff is revised, the government should give their chief industry equal protection with the other industries of the country—4907. Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Martin) consider the importing of a vaster quantity of oatmeal than is exported a condition that is fair to the farmers of this country?—4908.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—4908.

What the farmers complain of is high taxation; they do not complain of a reasonably high tariff, but they do want protection. A protection tariff will have the effect of putting money into the pockets of the people, but the tariff for revenue only is a tariff to take money out of the pockets of the people—4908. If the government does not change its tariff before another election the hon. member for South Wellington will be defeated by several hundreds—4909.

Martin, T. (North Wellington)—4907.

Astonished to hear the remarks of the hon. member for West Kent (Mr. Clements) on behalf of the farmers. The president of the Farmers' Association made statements which were directly contrary to those made by the hon. member for West Kent; quotes resolution passed by Farmers' Association of Wellington; if the Minister of Finance would give his opinion he would state that that was the opinion expressed by farmers of Ontario. Our tariff in many respects is too high, and I trust that when tariff revision is made, something will be done in the direction of reducing it—4907. Tariff should be equalized in regard to oatmeal; in 1897, in the revision of the tariff, a mistake was made in regard to oatmeal—4908.

McKenzie, P. H. (South Bruce)—4911.

Farmers realize the value of a home market, but they are not prepared to tax themselves unduly to secure that market —4911. The farmer cannot be protected

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in the markets of the world, and consequently it is folly for us to attempt to protect ourselves at home by means of a high tariff. When matter comes up next session we shall be able to discuss it to better advantage—4912.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4911.

Is the hon. member (Mr. Clarke) in favour of free corn?—4911.

SUPPLY—'ARCTIC' INVESTIGATION.

On motion for Supply, Mr. Borden asks the Prime Minister whether the investigation to which he referred this afternoon, and for which he will move to-morrow, is to be a general inquiry into the Marine and Fisheries Department, or whether it is to be limited in any way—3582.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3582.

In addition to the case of the 'Arctic,' there were a good many other matters called to the attention of the government which, it seems to me, are equally worthy of consideration—3582.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) 3582.

What I had in mind was an inquiry into the purchases made by the 'Arctic,' as a result of the discussion in the House the other night—3582.

SUPPLY BILL.

Motion for leave to introduce Bill (56) for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for public service for the financial year ending June 30, 1906—Hon. Wm. Paterson, Minister of Customs. Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time—711. Bill read the second time, considered in committe and reported. Bill read the third time and passed—712.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—712.

I do not see any objection to that—712.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —711.

Would like, if the House unanimously agrees, to put the Bill through its several stages at once—712.

SUPPLY — BROTHIER, RELEASE OF CONVICT.

Motion that the House go into Committee of Supply—Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier—5322. Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Supply—5343.

Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (Minister of Justice) —5324.

Unless there was some extreme reason to suppose that improper influences had

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been at work as governing the giving of the advice upon which the prerogative of pardon was exercised, it would seem to me not advisable that papers connected with such a matter should be made public. At the time of Brothier's release from custody he had served fully one term and part of the other had also expired—5324. The understanding in connection with the relief of this prisoner was that he should forthwith withdraw himself from this country; he is no longer in this country and the country is well rid of him—5325.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—5333.

Quotes question asked of Minister of the Interior on the night of March 30; quotes answer—5333. Mr. Pedley told his minister (Mr. Oliver) a deliberate falsehood when he said there had been no negotiations looking for a sale to Mr. Ryan. Quotes letter of Mr. Frank Pedley; quotes letter of Peter Ryan—5334. Quotes 'Hansard' at page 4799—5335. Quotes member for South Wellington (Mr. Guthrie). Will hon. gentleman (Mr. Guthrie) say he never saw Mr. Pedley in this matter?—5336. Quotes 'Hansard' of June 11, 1906. Mr. Pedley deliberately misled the hon. gentleman (Mr. Guthrie) when he suppressed the fact that that offer was on record—5337. Giant's Tomb Island was offered to Peter Ryan for sale and he declined the offer, and then some portion of the island was sold to Grant for $140—5338. Quotes page 968 of 'Hansard'; there is the letter with the offer—5342.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—5328.

The power of pardoning was given the Minister of Justice, so that it would be vested in somebody responsible to parliament. I am in favour of the system of ticket of leave, but the system is being abused—5328-9. I did not know until a few days ago that the dictum of the Minister of Justice could commute a sentence or grant a ticket of leave—5332.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5329.

Was very glad to hear the First Minister say that he did not hold that in every case the rule of absolute secrecy should be applied to matters of this kind—5329. I have never known Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to be guilty of anything like dishonourable conduct. It is a disgrace to Canada, if the Department of Justice let Brothier loose on such a plea as that he shall take himself and his abominations to another civilized and Christian country—5330.

Guthrie, Hugh (South Wellington)—5336.

I did see Mr. Pedley, but I did not discuss nor did I hear of the offer of this man Stafford until I read the hon. gentleman's (Mr. Bennett) speech—5336. The statements hon. gentleman (Mr. W. H. Bennett) made in the course of the former

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debate were utterly unfounded and the document which he has now in his possession supports my view of it and not his—5339. The hon. member (Mr. Bennett) said in one place that Grant paid $100 for it, and in three other instances of 'Hansard' he said 'Mr. Grant had paid $140 for it—5340. There can be no element of deceit in the statement made by Mr. Pedley as reported in 'Hansard' at page 968; quotes page 670 of 'Hansard'—5341-2. If my speech appeared in the Guelph 'Mercury,' it was without my knowledge. I have been an applicant for no favour of any kind whatever, good, bad or indifferent, from any man or minister, and I never shall be—5343.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—5324.

Was this man, Brothier, let out on ticket of leave or was he absolutely discharged?—5324.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —5326.

The prerogative of mercy as far as possible, ought not to be made the subject of controversial discussion—5326. In later practice the prerogative is not exercised arbitrarily, but only on the advice of the cabinet in capital cases and on the advice of the Minister of Justice in other cases. If the Minister of Justice (Mr. Aylesworth) has refused up to this point to bring down the papers, he has followed the well understood practice of the department since the first days of confederation—5327.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—5322.

Quotes question placed upon the order paper. This man Brothier was some years ago arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for breaking all laws of decency and transgressing the Criminal Code of Canada—5322. This matter was engineered from the city of Vancouver by a man who once held the position of Minister of Justice in this country, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. Shall give notice of motion and ask for papers to be brought down in connection with matter—5323.

McCarthy, L. G. (North Simcoe)—5331.

If we are to have upon us men of this character, it is bad enough to suffer for a time from their presence without being compelled to maintain them for the rest of their lives. If this prerogative of pardon is to be exercised upon the advice of the Minister of Justice, we must have confidence in the Minister of Justice—5331. It is better that mistakes should be made than that we should nullify the effect of the prerogative right of pardon as we should do if papers were brought before the House and publicly commented upon —5332.

Speaker, Mr.—5323.

If the Prime Minister moves that the House go into committee of supply I shall put the motion—5323.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5325.

Reads resolution passed by the Moral Reform Association of Vancouver—5325-6. I cannot understand why it is not proper for the Minister of Justice to give to the House and the country the reasons upon which clemency was exercised—5326.

SUPPLY—COMPETITION FROM NORWEGIAN SHIPPING.

On motion by Mr. Fielding that House go into Committee of Supply Mr. Black draws attention of the House to an article in the Sydney 'Record'—4084. Motion agreed to —4087.

Black, J. B. (Hants)—4084.

Reads article from Sydney 'Record'—4084. The decline of Nova Scotia shipping has been very marked since the advent of steam. No Canadian sailor, captain or ship owner can compete with the Norwegians on the terms on which the latter work. While the Chinamen leaves something in Canada the Norwegian uses nothing manufactured in Canada. Our men can neither exist on the wages nor live on the food and many of them will not sail in the bottoms that the Norwegian sailor is willing to sail in—4085. The 40 large ships from Norway have actually driven the Nova Scotia trade into the hands of the foreigners. Suggests a bonus to offset the low rate of wages paid to Norwegians; trusts that some action will be done to help our own people and our own trade—4086.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4086.

Very glad that hon. friend from Hants (Mr. Black) has brought before the House the question of shipbuilding. The question of a bounty to the shipbuilding industry could not be disposed of at this session as all the questions appertaining to the tariff have been postponed until another session—4086. Canada does not seem to have made, in connection with the shipbuilding industry, the same progress that has been made in some other industries; the question is engaging the consideration of the government, and at the next session we will probably announce a policy in regard to it—4087.

Demers, L. P. (St. John and Iberville)—4088.

Under the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, the colonies are permitted to change certain provisions of the Act, but they are not permitted to change the clauses which relate to trustees made by Great Britain; this treaty should be denounced by the imperial authorities—4088.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —4087.

We cannot put restrictions on European shipping treaties because of an existing imperial treaty; these treaties may have to be reconsidered. Whether we get fair return from Norway for privileges we give them is a question worthy of consideration—4087-8.

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Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—4087.

Question which hon. member for Hants (Mr. Black) has raised does not only refer to the encouragement of shipbuilding, but it also refers to the operation of ships, whether we build them or not. Is it impossible, under an imperial statute, to put the same restrictions against European as against American shipping in this case?—4087.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—4088.

All treaties are subject to revision, and Canada is in a position to-day to say to the home government that certain treaties which are against the interests of Canada should be denounced. Nova Scotia ought to be the seat of a great shipbuilding industry for the whole continent; she has the iron, she has the coal, she has the men to build the ships and the men to sail the ships. If Canada is ever to have a great marine we must encourage shipbuilding—4088-9.

SUPPLY—CONCURRENCE.

House concurred in certain resolutions reported in Committee of Supply—658.

SUPPLY—CROWN LANDS, ADMINISTRATION OF

On motion for Supply, Mr. Borden drew the attention of the House to the subject of the administration of Crown lands, of which he had given notice a few days ago—4157. Moves in amendment that a select committee of nine be appointed to inquire into the matter referred to, and to report—4187. House divided on amendment—4698. Amendment negatived: Yeas, 52; nays, 99.

Adamson, A. J. (Humboldt)—4418.

I am a director of the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company and have been connected with it since its inception—4418. The hon. member for East Simcoe stated that certain timber limits were not advertised for sale; if the hon. gentleman will mention the numbers of the berths and the dates, I shall guarantee to find for him the advertisements in the papers nearest the districts in which those timber limits are—4419. Mr. P. J. Hamilton, of Touchwood, who was promoted to Kinistino reserve, was an old and faithful servant who deserved promotion—4420. Describes the conditions that existed along the line of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway prior to 1902—4421. A controversy had existed for a good many years between the railway company and the government on the question as to whether the land in this district was such as would satisfy the contract which was made with them—4422. The arrangement made between the government and the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company was that after the colonization part of the contract was completed, they should get $1 an acre from the company and that they should get 32 settlers in each township—

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4423. We have faced two general elections on this issue and have been sustained. Mr. Meilliche, who has been mentioned, is living at Dundurn, fifteen or twenty miles north of the district under discussion. The transactions almost ran coterminously—4424. The gentleman who took up this matter with me had come from Minnesota, and had handled the land of the Northern Pacific Railway Company—4425. While these negotiations were proceeding a great many people were canvassed in the country which was nearest to the tract now under discussion to join in the enterprise, and uniformly the proposition was turned down —4426. The land company chartered a special train, starting from Chicago and going through the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, and as far south as Nebraska, and invited 370 of the most responsible men there to come to Canada to see the country—4427. Up to that time this territory was always regarded as a desert; it was desert because no one could stop there—4428. Not only did the company endeavour to settle the land they were under contract to settle, but they spread their efforts over a very large area, and produced immense results —4429. The leader of the opposition was pleased to say that I was brother-in-law to the then Commissioner of Dominion Lands; I have before denied, and I again deny, having had any consultation with the Commissioner; there were no favours asked of the government—4430. In 1901 Mr. Creelman, acting for Messrs. Osler, Hammond and Nanton, sent a report on the land in this territory to the then Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton). Quotes report—4431. It has been said that the company sold their lands at very high figures; well, at the very last sale made by that company the price was $3 an acre, and the whole transaction was cleared up—4432. Some of the best men in the Northwest have approved of the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—Mr. Wm. Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, for instance—4435. There is no comparison between the sale of the sale of the Mackenzie & Mann land to the company and the sale by the government to the company. The Mackenzie & Mann land lay alongside their railroad, the country had a first-class reputation, and settlement was going on all the time—4436. Quotes a list of railways constructed since 1896, which aggregates 2,002 miles, without giving away one acre of public land—4437.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—4595.

Do I understand the minister to say it is his duty to edit the reports? When a newspaper is making a citation from another newspaper, is it usual to suppress important portions of the citation without showing, by means of an asterisk or otherwise, that something is deleted?—4194. Do I understand the minister to say that in that form of grazing

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lease homesteaders were not permitted to enter at all?—4207. How long before last October was it possible that these irrevocable leases could be granted under the regulations?—4209. This land was first purchased from Osler, Hammond & Nanton and subsequently from the government? Which of the two transactions would you consider was the first one to be actually settled?—4424. The leader of the opposition, in bringing in a motion of this kind, has acted in a highly patriotic manner. What we want to know is whether there are any good and valid reasons why the government should refuse this investigation—4596. Are they afraid to have the facts made clear with reference to the administration of the Department of the Interior for the past ten years?—4597. The chorus of the defence that comes to us cannot be altogether characterized as a chorus of impartial witnesses—4598. The tendency of the past ten years has been to substitute in the Interior Department orders in council for statutes, and the minister's own ipse dixit for regulations by order in council —4599. When I spoke of automatic cancellation, my remarks were to some extent misinterpreted ; if the context had been read, it would have been seen that it was the inspection, and not the cancellation that I wished to have automatic—4600. Very often the man is not engaged in the industry which he is presumably to carry on, but, having secured the right, he immediately peddles it around and sells it to some individual or company—4601. Between February 15 and July 27, 1905, and possibly until October 7, there was a wide open policy of grazing leases at the disposal of those who applied—4602. How different the lot of the poor grazier to-day, who, when he now applies receives a lease with a cancellation clause in it, with a withdrawal clause in it, with a $3 charge for 160 acres of land, and with many other onerous conditions—4603. The total number of closed grazing leases is given as 26; of these 9 are irrevocable, and of the 9, 8 shipped through the gate while it was open last spring—4604. The remarkable thing about these leases is that they have been acquired by three companies—the Milk River Cattle Company, the Grand Forks Cattle Company, and the Galway Cattle Company; three members of the Milk Ranch Company have sold their interests to Clifford Sifton, M.P., and my information is that the same condition exists regarding the Grand Forks Company—4605. I hold in my hand a certificate of the register of stock companies of Saskatchewan, which shows that the Galway Cattle Company was incorporated on March 11, 1904, the subscribers to the memorandum of association being A. J. Bell, A. J. Adamson and J. M. Adamson—there is a strange similarity between the initials (J.M.) and Julia M. Turriff, wife of A. J. Adamson—4606. If the hon. member for Brandon (Mr. Sifton) declares

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that neither he nor any member of his family is now or ever has been, directly or indirectly connected with or interested in the Milk River Cattle Company or the Grand Forks Cattle Company, then I will most assuredly accept his disclaimer—4607. Were the Alaska boundary reports given to this government as mutilated documents?—4682. Why is it that Messrs. Boyle and Dowel were willing to take a lease for 82,664 acres after the time that these irrevocable leases had been granted?—4687.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—4384.

Quotes the motion of the hon. leader of the opposition—4384. I believe that if a parliamentary inquiry were granted it would take months to get at one maladministration of the Yukon alone—4385. Cites Island No. 144 and Giant's Tomb Island, Georgian Bay. Quotes minister's reply to question—4586. Quotes letter of Mr. C. Beck. Mr. Chitty had been sent up, as I gather from his letter, to have the valuation of the island made as low as possible—4387. The firm of the hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. McCarthy) acted for the Sturgeon Falls Paper and Pulp Company which has secured the water-power at Sturgeon Falls for a bagatelle—4388.

There was a time when it was fair to sell the islands in Georgian Bay at low prices, but that was long ago—4399. I propose to deal briefly with the concession to Mr. Peter Ryan of the reserve known as the Blood Indian Reserve—4400. On December 11, 1902, a Mr. McLaughlin wrote a letter to Mr. Pedley in reference to this matter. Quotes McLaughlin's letter—4401. In December Mr. Pedley notified Mr. McLaughlin that he could not have the lease, yet on the 2nd of March, following Mr. McLaughlin tells Mr. Pedley to whom he should write in the matter of that lease. Quotes Mr. Simpson's report—4402. What had been asked for was that it should be permitted to have this extensive reserve at 50 cents a head, in face of the fact that on another 80 cents was being paid. Quotes C. Miller's letter and reply from the department. Quotes application from C. A. Sheets—4403. Quotes applications from R. Patterson and from Perkins, Fraser and Burbidge. At this stage Mr. Peter Ryan appears on the scene, and he seems to have hypnotized Mr. Pedley—4404. Quotes application on behalf of Donald McEwan, Brandon, Man., by Messrs. Latchford, McDougall and Daly—4405. The deal was closed by May 27, 1903—4406. The Indians being wards of the government, should not have been left to the tender mercies of Peter Ryan and Donald McEwan; the statutory form of lease should have been carried out and not the one that was substituted. Quotes letter from Hon. Clifford Sifton, stating that the lease was unauthorized—4407. Quotes letters from Mr. Frank Oliver and from Miller & Ferguson, also reply to Miller & Ferguson from the department—4408. Notwithstanding protests by Messrs. Oliver

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and Galliher, the result is that the Department of Justice gives a favourable opinion to the effect that Mr. Pedley had the right to make this deal—4409. Here is a concession known as the richest grazing right in the Northwest, a valuable privilege; it is given to this friend, Mr. Peter Ryan; and there is the suspicious conduct throughout of Mr. Pedley—4410. Quotes agreement between Mr. Beck and Mr. Peter Ryan—4411. When the Brown-Beddington lease, the George Lane lease and the Glengarry Ranch Company's lease were issued the First Minister was the Acting Minister of the Interior—4412. Whether by chance or not a large number of leases have fallen into the hands of the member for Dauphin (Mr. Burrows) and his brother-in-law, the ex-Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton)—4413. The The hon. member for West Peterborough (Mr. Hall) has been participating in coal leases, and has also been dabbling in timber berths in British Columbia. I am not saying there is anything wrong in it—4414. Why is it that the government were prepared to sell land to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company at $1 per acre, and this company are now selling it at prices ranging from $7 to $10 per acre?—4415. Quotes Mr. Mackenzie's letter where he 'feels like one besieged'—4416. Mr. Aylesworth came to this house with a great flourish of trumpets and I believe in his integrity, but his friends, I regret to say, do not hold him in the same esteem—4417. It is in the country's interests that we should have a very full investigation into the disposition of every acre of land owned in this country, including every coal and timber area—4418. In the Winnipeg 'Free Press' of Sept. 28, page 2, it would be found that berth 1099 is advertised, although berths 1093 and 1094, which were also being sold, are not advertised—4419. Will the Minister of the Interior or his deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs deny the statement that they had lying on their desk an offer of $450 for the same island, and which would have been considerably increased?—4654. Do I understand the hon. gentleman (Mr. Guthrie) to say that no such tender of $450 was ever received by the department from Mr. James A. Stafford, of Midland? Does the hon. gentleman still persist in saying that there was not an offer of $450 for the very same parcel that was sold to Grant for $140?—4656. Does the hon. gentleman say that I personally asked for a grazing lease for myself?—4658. Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Guthrie) read the whole?—4660. Does the hon. gentleman mean to say that the department did not offer the island to Mr. Ryan at some $9,000 odd? —4661. Before the hon. gentleman leaves that, will he please read the letter on page 4537 of 'Hansard' from Mr. Pedley to Mr. Miller, showing that the deal was closed as they thought—4665. The member for Yale and Cariboo can tell you something about that—4666. Does my hon. friend (Mr. Guthrie)

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say that in the correspondence the name of Peter Ryan does not disappear?—4668. If the hon. gentleman will look at the return he will find a copy of the statutory form of lease in blank, and clause 5 provides that there shall be a three months' notice—4669. The hon. member for Yale and Cariboo then came in and stopped it for a while—4671. That is a fine distinction to draw—4672.

Bole, D. W. (Winnipeg)—4235.

This resolution, so far as area is concerned, reaches from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains, and in point of time it ranges from the present date back to year when the Canadian government took over that western territory from the Hudson Bay Company—4235. There are four points of grievance with respect to the administration of lands in the western country: 1—The non-cancellation of homesteads; 2—Homesteading by proxy; 3—Extensions of time for homestead duty; 4—Completion of homesteading duties by proxy—4236. Cites cases of non-cancellation. With respect to homesteading by proxy the Minister of the Interior has changed the regulation, although I am informed to-day he has not changed the law—4237. The administration of Dominion lands since 1896 have been eminently satisfactory to the people of the west as a whole—4238. Automatic cancellation of homesteads and automatic administration of western lands is the sheerest nonsense that can be proposed to this House. As to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company deal, I believe that it was one of the best transactions ever negotiated by this government, or any other government—4239. It was made an issue in the campaign of 1904, and the result was that seven out of ten supporters of the government came from Manitoba in consequence of the administration of the lands in that country—4240. Mr. Bristol deprecates referring to the acts of the previous administration; in no other way can we have comparison than by comparing this government with the government that preceded it. Compare the Saskatchewan Land deal with the Temperance Colonization Land deal—4241. Under which government were lands alienated? Quotes a reply from the Department of the Interior which states that no land subsidies have been voted to railway companies since 1896; prior to 1897, 59,989,600 acres has been voted—4242. The entire net returns to the government previous to 1896 for lands sold to colonization companies averaged 85 cents per acre—4243. Quotes a list of timber limits that were parcelled out previous to 1896, embracing in extent 16,000,000 acres, some of the beneficiaries of which, he says are sitting in the House at the present time—4244. And the Dominion government received practically nothing for these 16,000,000 acres thus given away—4246.

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There is no difference of opinion in this House as to the importance of Canada's great western domain—4157. The lands available for settlement in the United States are all taken up, and Canada has become the great objective point. What Mr. Sifton said in 1903 in reference to the early selection of lands which had been granted by way of subsidy to the railway companies—4158. Cites opinion of Mr. Oliver in reference to the enhanced value of land in the west. Draws attention to the great power that has been vested in the Minister of the Interior. Quotes section 29. Sale of Dominion lands—4059. As construed by the department and by the Governor in Council this section gives the government power to make a bargain with any person or with any syndicate of individuals, for any portion of the public domain that may seem desirable, at a price not exceeding a dollar an acre—4160. Lands sold to syndicates only three or four years ago, have been sold for $5, $6, $7, $8 and even $10 more than the price placed upon them by the administration. Quotes section 30 of the Homestead Regulations. Quotes subsection 3 of section 34—4161. The present minister has altered the former regulations in that regard, but he still leaves the statute untouched. Quotes subsection 2 of section 36, and also section 37, which deals with minerals—4162. In the statute as it stands at present there is absolute power conferred upon the Governor in Council to deal with the whole question of mining laws. The remarkable history of section 50 of this statute—4163. Quotes section 60, which confers extraordinary power upon the Governor in Council. The story of the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company given—4164. The changes have been rung upon the great efficiency of the Department of the Interior in its immigration policy, and yet we are told the department could not place settlers on these lands, and had to call in individuals to do it—4165. It was said it was necessary to adopt this course in order to demonstrate the fertility of the soil in that part of the country. Quotes report of C. W. Speers, dated Feb. 16, 1902—4166. The government had notice three months before they gave away this land for the minimum price fixed by statute that the land was 'all right'—4167. Quotes E. W. Thompson in the Boston 'Transcript'—4168. Canadian Pacific land, from 1896 to 1902, sold at an average of $3.25 an acre, and yet the government, in the face of reports of its officers, saw fit to hand over 250,000 acres to the favoured gentlemen of the Saskatchewan Land Valley Company. The question of proxies discussed—4171. Quotes immigration literature, which states that proxies are allowed in taking up land. I have heard that all has not been entirely satisfactory with regard to applications for mineral lands in the Department of the

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Interior—4172. Why cannot we have a Mining Act for the west of Canada, covering all mineral lands under control of this government?—4173. Up to August 1, 1902, the restriction formerly imposed by statute, but taken away by the Act of 1901, was contained in every grazing lease issued by this government. Leases were granted with no power of cancellation—4174. During the next twenty-one years, if all reasonable anticipations of the present are fulfilled, those grazing leases will have increased enormously in value—4175. If we come to look at the record of timber berths we find a still more extraordinary condition of affairs. Quotes section 3 of the regulations of 1898—4176. On April 14, 1903, a provision was made which, without giving any reason, eliminates entirely the power of the Governor in Council to revise the rental or royalty. Quotes provision. Cites case of T. A. Burrows, now member for Dauphin—4177. The total areas enumerated amounts to 478¼ square miles, or 305,920 acres, for which $49,795 was paid, or at the rate of 16½ cents for each acre—4178. I protest against the policy of secrecy that seems to have been adopted since this government came into power. The applications for cancellation have lent themselves to the possibility of collusion because of the same secrecy—4179. Draws attention to the fact that notice was given of garbling of reports laid before the House by the Department of the Interior. Quotes report of H. J. Herchmer, Dauphin—4180. Quotes report of L. R. O. Noel, agent of Dominion lands—4181. I am told that a portion of Mr. Noel's original report is crossed with red lines, drawn diagonally from corner to corner, showing a deliberate intention to suppress it. The responsibility rests with the administration and especially with the Minister of the Interior—4182. In the parliament of 1896, the Prime Minister said in effect that if any officer of the government should not content himself with voting, but acted in a partisan manner, he should be dismissed. Quotes Mr. Lake's resolution, passed unanimously in 1904, and Mr. Oliver's opinion as against the resolution—4183. An inquiry into the administration of the Department of the Interior in the west would not be amiss—4184. A fishing investigation will not do the department any harm, if the department is all right—4185. When there was occasion for it the parliament of Great Britain did not hesitate to establish a standing fishing investigation, if you choose to call it that—4186. Moves that a select committee of nine be appointed to inquire into the matters referred to and to report—4187. As soon as this matter (editing the report) was brought to the attention of the House, the Minister's predecessor (Mr. Sifton) in the department declared emphatically that there was no justification whatever for it—4195. The objection I discussed was the elimination of the power to revise the

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rental or royalty—3198. What was the object then of omitting that provision that rental and royalty might be revised?—4199. About what time was that change in grazing policy made?—4207. I gathered from the policy brought down that nine leases were granted—one in 1902 and eight in 1905—for a term of twenty-one years each, without the right to cancel on two years' notice?—4208. When were these grazing regulations changed?—4209. Were Messrs. Osler, Hammond and Nanton aware that the area of selection had been increased by nearly 2,000,000 acres by order in council of August 1, 1902?—4376. I thought the hon. member (Mr. Turriff) stated that the hon. member for North Toronto knew more about coal lands than any other man in Canada?—4382. If the conditions are changing so rapidly as the right hon. gentleman (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) has twice stated, why is it that you tie up 300,000 acres for 21 years?—4687. The reference to Mr. Pitt's Act I took from one of the standard text books. 'Pitt's India Bill' is the title by which it is known. Wm. Pitt was Wm. Pitt in 1784, and Prime Minister in that year—4688. Quotes the pamphlet referring to the passing of Pitt's Bill. Mr. Pitt was 25 years of age at the time. Quotes the statute from Parliamentary History of England, Vol. 24—4689. I trust my right hon. friend will acquit me of any inaccuracy in this matter, and endeavor to explain his own blunder. I did not give that date. When the right hon. gentleman saw it was obviously a mistake he might have had the courtesy to communicate with me, and ask what the right date was—4698.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—4692.

The British masses were ruined by that (the South African) war. Many of them are starving—4679. The motion presented by the leader of the opposition is entirely too wide in its scope, and covers too much ground, to be a proper subject for investigation by a committee of this House—4692. I believe that, so far as a portion of the law and regulations relating to homesteads are concerned, the ex-Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton) has administered his department in a more satisfactory manner to the average person of the Northwest than any of his predecessors—4693. But in matters of importance, too large powers were given to the ex-Minister of the Interior, and that the same temptations to which he and his friends were submitted, and in which, to a large extent, they fell, should not be left open to any Minister of the Interior that is to come—4694. Although in a certain point of view, he was the most practical and intelligent Minister of the Interior that we ever had, at the same time I consider he was one of the most dangerous men that were ever in the government—4695. I think that even under the late Minister of the Interior the department could not be administered in such a way that all its

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acts should be condemned from beginning to end—4696.

Bristol, Edmund (Centre Toronto)—4219.

The hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) has endeavoured to convey the impression that the Conservative party from 1878 to 1896 was exploiting the Dominion of Canada in the interest of the speculator. Quotes Dominion Lands Act of 1872, section 29, to the contrary—4220. Quotes section 14, of the Act of 1874—4221. Quotes section 30, of the Act of 1879, and 44 Vic., chapter 16, section 4, of 1881. The intention of parliament was that public lands were to be open to purchase to all citizens of this country on equal terms—4222. What the people of this country have to complain of is that if the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company, or any other company, has got public lands of this country they did not get them at the price that had been fixed for the public. Quotes Dominion Lands Regulations of 1881—4223. Quotes Mr. Charlton on the Land Act in 1883—4225. Quotes Sir John Macdonald's reply to Mr. Charlton in 1883—4226. The Liberals of that day were claiming that these colonization companies' grants were too favourable to the speculator. Quotes the amended Act of 1883—2227. Under Conservative rule the statute was lived up to, the Governor in Council fixed the price, and every one was treated alike. Quotes the Order in Council of January 23rd, 1897—4228. That Order in Council does away with the safeguard that the statute provided, that of having all these Orders in Council, first of all, passed by the Governor in Council, fixing the price—4229. Quotes subclause (h) of section 90 and section 91. The power of the Governor in Council to sell Dominion lands was only to sell lands that had been surveyed—4230. Comparing the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company Order in Council with the Conservative regulations of 1882, it will be seen that this government, when the value of the land was well known, required only $1 per acre and 32 settlers to a township instead of 64, which the Conservative administration of twenty years before had required—4231. Quotes letter of Mr. J. A. Smart, deputy minister, to Mr. L. P. Brodeur, deputy speaker, on June 6, 1899. Quotes Order in Council in reference to Peace River Colonization and Land Development Company, Montreal—4232. Quotes correspondence between the Deputy Minister and the secretary of the company—4233. Under that Order in Council they have until 1908 in which to put on fifty settlers, and then they can buy 100,000 acres of this land at $1 per acre, paying 25 cents cash, and the balance spread over a period of years—4234. An Order in Council of this kind is contrary to statute; is not in the best interests of the people of Canada, and not good policy in connection with the administration of the public lands of this country—4235.

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Burrows, T. A. (Dauphin)—4607.

I think that everything that could be said against the government has been said by members on the other side of the House—4607. The leader of the opposition, no doubt, read the report which was brought down giving the names of those who had tendered for timber limits; he saw that I had been successful in some tenders and unsuccessful in others; his obect in bringing in my name was to make a little political capital—4608. When my tender was the highest, I secured the limit; and when it was not I did not. The area read out by the leader of the opposition was 434 miles, not 478. In 1898 the regulations gave the owner of a sawmill the right to cut on the adjoining area, not exceeding 50 square miles, on condition that he paid dues of 50c. per thousand feet, and an additional 50 per thousand in lieu of bonus and ground rent—4609. Quotes list of those who tendered against him—4610. That makes up the 434¼ square miles on which I paid bonuses amounting to $49,795, or an average of $114.66 per mile, and the country received $9,386 more than it would have received if I had not tendered—4611. I went to the clerk in charge of the timber and mines, and asked him to make up a statement showing the list of berths that were sold to other lumber men, with the average prices paid—4612. Quotes list—4613. The hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) asked the question, referring to me: Has this hon. gentleman got a mill? I have three mills in active operation and my cut this year will amount to about 14,000,000 feet—4614. The mere fact that I am brother-in-law to the ex-Minister of the Interior is no reason why I should be debarred from competing for timber limits, or from following the business which I have followed ever since I started business. I had dealings with the Conservative government before the present government came into power—4615. When timber limits were given away by the Conservative government, I received one for nothing. I am operating four limits at the present time—4616.

There has never been a timber limit given to any man that I know of since the present government came into power except by public competition, neither to me nor to anybody else—4617. I got the same privilege as anybody else in the same line of business and no more—4637. The hon. gentleman (Mr. W. J. Roche) has accused me now of saying that I never voted Liberal in my life until my brother-in-law became Minister of the Interior, and that is not true—4638. Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. W. J. Roche) infer from that that I was paid by the government to make that trip?—4639.

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No person who has not had actual experience in that country can give a fair and reasonable opinion on the conditions that exist there, or on the working out of the different matters that come before the

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Department of the Interior in connection with the lands of the west—4573. If our friends opposite cannot go to the country with a more definite policy than is expressed in this resolution, they need never expect to succeed with the people. Quotes resolution — 4574. Quotes from comparative statement of homestead entries—4574. Quotes from statements of letters, files and applications for patents; quotes areas patented to railway companies on account of land subsidies; also quotes homestead entries from July 1, 1905, to April, 1906 —4576. There has been an idea created, and not wholly without foundation, that homesteads in the west were being covered by what they call blanket entries. The minister acted on the 28th of March last. Quotes the new instructions to agents—4574. Quotes circular that was sent out on April 3, 1906—4578. Out of a total of 6,011 inspections made up to this date, only 399 were found liable to cancellation —4579. Quotes from a speech made by Mr. Ames speaking fairly of the Interior Department. Quotes resolution submitted to this House by the Liberal party in 1880—1580. While the Conservatives were in power they disposed of by order in council to corporations, $72,476,590.26 in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Quotes one list of sales—4581. Under the provisions of an order in council, dated the 11th of February, 1896, permission was granted to the Boyd Ranching Company to acquire lands which are situated in my own division—4582. This land is held under a 21 years' lease; the lessees only pay one cent an acre per year for the use of these lands—4583. The average price was $1.25 per acre. Under the present government ten acres have gone to the actual settler as against one in every other way, whereas under the former government ten acres went to the speculator as against one acre to the actual settler —4584. A return brought down to the House in Winnipeg shows that the Manitoba government sold 1,129,394 acres, principally to speculators, at prices below a reasonable valuation; the Canadian Northern got 256,000 acres at $1.56 per acre—4585. Cites some of the persons who got land from the Manitoba government and the Federal government in connection with the 256,000 sold by the Manitoba government to Mackenzie & Mann—4587. The Conservative party throughout their history have never had any idea of securing settlers for the country—4589. In the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company bargain we got two actual settlers for every odd-numbered section; we also got $1 an acre, and if all the land in a township were selected by the company, we got 32 actual settlers and a bonus of $7,040 a township, or $220 for every settler —4590. Quotes a number of deals made by the opposition, when they were in office, and gives particulars of them—4591. Quotes Hon. John Norquay, in 1884, who stated that the government then in power at Ottawa did not administer the lands, and seemed to be powerless to remedy the evil—4592. Quotes table showing administration of timber berths by the Conservative government—4593. All the berths disposed of since 1896 have been disposed of by open competition—4594. I have the deepest sympathy for the homesteader in the west; I have gone through it all myself; I know the hardships these people are up against, and they must be given every possible consideration—4595.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4325.

Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sifton) point out to me in my speech where I made the argument that he has been developing for so long a time to-night, with reference to the odd-numbered sections —4308. I congratulate my friends upon at last having found a defender who has really placed their side of the case in what I might consider its best light—4325. Because the constituencies of the west have rolled up majorities, it does not follow that the voice of justice and reason and right has found expression. Mentions the cases of Brunet in Montreal, Tyerman in Prince Albert and Dubuc in Peace River—4326. Has the Department of the Interior done all that has made the west progress? Are there no other occult or natural influences that have been at work?—4327. What we are trying to do is to purify the department, not to discredit it—4328. The opposition are the inheritors of an interest in the Northwest, for it was the Liberal-Conservative party which, in times past, laid, in the broad lines of their policy, the future of the greatness of the Northwest—4329. No one would find fault with the Governor in Council or with the minister if he were given a wide and generous liberty in the matter of the land regulations, but taking the power from the Governor in Council and vesting it in the minister is a different thing entirely—4330. The government is trustee for the people in these lands, and it is the primal duty of the government to see that the best for the country is made out of the heritage which it holds in trust—4331. Cites the Yukon Railway and of the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company, as specimen cases—4332. When the Liberal-Conservative government decided upon the colonization plan it was passed in council, it was published to the world, and any man or any set of men were at liberty to avail themselves of it; the Liberals adopted the policy of secrecy—4333. The expenses of the Temperance Colonization Company was about $224,000, and the government allowed them $78,000 out of the $224,000, added that and the rebates earned to the $100,000, and then gave them, instead of cash, land at $2 per acre—4334. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Sifton) loves to make this a country where people can make money. Take the North Atlantic Trading Company, for instance. Irrevocable leases granted—never mind, boys, he exclaims, I take the responsibility—4335. When these gentle-

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men speak of the lands given away by the Liberal-Conservative government, I ask them, were these lands really given away, or were they merely the tale of lands that were applied for, not one-tenth of which were actually leased—4336. The man who is really brave will not try to show it by impeaching some one else of cowardice especially when the man who makes the impeachment is the man who ran away while the other stayed—4337. With reference to Mr. Sifton's statement that the opposition obstructed his forestry proposition, reference to 'Hansard,' 1903, page 6774, will show that his statement is an absolute misrepresentation of facts—4338. There was some criticism of the kind of trees that should be planted, as to the heelers that should be set to work, and as to the modus operandi. Mr. Burrows has 475 square miles of timber limits, now made perpetual and doubled in value; he is working one-tenth part of these limits—4339. It is a shame, as well as being utterly unbusiness like, that the public domain of this country to the extent of millions of acres in timber limits, should be, so far as opening tenders is concerned, confined to one individual only—4340. Quotes the return to an order of the House, dated March 14, 1906, showing the name and post office address of each person or company having a closed grazing lease granted for a period of more than three years by the Department of the Interior—4341. Quotes descriptions—4342. There is this enormous amount of country made irrevocable, and within a month or two afterwards all these put in possession of irrevocable leases with the privilege of buying up to ten per cent, as you please and when you please—4344. 109,716 acres of coal lands have been disposed of. 320 acres are say, taken out by John Jones, but he gets a lot of stool pigeons to take coal lands and assign them to him—4345. Those lands, bought at $7 and $10 an acre, are sold by these speculators at $50 an acre, and examples can be cited of these sales having been made within the last few weeks—4356. The Conservative party did not give the 450,000 to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company; we paid them out as a subsidy to a railway, and that railway was built and is running; the railway company sold it to the land company—4347. When Mr. Sifton asks any unprejudiced man to believe that that what was an absolute desert in 1902, was, two years later, producing the finest and largest crop of wheat in the Territories, he asks him to believe the impossible—4348. We know that no man who is a Conservative can get anything to do under this government unless he pleases the government politically—4349. The information I read was: 'A. B. Macdonald, an active Liberal worker last election.' Then I read where the ranch lay, and then I said the owner of the Glengarry Ranch Company is said to be A. B. Macdonald.

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It is No. 11 and was granted on May 2, 1905—4350. I have read exactly what I have read, and I don't think that it is right of the hon. gentleman (Mr. J. T. Schell) to charge me with insinuation—4351. My point of order is, that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Turriff) not intending it, has said that I made the statement that the ex-Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton) had gold bricked the country. I made no such statement—4362. There is no controversy if you said 'company'—4364. Might I ask my hon. friend (Mr. Turriff) where these coal lands are? I never heard of the Enderley Coal Company, Limited. I have no interest in even a foot of coal land in this broad Dominion west of Cape Breton—4381. And how much interest have I; I want to know that—4382. There was some criticism made as to the number of limits, and the hon. gentleman (Mr. Burrows) says he has three mills. How many of his limits is he working at the present time?—4616. For instance, in one despatch some part would be left out without anything to show—4681. Why has the Minister of the Interior undertaken to do away with that system?—4687. Eight of these irrevocables have been granted inside of nine months—4688.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—4444.

Is that the same Philip Wagner who is in the employ of the Minister of the Interior?—4444.

Guthrie, Hugh (South Wellington)—4651.

My justification for speaking at this late hour is the somewhat reckless and extravagant speech delivered by the member for East Simcoe (Mr. Bennett) which, I think for inaccuracy of statement and omission of material fact, will hardly be equalled in the records of this session—4651. He uses the privileges which the four walls of this chamber give him to the utmost limit against hon. members on this side of the House, private citizens outside of this House, and officers in the various departments of government—4652. The first charge brought to my notice was that Mr. Grant had been able to induce Mr. Pedley, as deputy minister of Indian Affairs to grant him Island No. 144 in Georgian Bay, for $140, which was worth $2,000. Quotes 'Hansard'—4653. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) does not know the acreage I do not know how he arrived at the valuation unless it is by guess, or unless it is a fictitious valuation put on for the purpose of his argument—4654. I say that the statement made that Mr. Grant got that island for $140 is incorrect in statement and in fact. The island contains 300 acres, valued at $5 an acre by the Crown Lands agent, and Mr. Grant got 28 for $140. The Crown values that island at $1,497, and refused to sell it for $450—4655. Quotes sales that have been made. In face of these facts there is only one thing the member for East Simcoe can do—there is a manly way

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to deal with the matter. Let him retract his statement and apologize for it—4656. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) stated in his speech that there was an offer for the island of $450. He also charges the deputy superintendent general of Indian Affairs with direct falsehood to a minister of the Crown—4657. We will not quibble about the language, but I will challenge the hon. gentleman to read the letter and to show that he did not want to get Giant's Tomb Island, either for himself or for others 'on easy terms'—4658. To each of Mr. Ryan's requests and Mr. Beck's requests the same answer was returned by the department: no, we will not deal with you. Explanation of Mr. Beck's short letter to Mr. Pedley—4659. Quotes 'Hansard' page 969—4660. Mr. Peter Ryan offered first $5,000, then $6,375 and finally $7,000 and received 'no' for answer every time; If Mr. Bennett had a letter stating that the government offered the island to Mr. Ryan for $9,000, why did he not read it to the House?—4661. Quotes Mr. Bennett's statement about Mr. McLaughlin coming to Ottawa to see Mr. Pedley, and refers to the insinuation against Mr. Pedley contained in the language used by Mr. Bennett—4662. Quotes: Mr. Bennett's reference to Boultbie 'having been a novice'; Mr. Pedley's letter to McLaughlin, dated December 22, 1902; Mr. McLaughlin's letter giving the personnel of the company—4663. Quotes reply by department to Mr. McLaughlin; letter of January 26, 1903, by Mr. McLaughlin to department, and reply by department—4664. Now, my hon. friend (Mr. Bennett) knew of all this correspondence, yet he omits to mention it, and says something must have transpired between Mr. Pedley and Mr. McLaughlin. Quotes report from Mr. Wilson, Indian agent and another letter from Mr. McLaughlin——4665. Quotes letter from Mr. C. Miller and reply from department—4666. Quotes statement of Mr. Bennett in the House. Mr. Pedley assures me that he did not know, verbally or otherwise, that Mr. Peter Ryan, of Toronto, had any interest, direct or indirect, in the McEwan Ranching Company, nor does he know yet—4667. Mr. Ryan's name does appear in brackets in a letter of Mr. Miller, who was acting for a rival company. Recites the terms of agreement with the Indians—4668. The Indians are now receiving $7,800 a year for these privileges, whereas up to the date when that lease was granted the greatest revenue they ever received from a grazing permit was $1,250, and the average for the past ten years was $800. He (Mr. Bennett) says the agreement was drawn up in violation of the terms of the statute—4669. I thought the hon. gentleman was too much of a lawyer to make such a mistake. Quotes the questions submitted to the Department of Justice and the answers given—4670. The ex-Minister of the Interior referred the matter to the Justice Department, and while there was delay Miller and Ferguson wrote desiring information as solicitors of the 'Canadian' cattle company, and put in the name of 'Peter Ryan' in brackets—4671. The fact that the name of Peter Ryan is dragged into one of Mr. Miller's letters is sufficient in the mind of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) to cast doubt on the whole transaction. Quotes Mr. Bennett's statement—4672. He (Mr. Bennett) has placed on 'Hansard' and in the newspapers of this country a charge directly involving the honour of a high official of the government, which is unfounded, which he cannot substantiate, which he has not even tried to substantiate—4673.

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What did this company do that transformed this desert into the finest agricultural section of Canada?—4366.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—4673.

I said that the buffalo frequented the good land, so that the buffalo hunt does not fit in with your story—4428. Might I ask the hon. gentleman (Mr. Crawford) from what authority he obtained these figures?—4582. Would the hon. gentleman (Mr. Crawford) tell us how the Manitoba government got possession of these lands and of what class they are?—4585. There were no tenders called for Island No. 144, there were no tenders called for Giant's Tomb, there were no tenders called for the Blood Indian reserve—4673. Quotes letter of Mr. Pedley, dated October 24, 1905, to show that negotiations had been pending. Why were not public tenders called for?—4374. Our good friends opposite have endeavoured to show that everything the Conservatives did when they were in office was wrong, and that everything the present government has ever done has been absolutely perfect—4675. Quotes an article which was published in London 'Truth' on October 3, 1881—4676. How could you expect immigrants to come here in the face of language which I have quoted and of the speeches made by Mr. Blake, Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. Mackenzie and the right hon. gentleman (the Premier)—4677. The continental European immigration and the South African war were the two great movements that gave impetus to the settlement of the Canadian west—4678. 70,000 British immigrants came in last year induced to do so by the fact that the South African war brought Canada prominently before the people there—4679.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—4251.

I would like the Minister of the Interior to prove one statement that he made in this House—that there were one million people went from this country to settle in the United States while the Conservatives were in power—4251. What were the charges which were made a few days ago in regard to the question of bogus entries for homestead lands? Does not the hon. minister think that they were serious

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enough to call for some investigation?—4252. Does the hon. minister think there is nothing requiring explanation in the sales of tracts of land which have been made at ridiculously low prices in the very recent past?—4253. What has become of the pledge which he gave across the floor of this House in regard to sales of land in large quantities? Quotes 'Hansard,' July 11, 1905—4254. I have already stated in the House that some of this land sold at $1 an acre was actually sold to officials in the employ of the Minister of the Interior—4255. The minister defends the practice which prevails in his department, and under which one official is allowed to open the timber limits—4256. I wish to dwell at some length upon the active participation in the elections in the Northwest by local officials of the Department of the Interior—4257. Quotes from 'Hansard,' page 9123, 1905, the resolution passed forbidding officials to take part in election contests. Quotes the Prime Minister on the subject—4258. If it was improper for the hon. gentleman's officials to take part in the provincial elections, it was far more improper for the head of the department to do so—4259. Quotes the Prime Minister in reference to R. B. Taylor, subagent at Grenfell, in 1904—4260. In the local elections last year Mr. Taylor occupied the chair at the meeting in Grenfell which was addressed by the Minister of the Interior—4261. Quotes affidavit of W. J. Hobbs that J. A. Potvin acted as agent for the Liberal candidate at one of the polling subdivision—4262. Quotes a list of other officials who took part in the elections. Quotes statement made in the legislature by Mr. Brown, member for Saltcoats—4263. Quotes statement of Mr. N. G. McCallum, homestead inspector at Yorkton, who had been accused of attending a meeting, and addressing the electors and working for the Liberal party—4264. Cites the case of R. A. Leach and of P. G. Hamilton. The Minister of the Interior has defended the employment of the officials of his department as election officials—4265. Two out of three men who went up and stole the election in Prince Albert were officials of this government—4266. If the Minister of the Interior has nothing to fear from having the affairs of his department brought fully and clearly before the public he should court an investigation—4267. I take objection to the hon. gentleman (Mr. Adamson) saying that I slandered any official; the accusation that I made against Mr. Hamilton was that he took an active part in politics—4420.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—4368.

Did you, as land commissioner at that time, believe the land was a desert and of very little value?—4368.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—4192.

Tell us about the garbled report—4192. Are we to understand that the minister has

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now given us the reason why this report of the government had been garbled?—4193.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—4679.

I am in charge of the mounted police, and I have given them special instructions not to interfere in elections. I would have expected the hon. gentleman to have referred the matter to me—4649. Then, I say, I do not believe this man is a constable of the mounted police—4650. My object in rising is to give to the House my own views as to what has been called by gentlemen on the other side, the emasculation of reports brought down by the administration. Quotes the law—4670. A minister cannot conform to the law and perform the duties imposed upon him unless he makes numerous excisions from the report which he chooses to bring down to the House—4681. The Alaska boundary correspondence was brought down by us as mutilated documents, with asterisks showing that there had been some words excised. In the English blue-book the same language occurs, but there are no asterisks to show excisions—4682. Quotes the motion of the leader of the opposition. They expect us to accept a motion of this kind without ever condescending to place before the House, in that motion, the reasons which make it acceptable—4684. Nothing succeeds like success, and if we are to judge of the policy of the present government with reference to the administration of the Interior Department, I think it is the best standard we can have as contrasted with its administration under gentlemen on the opposite side of the House—4684. Whatever may be the faults of this government no man can say that the administration of the Interior Department has not been active and vigorous. The conditions in the west have changed—4685. Who would have supposed 10 years ago—5 years ago—that the time would come when wheat could be grown in that section which extends from the boundary north to Calgary? The speech of the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) was so indefinite as to convey the impression that these leases were irrevocable for all eternity—4686. The Minister of the Interior has now changed the system so that at any time if it is found that this land is arable, we can make these agricultural lands and not grazing lands—4687. Quotes Mr. Foster on irrevocable leases, and challenges him if he knows any that are not straight to say so. The opposition find fault with the policy of the former Minister of the Interior; but if it is no longer in force what is there to investigate?—4688. Quotes Mr. Borden, who attributes to William Pitt in 1784, a Bill, 24 George III., which was a standing permanent fishing investigation; the Bill not introduced by William Pitt, but by Lord North, whose imbecility lost to Britain the American colonies—4689. If any

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accusations are brought against any parties for whom I am responsible, then it will be my duty to grant an investigation; and if any of the parties are proved to be guilty, then I think and hope I shall always have the courage to deal with the offenders—4690. My hon. friend is wrong, because the Act is 24 George III.—4695. It was simply a difference in the date, 1874, instead of 1784. 1874 was obviously a mistake—4698.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—4194.

Are we to understand that portions of these reports have been omitted other than those which have been called attention to?—4194.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—4438.

A complete answer to the argument of the member for Humboldt (Mr. Adamson) is contained in his statement in answer to a question by the member for St. Antoine (Mr. Ames) that the land had been purchased from the company prior to the purchase of the lands from the government—4438. The section of country between Moosejaw and Swift Current and between Macleod and High River were similarly situated to the lands under discussion, and were settled without any special inducements being offered—4439. Between February 15, 1905 and July 22, 380,000 acres were alienated under grazing leases. Quotes reply of Minister of the Interior to question asking for policy of government in connection with grazing leases—4440. Cites cases of 21-year leases, and claims that Mr. Sifton was instrumental in getting them—4441. The only result of the establishment of the forestry branch has been the creation of a fat job for a defeated Liberal candidate, Mr. Stewart, who ran in North Simcoe some years ago—4442. When you have a postmaster in a general store taking part in an election, it is an entirely different thing from a land agent or a subagent interfering in politics—4443. Quotes from 'Hansard' March 14, 1906, in reference to Philip Wagner—4444. Quotes statement made in reference to Philip Wagner by the Minister of the Interior at a public meeting held in Edmonton on November 6, 1905, also quotes letter from Mr. Griesbach to the minister—4445. Quotes declarations by Jacob Baronowski—4446. Declaration by Wasyl Ferbyj—4447. Declaration by Prokup Chackaluk—4448. Cites cases of political partisanship on the part of government employees at Medicine Hat, Swift Current, Nanton and Cardston. I have met the agent at Cardston on the platform several times—4449. It seems to me that if I were in the position of hon. gentlemen who have been charged personally with these irregularities, I would desire the fullest investigation for the purpose of clearing my skirts—4450.

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Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —4188.

My hon. friend (Mr. Borden) knows that all he has to do to get a committee of inquiry to investigate the Interior Department is to show cause; if he has charges and has not dared to make them, he and his party should be disqualified from using them in the course of debate—4188. The people at the last general election, did not see fit to approve of his (Mr. Borden's) policy, and I submit that parliament will not, in its wisdom, undertake to place in the hands of the opposition, the administration of a department of this country—4189. If hon. gentlemen opposite look for perfection in the Department of the Interior, in all its branches, they are expecting very much more than they attempted to achieve themselves when they were entrusted with the management of affairs in this country—4190. When our friends opposite say there is no need for exertion by this government to fill up the Northwest, I take issue with them. Let our friends test our policy and theirs by results—4191. About the garbled reports, I find we have very good precedents for striking out items in a report —4192. Cites precedents. If a minister is required to put in print every atom of a report that is sent to him by his subordinate officers he will issue a very voluminous and very remarkable series of reports—4193. It is the habit of the editor of a newspaper when he receives a contribution from a subordinate, to edit that contribution so that it will conform to the policy of the journal in which it appears—4194. The suggestion he (Mr. Borden) tried to convey to the country and to put on 'Hansard,' was that there was a corrupt handling of timber tenders, and that the officer of the department improperly awarded these tenders. He ought to make that as a charge, and not as an insinuation, and we will give him his investigation quickly—4195. The member for Argentueil (Mr. Perley), who is a practical lumber man agreed with the amendment as being practically necessary—4198. We hold in the department that the omission of these words does not affect the right of the government to change the amount of dues or financial obligations placed upon a license, at the will of the government. Quotes subclause 'h' of clause 2—4199. He (Mr. Borden) was not fortunate in comparing the policy under which these regulations were formerly administered with the policy under which regulations are now administered, that is, if we are to judge by facts and results—4200. Cites the cases of Peter Maclaren, John Haggart, Thomas McNicoll, John Shields, Geo. H. Bradbury, Messrs. Chevrier and Chabot and John Hanbury—4201. Mr. Burrows was not unduly favoured when his tender was accepted by which he paid $15,000 for the same area of timber that other men, in those happy days of which

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hon. gentlemen opposite are wont to speak of, got practically for nothing—4202. Mr. Borden has objected to the sale of land to the Saskatchewan Land Valley Company as an improvident transaction; yet the member for West Toronto (Mr. Osler) sold to these same men 500,000 acres at $1.50 an acre—4203. The land can only become of value if the efforts of the immigration department are successful, and the efforts of the immigration department can only be successful if the land is properly administered. A year or two ago the Ontario government granted the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company 1,200,000, and attached to that grant the condition that the company should put upon that land 4,000 settlers in ten years—4204. After holding this land for a year the company went to the Whitney government, and offered to give back 525,000 acres if the government would annul the agreement compelling the company to place 4,000 settlers in the district Recounts some of the failures of the Conservatives in their attempts at colonization—4205. The leader of the opposition (Mr. Borden) was strong in his denunciation of the attempt to administer the grazing regulations of the country under order in council instead of under Act of Parliament—4206. The Conservative government had tried to make southern Alberta a great cow pasture, and they failed in that as in everything else they tried in the Northwest. Their order in council was in 1881 or 1882—4207. As long as matters are in an uncertain and changing condition it is better that it should be handled by regulation than by Act of parliament—4208. The present regulations have been in force since last October. An order in council has been passed giving to the Grand Trunk Pacific the first right to operate for mines or minerals under their right of way or station grounds—4209. The opposition find scandal where none exists; they fiand maladministration where there is none; and they find a lack of policy where they are unable to suggest anything in place of the policy that has been pursued—4210. They alienated nearly 40,000,000 acres in the Northwest as aid to railways, and they are going to condemn this government which has not alienated a single acre for that purpose—4211. Any disability that yet exists, such as the exemption from taxation of railway lands, exists because of the conditions provided by our hon. friends opposite when they had control of public affairs. Gives a few illustrations—4212. The confidence of the settler in the west in the good will and good faith of the administration of the Department of the Interior, on the one hand, and the active and aggressive immigration policy on the other, is the sole difference between the failure of 1896 and the success of 1906—4213. Quotes a regulation by order in council, dated July 9, 1879; their policy was one of the land for the speculator, the land for revenue, homesteads cut down to eighty acres, pre-emptions cut down to eighty acres, and the land near the railways held only for sale and at a prohibitive price—4214. These gentlemen opposite absolutely prohibited settlement in Manitoba, and it was their policy more than anything else which helped to populate Dakota. Quotes notices signed by J. A. Denis, deputy Minister of the Interior; A. Walsh, Commissioner; Lindsay Russell, deputy minister—4215-6. Quotes regulations of March 2, 1883—4216. I did say and I say again, that an official of the Department of the Interior is not the less a citizen because he is an official, and that as a citizen he has the right to vote—4217. What was said in the Northwest was that officials were using improper influences to bear on electors; I took the ground that if it could be shown that any such case existed, and it were proven to me, the official would be dismissed, but up to the present no case has been presented—4218. I would suggest to the hon. gentleman (Mr. Borden) that when he has an attack to make, he make it on some feature that is open to attack, that is not so thoroughly justified by results as the Department of the Interior is to-day—4219. The instances cited by my hon. friend (Mr. Lake) are instances in which the sale was negotiated and arranged for before the date on which that statement was made. They were arranged for before I had the honour of assuming office as Minister of the Interior—4254.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—4690.

If any one had advance information about these lands, and got them at a less price than they ought to be sold at, and made a lot of money out of them, no one would be more pleased than I, because he would deserve it—4690. The government never notified the Long Lake Railway Company or any of its officials that the area for selection had been enlarged—4691. It was the duty of the government, when setting aside lands for grazing purposes, to have invited tenders for twenty-one years leases—4692.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—4365.

Would the hon. gentleman (Mr. Turriff) pardon me while I read a portion which he did not read—4365. A few years ago the timber regulations were changed, so that for six months there was no competition and political friends of hon. gentlemen opposite, including the last speaker (Mr. Burrows) did receive special privileges—4617. The ex-Minister of the Interior said that 150,000 acres had been granted in an unwarranted manner by an official of the department—4618. There is no one who will settle a long distance away from a railway, except those who wish to have large areas of land for

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grazing—4619. In the neighbourhood of 5,000,000 acres were taken up in homesteads last year. The land alienated for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway was given away for a useful purpose—4620. Quotes letter from Winnipeg 'Free Press' concerning fake homesteading, signed 'F. Moore'—4621. Quotes letter from Alexander McGowan, Virden—4622. Quotes editorial in Winnipeg 'Free Press' in reference to blanketing homesteads—4623. Quotes letter in 'Globe' referring to abuse of homestead rights in Saskatchewan—4625. Quotes letter received by Mr. N. H. Spencer, chairman of local improvement district No. 2, Saskatchewan—4626. Quotes Mr. Spencer's letter—4627. Changes were made in the forms of applications for homesteads, which led to fake homesteading—4628. J. J. Hill does not agree with the hon. member for East Assiniboia in the matter of free lands in the United States. The Minister of the Interior defends garbling the reports—4629. Quotes a letter from Edward McEwan, who was sent in as one of the government officials in the Yukon —4630. Here is a report referred to by this gentleman which has never seen the light of day. The minister has shown a little independence in regard to grazing leases—4632. Quotes the opinion of E. E. Thomson in reference to the Saskatchewan Valley land. Who are these men that Mr. Thomson refers to? The ex-Minister of the Interior, the ex-deputy minister, and the ex-commissioner of Dominion Lands—4633. The present Minister of the Interior stated that we could not have selected a department less up to charges at the present time—with special emphasis on 'at the present time'—4634. If our country did not prosper as it should have prospered in years gone by, the responsibility lies largely on the gentlemen who now occupy the treasury benches, who, when they were on this side of the House decried our country—4635. If we do not divide the House, gentlemen opposite say we are consenting to legislation and, therefore, our mouths are closed; if, on the other hand, we criticise, we are putting ourselves in the position of opposing the legislation—4636. There is no sin in being brother-in-law to the ex-Minister of the Interior, but what I charge is that Mr. Sifton certainly did grant to the present member for Dauphin (Mr. Burrows) privileges that were denied his competitors in the same line of business—4637. The hon. member for Dauphin received timber berths from the Conservative government, but the hon. gentleman never gave a Liberal vote until his brother-in-law got the portfolio of the Interior—4638. Quotes report made by Mr. Burrows after he returned from Swan River, whither he had been asked to go by his brother-in-law the then Minister of the Interior—4639. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Burrows) now holds timber berths in the district which he then examined. Who opens the

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tenders?—4640. Quotes text of order in council passed September 17, 1889, prior to the time of the Liberals coming into power. What did the Liberals do? Quotes section 17 of regulations made by the Liberals on July 1, 1898—4641. The Minister of the Interior changed the law, doing away with public competition, and during that time the present member for Dauphin (Mr. Burrows) secured a permit to cut timber on an area of over 50 square miles, without public competition —4642. This law came into effect August 13 and was rescinded January 13 following. It only remained in force six months, but a number of lumbermen who applied were refused—4643. Mr. Burrows had got his 50-miles limit when he applied for his permit on August 11—4644. Mr. Burrows, without having to cause a survey to be made, or mentioning the section, was allowed a permit to cut timber even on a township on which he had been distinctly forbidden to cut—4645. Mr. Burrows got these privileges without having to pay one dollar of bonus; competition was done away with. I think I have fulfilled my promise to prove that the hon. member for Dauphin received favours from the department that were not given to others—4646. I got back to this House largely by the votes of good honest Liberals, who resented the manner in which the ex-Minister of the Interior attempted to defeat me —4647. The manner in which the Galician settlers were used as a means of carrying the elections—4648. Quotes a letter telling how a mounted policeman acted in his own election. I must confess that I did not remember that the Prime Minister had charge of the mounted police until my attention was called to it —4649. The man's name is Sharpe; he came, he says, from Regina, and he states he was sent out by the Interior Department. The Prime Minister seems to have allowed the ex-Minister of the Interior a free hand—4650. I think the motion of the leader of the opposition is a most timely one, and if the government is sincere in their professions they should be glad to accept the motion—4651.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—4414.

Is the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) aware that the hon. member for King's (Mr. Fowler) and Mr. George McCormick, an ex-Conservative member of this House, is associated with Mr. Hall in these timber leases?—4414. In what year did Mackenzie and Mann make this transfer?—4436.

Schell, J. T. (Glengarry)—4350.

Did I understand the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) to say that the Glengarry ranch was owned by A. B. Macdonald, formerly of Glengarry?. Is the hon. gentleman aware that the Glengarry ranch was owned by Col. R. R. McLennan, of Glengarry, nearly 18 years ago; and that Mackenzie & Mann own it now?—4350. May

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I ask the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) if the statements he has made about the others are all on the same authority as those he has made with regard to the Glengarry Ranch?—4351.

Sifton, Hon. Clifford (Brandon)—4267.

Hon. gentlemen opposite having seen fit to discredit the administration of the department which I had the honour to have charge of for a number of years, I am prepared to meet in debate upon the floor of this House any hon. gentleman who sees fit to impeach it while I was in charge—4267. The more the question is discussed the clearer it will be that the Department of the Interior is prepared to withstand any and all assaults that may be made upon it by gentlemen on the other side of the House—4268. If the leader of the opposition will look through the records of the House of Commons for the past ten years, I do not believe he will find a single division recorded upon any amendment made to the Dominion Lands Act—4269. Prior to 1896 the crying complaint was that the Department of the Interior was a department of delay—of circumlocution—a department which tired men to death who undertook to get any business transacted with it. I undertook to change that—4270. Details why the order in council was passed for the purpose of enabling the minister to reduce the price of land—4271. If secrecy exists in the Department of the Interior it is precisely the same degree of secrecy that has existed ever since that department was organized, and the same degree that exists in any other department of the government—4272. There is no possible way by which an applicant for mineral lands could get his application on the file ahead of those already there. As well might an applicant expect to get priority in recording a deed in the registry office of the city of Ottawa—4273. Whatever sins I may have been guilty of, withholding information from the House was not one of them. I take the responsibility for granting the grazing leases while I had charge of the department—4274. For the purpose of meeting the conditions of the country at that time, I decided upon the grazing regulations which were passed by council, and certain leases were granted and certain sales took place—4275. If there is a crime in trying to help the cattle industry by grazing leases, and the fostering of farming by irrigation, I am prepared to take my share of the responsibility—4276. As against 29,000 square miles of timber—23,000 absolutely without bonus—which was disposed of by the Conservative party when it was in power, we disposed of 4,000 while I was in office—4277. The general policy of the Interior Department stated—4278. No family graft has ever been exposed, or ever will be exposed in connection with the department while I was in charge of it—4279. The timber disposed of by the department has been disposed of under the regulations, and has been exposed to competition in the regular way, in every single instance, so far as I am aware—4280. Upon the question of the preservation of forests, I have very strong views, and for the purpose of assisting that preservation appropriations were made from time to time, and we made provision for fire guards and the protection of the forests from destruction by fire—4281. It is not the lumberman who destroys the timber; it is the fire that destroys the lumber supply. I desired to prevent settlers from settling upon forest areas—4282. The changing of the regulations so that renewal could be made yearly, was only placing in words what had been done in fact previously—4283. The provision in the regulations respecting the amount of rental which the government may collect is just as much a part of the regulations as any other part of the regulations—4284. The hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) had attacked me when I was in Florida; why does not the hon. gentleman come up and stand before me and say what he has to say, and give me a chance to reply?—4385. I shall not weary the House more than is absolutely necessary on the Saskatchewan Land Valley question, but there are certain points that must be made so that my position and the position of the government shall be absolutely clear—4280. After repeated discussions it became apparent that no conclusion could be arrived at between me and the representatives of the company, and action was entered by the company in the Exchequer Court to compel the government to carry out the contract which they alleged had not been carried out. Quotes letter of Osler & Hammond to Prime Minister on matter, dated July 4, 1900—4287. In that letter the firm stated that out of 3,000,000 acres only 200,000 fairly fit for settlement—4289. What Mr. Speers particularly desired in his report, was that the government should make some attempt to settle the land, and it was the carrying out of that idea which found expression in the contract made with the Saskatchewan Land Company—4290. Quotes Mr. Speer's report—4291. The leader of the opposition had quoted a published opinion of Mr. Thomson, but Mr. Thomson, although possessed of good literary qualifications was never accused of being a judge of land. In the spring of 1902 this spot on the map was in the shape of an absolutely unsettled territory—4293. Quotes the contract with Col. Davidson and his associates who afterwards formed the Saskatchewan Land Company—4294. The company was in the position of having made a contract for this 250,000 from the government, and also for the purchase of 450,000 acres from the railway company—4296. After the sale was made a Winnipeg paper not friendly to the government, and not especially favourable to me, said that the Department of the Interior

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should be ashamed of itself for having buncoed these American people into taking land that was no good—4297. The Colonization Company built a hotel and boarded everybody who came free for the first year. At one time they had 3,000 commission agents in different parts of the United States—4298. The work done by the company was no reflection upon the immigration department. When the officers of the department did bring settlers to that country, as they did in large numbers, the settlers went south and north of this tract, and the officers were not prepared to advise them to go upon it—4299. The coming in of this company was the beginning of the great success of the immigration work in the West, from the United States—4300. We did not lose a copper upon this transaction; when it is carried out to its conclusion the government of Canada will be $250,000 ahead, besides the settlers and besides the success of the operation—4301. The contract stands as it was made, and has not been varied or modified to the extent of one line or one letter in the interest of the company—4302. When the company came to me with their proposal I said: I may not have much faith in your project, but I will give you a chance to see what you can do. At any rate, the government will be $250,000 better off if you carry out your project—4303. The hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) takes objection to the contract made because the odd-numbered sections also belonged to the company. The company got them from the Qu Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway Company, which got them from the government of the hon. gentleman—4304. Details the facts in connection with the purchase of 150,000 acres for $150,000 by the company when it is complained that literally it had not complied with the terms of the contract—4305. Mr. Turriff resigned from the Lands Commissionership and went before the electors upon the merits of this transaction, and was elected by a majority of 800—4306. The people endorsed the Liberal candidates in the west, although this transaction was made one of the main subjects of discussion—4307. When you get to the place where the people know the facts you cannot fool them. The argument of the hon. member for Toronto (Mr. Foster) against this policy is in unrevised 'Hansard,' page 1082, at bottom of page—4308. Quotes Mr. Foster on 'La Canada's' statement regarding the Temperance Colonization Company—4309. Mr. Foster was chairman of the Treasury Board and Finance Minister of Canada, on April 21, 1891, when the Temperance Colonization Company was in the very liveliest kind of existence, and sent in a voucher for $78,000—4310. Quotes the order in council in connection with the Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company—4311. The old government took the land which was never within the contract at all, they recited

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the fact that it was withdrawn under section 10, and they allowed the company $20,000 for withdrawing it—4312. If you leave aside the land granted to the Canadian Pacific Railway, 12,000,000 acres of fertile land have been earned in the Northwest out of grants made by these gentlemen—4313. When I took office, in so far as every tract of land in the whole Northwest which was considered to be fairly fit for settlement is concerned, it was covered with reservations of some kind in favour of railway companies—4314. Since the change of government in 1896, 22,478,013 acres of that land have been patented—4315. Upon the question of the land grants we have a record which we may fairly say is a business-like one. We have practically cleared all off the slate—4316. When I took charge of the Department of the Interior I had the assistence of the late deputy, Mr. Smart, and if you ask any man familiar with public affairs in Manitoba he will testify that Mr. Smart was regarded by his fellow citizens there as a man of the highest business capacity and of absolute integrity—4317. There is not and there never will be a department of the government whose affairs it is more difficult to administer than the Department of the Interior, in regard to the homestead law as it exists, and as it is applied to the settlers in the western country—4318. The man who was dealt with by the government knows whether he got fair play or not, and whether his neighbours did, and whether the administration of affairs was what it ought to be or not—4319. The complaints, which were numerous, which were incessant, which dominated the whole country in 1896, are non-existent at present—4320. In 1904, I do not remember of one single attack made at a public meeting on the administration of the land law, with the exception of the discussion of the Saskatchewan Valley Land question—4321. Our policy has been the land for the settler—not for the speculator. Hon. gentlemen opposite voted corporations lands to the extent of 31,500,000 acres, and, in eighteen years, gave to settlers for homesteads and pre-emption, 8,500,000; in ten years the present government gave to others than to actual settlers 2,000,000 acres, and to the actual homesteader and settler, in individual amounts of 160 acres, or thereabout 20,000,000 acres—4322. The land policy of the government was not framed to pleased the opposition. It was framed first, for the purpose of promoting the prosperity of the western country; second, for promoting the prosperity of the whole people of Canada; and third, for the purpose of pleasing the people of Western Canada, with whom we had to deal—4323. The policy of the government was overwhelmingly sustained by the people of the west in 1900, and in 1904—4324. I shall be content when the history of this country shall be written to have the history of the last eight or nine years,

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so far as western administration is concerned, entered opposite my name—4325. Have been informed that my hon. friend (Mr. Ames) made the statement that he had been informed tnat certain parties having an interest in the Milk River Cattle Company, Limited, had sold their interests to me, also that a similar statement was made in regard to the Grand Forks Cattle Company—4606. I have no interest and never had an interest in any grazing lease issued by the Department of the Interior or by the government of Canada—neither I nor any member of my family has had any such interest—4607.

Speaker, Mr.

So far as asking a question is concerned, that is entirely within the opinion of the gentleman who has the floor. He (Mr. J. T. Schell) has withdrawn that—4351. When a point of order is raised, the member who has the floor must resume his seat until the point of order is stated. The hon. member (Mr. Foster) has made the statement that he did not use the language attributed to him—4362. If the hon. gentleman who has the floor (Mr. Turriff) permits the hon. gentleman (Mr. Lalor) to ask a question he may do so—4368.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4436.

What the company pay Mackenzie & Mann is for what they got? It was quite a different transaction from the one with the government?—4436. Will the hon. member (Mr. Crawford) be good enough to give a statement of the lands sold by the Liberal government to their friends since they have come to power, and the quantity sold in each case?—4582. Are the leases not subject to cancellation at the end of every year, if the lands are needed for settlement or otherwise?—4583. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Crawford) said some time ago that when he was done giving the lands alienated by the Conservative party, he would follow that up by giving the lands sold by his friends—4585. He (Mr. Miller) says that he (Peter Ryan) is the whole company—4672. Might I ask the First Minister if in 1894 the government of that day did not go back four or five years in the Interior Department?—4688.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—4354.

If anybody should know whether laws and regulations are good for that country, and are properly administered, surely it ought to be members of this House who represent constituencies in the west—4354. When the charge is made by gentlemen opposite that the country is blanketed from one end to the other with bogus homestead entries, such a charge is false—4355. How the Conservatives administered the homestead laws—4356. There are hundreds of millions of acres of good land in the United States open to homestead entry to-day, and they are being homesteaded day after day, month after month, and year after year—4357. Why,

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the regulations were changed and the benefits that accrued—4358. The Minister of the Interior has made a change so that entries can no longer be made by agents, but I believe the old system, although it has been attacked, was the proper one—4359. Mr. R. B. Taylor,who had been singled out by Mr. Lake for taking part in elections, is not an official of the government; a land agent is a salaried officer and gives all his time to his duties, but a sub-agent may be carrying on half a dozen businesses of his own; Mr. Taylor is a sub-agent—4360. Time and again leading members of the opposition have made insinuations against me, but not one man has had the courage to make a charge of any kind. I did not put money or money's worth into the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—4361. Last night Mr. Foster said it was a bad deal, and that the country had been gold-bricked. I could look up 'Hansard' and see what the hon. gentleman said. Quotes 'Hansard'—4362. The hon. gentleman should be the last man in Canada to talk about gold-bricking; the only time that I ever came near being gold-bricked in my life was when I was offered shares in a company of which the hon. gentleman was president—4363. I stated that the hon. member had charged that the ex-Minister of the Interior had attempted to gold-brick the company. If I said 'country,' I intended 'company'—4364. I shall proceed now to show this House and this country that, from all the information we had in the department up to that time, that country was an absolute desert—4365. The company, through Messrs. Osler, Hammond & Nanton, selected 128,000, and afterwards 200,000, under protest, and said there was not one acre of land in the whole 3,000,000 that was fairly fit for settlement—366. Quotes the examiner of the railway company, R. F. Dodds—4367. I will give all the information right here, and when I am done the hon. gentleman (Mr. Lalor) can ask any question he likes—4368. The member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) was a member of the Conservative government at that time (1894), and I would like to ask him, if this land was so very good, why did he not insist on his friend the member for West Toronto (Mr. Osler), representing the railway company, accepting these lands?—4369. Quotes government inspector McLatchie's report—4369. It is dated Ottawa, April 17, 1894—4370. The railway had been running through this territory for ten or twelve years and yet only three homestead entries had been made—4371. If this land was so good, why did not the member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster), who is one of the heaviest speculators in the Northwest, through his companies, buy it from the member for West Toronto (Mr. Osler) at $1.25 an acre?—4372. The area in which the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company had to select their lands was considered by the railway company to be the poorest part of the whole grant set apart for them—4373. Messrs. Osler, Hammond &

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Nanton offered the whole grant to this government for $1.25 an acre, and Mr. Sifton was informed that it could be got for $1 an acre—4374. Osler, Hammond & Nanton sold 450,000 acres to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company at practically the same time, without any settlement conditions for $1.75 per acre, and afterwards reduced it to $1.52 per acre, so that they might be sure of getting their money—4375. When the sale was made to the land company, the order in council made an increase of the original grant set apart for the railway company, but they cut down by millions and millions of acres what had been at their disposal before and which they had refused to select—4378. While only three homestead entries were made in the whole territory during the ten years that preceded this land sale, 1,275 entries were made in the seven months following it, and in the small portion set apart from the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company —4377. The land is valuable now. I have known the C. P. R. to sell land for $2.50 an acre, for which if they held it one year they could have got $4 an acre, or if they had held it two years they could have got $6 or $7; and if they had held it three years they could have got $10 an acre—4378. When I accepted the position of Commissioner of Dominion Lands, I was the commissioner, and nobody else gave any authority to patent lands. Every homesteader or purchaser who got his patent, got it on my certificate—4379. The Leitch family, to whom Mr. Foster referred as being beneficiaries of the government in the matter of coal areas, are a very respectable family of whom three members out of four have consistently voted Conservative—4380. I doubt if there is another man in Canada who has got such consideration from this government, in connection with coal lands as the Hon. G. E. Foster. Has the hon. gentleman heard of the Enderby Coal Company, Limited?—4381. The lands are in townships 18 and 19, range 8, west of the 6th meridian. If the hon. gentleman states he is not interested and never was interested, directly or indirectly, I accept the statement and will say no more about it—4382. Mr. Foster stated that the Conservative party had built the railways, and that was the reason the people were coming in now; well, the C.P.R. was built across the prairies to the Rocky Mountains in 1883, and for the thirteen years between 1883 to 1896 practically nothing was done to settle the country—4383.

SUPPLY—DIRECTOR OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

On motion that House go into Committee of Supply, Mr. Borden asks for information with regard to appointment of permanent head of the Geological Survey—712.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—712.

Would the Minister of Customs be good enough to tell us who has been appointed? —712.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs) —712.

Understand the House will probably be informed to-morrow—712.

SUPPLY—HALF-BREED SCRIP.

On the Orders of the Day, Mr. R. S. Lake draws the attention of the government to the buying up the claims of the half-breeds to scrip—7372.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—7372.

Would be very glad if the Minister of the Interior when next the House goes into Committee of Supply, would state definitely what the policy of the government is relative to half-breed scrip—7372.

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Motion that House go into Committee of Supply—Hon. W. S. Fielding—7571.

Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Supply—7572.

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It would be to the advantage of both half-breeds and purchasers if the government would say what they intend doing in the matter of half-breed claims—7571. Are the government inquiring into each individual claim anl settling each case on its merits?—7572.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —7572.

The government have no information which would lead it to appoint another travelling commission; it is not the policy of the department to issue scrip to a new class of cases among the half-breeds —7572.

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Motion that House go into Committee of Supply—5818. Mr. Ames moves (in amendment) that the payment to a midlleman of the sum of $8,505, was unjustifiable and deserves the censure of the House—5827. Amendment negatived : Yeas, 46; Nays, 89. Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Supply—5858.

Ames, H. B. (Montreal, St. Antoine)—5818.

Quotes Auditor General's Report respecting sale of lands at Moncton; land was purchased by government prior to election of 1904. The criticism upon this transaction relates, not so much to the fact as to the method of acquisition; describes position of land in question—5818-9. Quotes letter written by Mr. Pottinger to

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Mr. Price. On May 23, 1904, the minister (Mr. Emmerson) discussed in Ottawa the acquisition of this property; traces various transactions and sales with government leading up to final sale of property —5821-2. The assessed value of all these four lots is generally not more than one-fourth or one-fifth the amount the government paid for them; quotes evidence—5823. It is no wonder that the Intercolonial Railway has such large deficits in a general election year, when such squandering of money is allowed; reads resolutions proposed—5826-7. Why was Mr. Hewson forced to give Mr. Lodge $8,500 as soon as he got it from the government?—5835. I said that for the sake of argument it was desirable and perhaps necessary that the railway should acquire the land—5848. Quotes Mr. Hewson's evidence on page 45—5856.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5845.

If the guardian of the public treasury (Mr. Fielding) is satisfied with this transaction he is not very jealous of the public interest—5845. The only service that really was performed was the service of Mr. Robert W. Hewson, who conducted all negotiations, and received for his work the sum of $300, while Mr. Matthew Lodge, for the influence or information he possessed, was able to pocket the sum of $8,505—5846. It is a remarkable coincidence that Mr. Lodge happened to secure options only on such property as the Intercolonial Railway afterwards found it convenient to purchase—5847. Quotes letter of Mr. Friel, dated Jan. 28, 1905. Although this land was not specially required at once for railway purposes the date on which Mr. Lodge secures his option happened to be the date on which the railway authorities say they will acquire the land—5848. Every word of the resolution has been and can be amply proved by the record. Not one word did my hon. friend (Mr. Emmerson) say which could be regarded as even an attempt at controverting any statement of fact in this resolution—5849.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—5827.

I am quite content to have this resolution considered upon the merits of the case, and upon the actual facts—5827. I said I would have the matter looked into, and if my officers reported that it was in the interests of the railway to secure the land in question, steps would subsequently be taken for its purchase; traces transactions with Hewson in regard to tannery property —5828. I am not ashamed to say that in the last election, Mr. Lodge voted for me —5829. The question was whether this land should be secured for the government by direct purchase, or should go to the Exchequer Court in the form of expropriation and proceedings; quotes appraiser's report of the value of the land—5830. In 1884, the Intercolonial Railway purchased right off this block of

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land, adjacent to the property we purchased in 1904, half an acre from Mr. Milner, for $1,000—5831. At a time when properties in Moncton were enhancing in value the Intercolonial Railway were enabled to purchase property at $1,000 an acre in the very heart of the city of Moncton—5832. The transaction was, from my knowledge of it, with Mr. Hewson and the method of acquiring the property was, in my judgment, a business method —5833. My statement was that Mr. Lodge came to me and told me that the land could be purchased from Mr. Hewson—5834. If there is anything wrong in this transaction, it is not because of any action of mine or of the department; the motion is entirely without foundation —5835.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance) —5841.

Whatever may be the consequences of the purchase or expropriation of the land at Kentville, every condition which hon. friend (Mr. Foster) laid down in connection with land at Moncton has been observed, and the matter is now awaiting the judgment of the Exchequer Court—5841. If Mr. Matthew Lodge had the assurance of the government that the land was to be purchased and that therefore he ran no risk, my hon. friend (Mr. Ames) would have some foundation for his case —5842. The most that can be said of the minister's transaction is that he should have bought the land earlier; the bulk of the lands were valued by three gentlemen, and they reached the conclusion that $1,000 an acre would be a fair price —5843. If you can buy land for $1,000 an acre in the heart of any one of our small cities or prosperous towns in Canada it cannot be regarded as a very bad bargain —5844. If the government goes into court, very often the valuations put upon properties by the Exchequer Court is a very liberal one. Unless the member for St. Antoine (Mr. Ames) has been able to establish that Mr. Lodge knew he was to sell that property to the government he has no ground whatever for his motion—5845.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5835.

In the whole course of the speech of the minister (Mr. Emmerson) he did not minimize, nullify or contradict in any way one single statement of fact made by the hon. member (Mr. Ames). In May 1904, before the property was viewed and before it was purchased, Lodge had an interview with the minister in Ottawa and told him that this tannery property was for sale and could be bought—5836. During August, Matthew Lodge was within knowledgable distance of the fact that the minister and his officers were looking the tannery property over and were contemplating purchasing it—5837. If the minister (Mr. Emmerson) had gone to Mr.

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Hewson, he would have found that all these pieces of land were amalgamated and were for sale in a block; quotes Hewson's testimony—5838. Through the operation of a middleman, Matthew Lodge, the money of the country to the extent of $8,500 or thereabouts is paid out for services which were not necessary—5839. There is a strong similarity between this and a transaction which took place in Kemptville, N.S., where sufficient information developed for two friends of the Minister of Militia (Sir Frederick Borden) to buy up a large portion of comparatively valueless land and sell it to the government for $38,000 or $40,000—5840. Why should not the minister (Mr. Emmerson) have gone first hand to the man he knew owned the property and had it for sale?—5841.

Roche, W. (Halifax)—5849.

Has hon. gentleman (Mr. Ames) any instance of a case in which an industrial company has gone directly to the owner of the land and endeavoured to purchase it, and does he not know that the fact that a large company was desirous of acquiring land would augment the purchasing price very much?—5850-1. Was land necessary for the Intercolonial and was the sum paid for it a reasonable price? The government should deal liberally with individuals and acquire property at its fair value—5851. The government was wise in promptly deciding to buy this property and have it under its control so as to meet future requirements which were seen to be inevitable—5852.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—5852.

Quotes newspapers in regard to South African war stores scandal. We make many charges but are never allowed to prove them; when we bring witnesses before the Agricultural Committee, they are told not to answer questions—5853-4-5-6.

SUPPLY—INQUIRY FOR RETURNS.

On motion that the House go into Supply, Mr. Borden states that there are a number of returns ordered this session, and which should be brought down soon—713.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—716.

Asks if reports of Dominion Lands Branch and of the Surveyor General are also in hands of printers?—716.

Barker, S. (East Hamilton)—715.

Inquiries for report of Department of the Interior—715. Inquiries for report of Department of Marine. Calls attention to fact that a statement asked for from Minister of Railways, as to certain transactions with Eastern Railway Supply Company, had not been brought down—716.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—713.

Took the precaution to notify the departments ten days or a fortnight before the House opened that these returns would be moved for—713. Have not observed that any returns ordered by this side have been brought down. We cannot properly discuss subjects unless we have certain information—714. Have spoken to the Prime Minister twice asking for returns of all orders of the House during the past two sessions that have not yet been complied with—715.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—715.

Report in the hands of Printing Bureau, and will be available in two or three days—715. Complete report will be available—716.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—714.

We think we have been very prompt with returns this year. Customs Department expediting returns as much as they can—714. Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) send me over a little note with date and page to assist me in finding document?—715. If hon. gentleman (Mr. Barker) would renew the question when the Minister of Marine is in he might be able to get an answer—716.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—715.

A return giving the number of civil servants employed from 1896 to 1905, both in the inside and outside service, was ordered a year ago. The return brought down is incomplete, and is of little value—715.

SUPPLY—INSURANCE INVESTIGATION, THE

On motion for Supply, Mr. Kemp wishes to draw the attention of the government to the work of the insurance commission—3800.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—3802.

I know that it is the wish of the government that the investigation should be completed within the shortest time possible—3802.

Kemp, A. E. (East Toronto)—3800.

I draw the attention of the government to the slow procedure of the insurance commission, and to what the result will be unless they are instructed to proceed with their work with more celerity—3800. A great deal of distrust has been created in Canada among the policy holders of insurance companies, and it is on their behalf that I now speak. There is no excuse for the delays and the adjournments of this commission—3801. The matter should be thoroughly investigated with promptness, so that the confidence of the people may be restored—3802.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—3802.

These unfortunate delays must inevitably result in preventing the commission from reporting to the House in time for parliament to deal with the matter this session—3802. The parties entitled to blame will be the government, who have not compelled the commission to go on with the inquiry with greater celerity—3803.

SUPPLY—JAPANESE FAMINE SUFFERERS—RELIEF OF

Contribution of Canada towards relief of famine sufferers in Japan, $25,000—315.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) $25,000 to be sent in flour, not in money—315.

SUPPLY—JAPANESE TREATY.

On motion that the House go into Committee of Supply, Mr. Borden directs attention to request made on March 12th for copies of orders in council and papers with regard to new treaty with Japan that have not been brought down—712.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—712.

Would refer Minister of Customs to page 126, 'Hansard,' of this year, where he will see what I asked for—712.

On motion that House go into Committee of Supply, Mr. R. L. Borden called attention of government to recent treaty concluded with Empire of Japan in month of January last—3349. Motion agreed to—3350.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—3349.

Would like to have treaty and any correspondence connected with it brought down at earliest possible moment. Understands that difficulty has already arisen in connection with an experimental shipping of 20 tons of drawn steel by some company in Hamilton—3349.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —3349.

Noticed when treaty was sent to us there was no notification of its ratification—3349. Shall make inquiries immediately—3350.

SUPPLY—NORTH ATLANTIC TRADING COMPANY.

House resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Fielding, 'That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply, and the proposed motion by Mr. Foster in amendment thereto—1941. Mr. Crawford moved the adjournment of debate—2016.

Bole, D. W. (Winnipeg)—1994.

The speech of Mr. Foster was like the fig tree which was beautiful to look upon, but bore no fruit—1994. The policy of the opposition with regard to European immigration, as enunciated by Mr. Foster is, 'They will come any way.' Nearly every question of public policy discussed by government is answered by the opposition with the word 'graft'—1995. Prepared to defend the deal with the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—1996. The reason why the stockholders of North Atlantic Trading Company did not want to have their names published abroad—1997. So long as manual labour is required by railway and other corporations in this country, so long will the poorer class of immigrants be needed—1998. Quotes the number of immigrants from continental Europe for five years ending 1896; also from the United Kingdom for same period—1999. The policy of gentlemen opposite is to allow immigrants to come in if they wish; the policy of the government is to bend every energy we can to secure people for this country—2000. Quotes the customs receipts at Winnipeg for the five years ending 1896 and for the five years ending 1905-6—2001. Quotes inland revenue returns at Winnipeg for same periods; also homestead entries in the west—2002. Warns the opposition that the people of the west will not stand for the 'come if you will policy—2003.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1957.

We moved to cancel it last year—1957.

Bureau, J. (Three Rivers)—2011.

Mr. Foster had fired his threatened bombshell and it missed fire—2011. Mr. Perley says we are here to analyse an immigration contract, and he tells us we are not to talk immigration, not to talk politics, not to talk figures—2012. Mr. D. Ross has referred to Mr. Foster as a land speculator; let me refer to the hon. gentleman as a financier. Quotes the New York 'Herald' on the failure of the Pan-American Banking Company, Chicago, January 27, 1905—2013. Geo. E. Foster, former Canadian Minister, of Toronto, was one of the directors, says the 'Herald'—2014. Mr. Foster finds fault that the North Atlantic Trading Company was incorporated in Guernsey, but he did not take exception to the fact that his Chicago bank was incorporated in West Virginia—2015. Refers to chequered political career of Mr. Foster—2016.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria and Haliburton)—1962.

Asks for names of directors of North Atlantic Trading Company—1962.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1941.

The pressure of public opinion has forced the government to recede from the position which they took a year ago, and to cancel a contract which has not one defensible feature—1941. Last year they made Lord Strathcona the scapegoat for the attacks directed upon that contract by mem-

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bers on this side of the House—1942. The Finance Minister admitted last year that the company was not a reliable steamship company—were not reputable, nor were they people in whom we could place absolute confidence—1943. A widespread conviction exists that there is hidden what I cannot qualify otherwise than as a swindle, perpetrated by some clever schemers at the expense of the public chest—1944. The registration of the company shows seven persons with one share each. Who are those that with reason we are endeavouring to discover to-day who hold the 2,993 remaining shares?—1945. In 1899 Mr. Preston went over to the continent and made there, alone, arrangements for a contract which brought to the syndicate in four years a sum of over $250,000—1946. Three times since the contract was made it has been amended and each time the amendment was more favourable to the company—1947. When, finally, the contract was brought down, it was found that the end, with the names of the mysterious parties who signed the contract, was torn off—1948. The cream of the European immigration charged to us passed into the United States; and although Mr. Smart asserts that a deduction was made for those, I find no evidence whatever—1949. Quotes report of Mr. Clarke. A large number of immigrants who are manifested to Canada, declare their option of going to the United States—1950. The point has been brought out that the business which we have been carrying on through this company is an illegal one; also that we do not deal directly with this company in making the payments—1951. I defy the company, or anybody on its behalf to produce legal, acceptable evidence that it spent $15,000 a year during the continuance of this contract, and to show that its own part of the contract has been faithfully performed—1952. The absence of the ex-Minister of the Interior during the investigation is singularly extraordinary and abnormal. He should have given the House the information which he alone could give, or he should have communicated the facts to his successor—1953. Quotes Mr. Oliver from 'Hansard,' 1899, 1901 and 1902—1954.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—1968.

Takes exception to Mr. D. Ross reading one-sided quotations regarding a case that is sub judice—1968. The question before the House is whether or not the conditions between the government and the Atlantic Trading Company are 'injurious, improvident and absurd'—1969. Motion was made last year by Mr. Osler to terminate the contract—1970. What the company were to receive, and what they obligated themselves to do—1971. How the original contract was 'improved'—1972. It was no answer to a charge of wrong-doing for the Minister of the Interior to say, 'Your predecessors, the Conservative party, ten years ago did as badly as we did'—1973. There is no similarity between the con-

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tract made in 1882 and the contract made in 1899, and frequently amended from that day to this—1974. The great difference between the two contracts—1975. The first suggestion of the contract was made to Mr. Smart by Mr. W. T. R. Preston—1976. Challenged gentlemen opposite to show that there was any change, of all the various changes made, in regard to which it could be honestly said that the people of Canada got the advantage—1977 Quotes the original contract, of the 4th of November, 1899—1978. Quotes Mr Smart's telegram to Mr. Preston increasing the bonus per head, without, apparently, laying the matter before council—1979. The contract changed in 1902 and again in 1904—1980. At the time this document purported to be executed, there was not such a company in the world and there is no such company to-day—1981. Quotes bill from company for items of expenses between July 1, 1901 and June 30, 1902—1982. In 1903 the Prime Minister received a letter from one Ennis, the agent in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland, stating that the company had not paid him for his services—1983. Quotes Mr. W. D. Scott's criticism of the company's bill for 105,000 marks; also quotes letter from Mr. Smart to Mr. Preston, embodying Mr. Scott's criticism—1984. In June, 1903, Mr. Smart, the deputy minister, knew that the accounts sent to him were not proper accounts—that the money supposed to be spent was not spent as it should be—1985. Numbers of immigrants for whom the bonus was paid, though billed for Winnipeg, were really destined for the Western States. Letters were on the files from the officials of Winnipeg protesting against this matter—1986. Quotes letter on subject from Mr. Smith—1987. States that the contract was a secret one between Smart and Preston that was not to be made known in Canada—1988. When Mr. Smart thought he had rivetted the contract upon the company for ten years—when it required four years' notice to break the contract—he wrote to a member of the syndicate that he intends to resign his position as deputy minister—1989. The Minister of Interior tells us that there is no difference between such a company as this and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company—1990. Contrasts the results of Conservative immigration policy in 1896 with that of to-day—1991. Will the Minister of the Interior or any of his supporters explain how it is that, on the one hand, he can tell us that this is a good contract, and on the other, that it is so bad that he is going to cancel it?—1992. If that contract should be rescinded why does the government not rescind it at once?—1993.

Perley, George H. (Argenteuil)—2003.

Deprecated the irrelevant discussion by gentlemen opposite—2003. Every section of the amendment had been accepted in principle by the ministers and their followers, or else they had made no effort

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to disprove it—2004. The contract amended so as to run from November, 1899 to November, 1914—a period of fifteen years—2005. The difference between the bonus to the Salvation Army immigrants and those for whom the North Atlantic Trading Company were bonused—2006. The Minister of the Interior declines to assist the people of Canada to get at the bottom of this plot to get the money of the people without giving some return for it—2007. We might learn something from the experience of the United States—2008. The increase of immigration to the States is fully as great as it is in Canada, notwithstanding that the former imposes a head-tax on these people, and spend no money on booking agents—2009. Quotes from 'Hansard' last year in reference to rider of verdict by jury in a murder trial. It is harder for a man from Eastern Canada to go to the Northwest and take up land than it is for a Galician—2010. This contract would never have been cancelled if the opposition had not taken the course they have to try to get at the facts—2011.

Ross, Duncan (Yale and Cariboo)—1956.

The member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) has substituted the 'county of nations' for the 'old flag.' The North Atlantic Trading Company not a new thing—it was discussed by parliament in 1901-2.—1956. Why did not the opposition during the past five years tell the people that it was a bad contract? Cites the benefits that accrued to Canada from the contract 1957. Quotes Mr. Foster's statement that conditions were favourable for immigration work on the continent under this contract—1958. The two factors which most largely contributed to the development of the Northwest were the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company and that with the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—1959. Half a dozen companies with which Mr. Foster was connected were registered in Victoria, B. C., and the incorporators were the printers in the offices in which the articles of association were printed—1960. Cites the contract between the Temperance Colonization Company and the Conservative government. The story of the company—1961. The men who were now making money out of the lands of the Temperance Colonization are Mr. E. B. Osler, Mr. C. B. Powell, Mr. J. C. White and Mr. A. M. Nanton—1962. The expert knowledge that Mr. Foster acquired as a member of the old government in connection with land deals in the Northwest, has been exploited to his own advantage and that of his friends. Refers to a new nest of traitors—1963. Gives the story of the Great West Land Company, Limited—1964. The North Atlantic Trading Company's contract was a good one, but of course it was for the Minister of the Interior to say whether the conditions have been lived up to or not. Men are required to build the new railways—1966. Would like to get the men who will not only engage in railway building, but who will also remain here, settle upon the lands and become good citizens. The tactics of the opposition a campaign of mudslinging—1967.

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Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1959.

You could not find them with a search warrant—1959.

Ward, H. A. (Durham)—1959.

Because you could not find them—1959.

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On motion for Supply, Mr. Foster moves in amendment that the contract entered into by the government with the North Atlantic Trading Company was made without the authority and knowledge of parliament, and that immediate steps should be taken to terminate the existing contract—1816. Amendment negatived on a division: Yeas, 61; nays, 115. Motion agreed to—2451.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—2091.

Has hon. gentleman (Mr. Crawford) any evidence to lay before House that balance of immigrants were intended for settlement in Canada?—2091

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—2332.

Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Miller) be good enough to place on record the amendment to contract?—2332.

Barker, Samuel (East Hamilton)—2416.

Was the $5 bonus paid by Conservative government paid on same terms and conditions as that paid by Liberal government?—2416. Did not Conservative government pay the booking agent for immigrants he induced to come to Canada, while this trading syndicate gets $5 per head for everybody who comes, whether they ever had anything to do with his coming or not?—2417. Do they get $5 only from company with which they are collected, or from every person who comes from these districts to Canada?—2419.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1832.

Who are the North Atlantic Trading Co.? And who were they before their incorporation in June, 1905?—1832. Are solicitors' clerks mentioned in Lord Strathcona's cable to the booking agents? If not, who are the booking agents?—1833. When did government arrive at conclussion *re* cancellation—1836. Would minister have any objection to laying on table of House the information on which cancellation is based?—1837.

How does it happen that on day when company purports to have affixed its corporate seal to agreement, it was incorporated? What is the amount of paid-up capital at present?—2384.

Hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) does not require that any one should speak in his behalf—2391. Rt. hon. gentleman has not been able to quote cor-

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rectly the resolution which House is dealing with, and he does not know to-day what that resolution is—2392. Does Rt. hon. gentleman (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) take ground that work in which company is engaged is perfectly legal work and work which can be carried on without interference on part of governments of countries enumerated in contract—2393. Quotes resolution; explains resolution—2394. Refutes the Premier's statement that Department of Interior and the government had full authority to make this contract—2395. Quotes United States immigration statistics from 1899 to 1905 inclusive. When North Atlantic contract was made it had not status of a corporation, although it was described in contract as a body corporate—2396. Quotes 'Hansard,' 1905, p. 7705, in which Minister of Interior, in reply to Mr. Monk, states it is an organization of steamship companies—2397. It was British press that first suggested that contract made discrimination against British immigrants. North Atlantic Company has, according to information before House a paid-up capital of but $340.67, and yet this so-called responsible company binds itself to spend $15,000 every year, besides $1,000 in Norway and Sweden—2398. Company was incorporated in Island of Guernsey, which is not subect to stringent provisions of chapter 48 of imperial statutes of 1900, which contain laws of a penal character in regard to fraudulent or fictitious companies. Reads Lord Strathcona's cablegram *re* subscribers and articles of association of North Atlantic Trading Company—2399-2400. Contrasts statements of right hon. gentleman (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) with statements of Minister of Interior (Mr. Oliver) *re* status of company; quotes First Minister—2400-1. Contract is a contract for fifteen years, made without knowledge of parliament in first instance, and without any appropriation of money except from year to year—2401-2. Policy of deception and misrepresentation has been adopted by company from first to last; agreement dated Nov. 29, 1904, is made with 'The North Atlantic Trading Company, of Amsterdam, Holland'—not of Guernsey—2402. Quotes cable sent to Lord Strathcona cancelling North Atlantic contract; quotes letter with reasons sent same dae by Minister of Interior—2403. Quotes clause 5 of contract; quotes figures of qualified arrivals from Galicia, Buckowinia and Poland; quotes figures of qualified arrivals from Norway, Sweden and Finland from 1901-1905, inclusive—2404. Is not government treating question with a spirit of levity which is deprecated by Prime Minister? Government do not know real facts on which they pretend to base cancellation of contract—2405. Asks government whether they based cancellation of contract on immigration figures; quotes language of letter cancelling contract—2406. Explains fallacy of minister's reason for cancelling contract—2407. Explains position of government in regard to company—2408. Explains Mr. Smart's relations with Department of Interior and his further relations with North Atlantic Trading Company—2409. Every word of resolution has been substantiated by evidence placed before parliament—2410. Did not suggest that right hon. gentleman had any intention of misleading House—2411. Explains difference in 'Hansard' resolutions and Votes and Proceedings resolution—2412.

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Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—2440.

Has never witnessed a parliamentary debate in which so much discussion has been given to subjects that have no relation whatever to object at issue—2440. Quotes speech of present Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) made on April 29, 1902, in reference to general policy of immigration and the care that government should exercise in choice of immigrants—2441. From a purely economical point of view one immigrant may be worth $1,000 to our country; but the time has come when we should exercise a special care about the kind of people that are coming into the country—2442. The greatest mistake the United States have made is to have allowed their fair country to be made the refuge of the scums of the earth; and if serious difficulty confronts the United States in the future it will be the lack of uniformity in their population—2443. The only explanation that has been given of the secrecy regarding names of the directors is that if their names were known, the members of the company would be liable to legal proceedings in countries where they were called upon to operate by contract; quotes Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver)—2444. Comparisons made by First Minister and Minister of the Interior not appropriate; the 'tu quoque' argument is a weak argument—2445. Quotes Rt. hon. First Minister (Sir W. Laurier). The contract of the North Atlantic Trading Company was and is a fraud upon the treasury of Canada—2446. Reads report of Mr. J. Obed Smith, commissioner of immigration in Winnipeg, dated July 1, 1905. Are Belgium and the north of Italy undesirable parts of Europe from which to draw immigrants?—2447. Only attacks government when government takes a part of their policy from Conservative party—2448. Barnacles upon the Liberal ship must be treated with a firm hand—2449.

Crawford, John (Portage la Prarie)—2084.

Has no apology to make for taking part in debate—2084. Reputation for graft applies more to Conservative party than to Liberal—2085. Great advance in property in western country is backbone of all present progress in Dominion—2086. During last ten years of Conservative rule, country was not only at standstill but in some regards was going back—2087. Only question to answer is: Have we been paying too much for immigra-

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tion?—2088. Quotes statement of hon. member for East Hastings; do not pay company for undesirable immigrants—2089. Immigrants are inspected before sailing, on board ship, and on arriving in country; quotes figures for year 1905—2090-1. Last year paid $5 per head on 2,270 desirable immigrants—2091. Arrangement between Immigration Department and North Atlantic Trading Company was a straight business deal—2092. Conservative government made arrangements with twenty-six colonization companies respecting sale of land and immigration; quotes section B of agreement with companies—2093. Quotes order in council dated November 12, 1888 *re* transaction with government by man named Purcell—2094-5-6. Gives information respecting some companies doing business for late Conservative government—2096-7. Quotes order in council dated May 24, 1902, respecting contract made with Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—2097-8. Quotes first order in council, passed in 1879, when the Conservative government decided on policy with regard to lands of territories—2099. Reviews years of failure in Conservative immigration administration—2100. Quotes speech of hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) in proposing resolution; quotes resolution; thinks contract should be continued—2101. Government must continue vigorous immigration policy; explains benefits of North Atlantic Trading Company contract—2102. Recommends that resolution be voted down—2103.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—2108.

Motion that evidence of witness be reported to House was moved in regard to evidence of witnesses from Agriculture Department—2108.

Hon. member for North Toronto Mr. Foster) when interrupting speech of hon. friend from Lunenburg (Mr. A. K. Maclean) said he was ready to be tried by 'Hansard'—2412. Contracts were entered into and payments were made under government of hon. gentlemen opposite, not only without order in council and without knowledge of parliament, but simply on letter or word of minister in charge. There is an evident intention on part of hon. gentlemen opposite of besmirching the public life and public men of Canada—2413. Statement by hon. member from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) that arrangement was made without authority of parliament and without an appropriation was a misstatement of fact; quotes speech of hon. member for North Toronto on page 1869 of 'Hansard'—2414. Quotes figures *re* Hebrew immigration—2415. Quotes a copy of an order in council passed on January 6, 1893—2416. The letter of Mr. Dyke described a condition of affairs which might be repeated in the case of other persons concerned in this contract—2417. Does not know who the members of North Atlantic Trading Company are—2418. The company gets $5 for everybody coming from these countries of a certain class who is delivered in Canada—2419. We may already have enough of these nationalities in the Northwest, contented and happy, to act for us as best of immigration agents, but in years gone by, when this contract was made, we did not have them—2420. Quotes letter from Lord Strathcona to Mr. Sifton indicating necessity of secrecy. Quotes Sir Charles Tupper—2421. There was a very notable instance in the history of Canada in which an arrangement was made with a group of gentlemen before they had got their corporate existence—the Canadian Pacific Railway Company—2422. Conservative government entered into agreement with Canadian Pacific Railway syndicate in 1880, an Act which brought company into existence, was assented to on February 15, 1881—2423. Government have paid bonus of $5 per head on about 40 per cent of the arrivals from these countries; we only pay bonus on those who describe themselves as belonging to the agricultural or domestic servant class—2424. If government did not pay some one to advocate this country as a good place to which to emigrate, we would not get any immigrants from those countries—2425. Lord Strathcona knew just as much about contract as Mr. Smart or Mr. Preston; quotes letter of Mr. Preston to North Atlantic Trading Company, dated Berlin, November 4, 1899—2426-7. Quotes telegram from Lord Strathcona, which appeared in Montreal 'Star'—2428. Contract was a good contract—2429.

I said that the Minister of the Interior had a perfect right to make contract—2431.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1795.

Wishes to trace history of North Atlantic Trading Company contract; does not believe Lord Strathcona was responsible in least for transaction; bears all marks of a Siftonian deal—1795. Quotes letter of North Atlantic Trading Company to department on October 20, 1899—1796. Quotes reply of W. T. R. Preston—1797. With nothing but general vote from year to year the minister and two subalterns pledged this country to an unlimited amount of money for five years; quotes area of Europe defined by contract—1798. Quotes specifications of contract—1799. Parliament had never been told and had never been asked whether it was in favour of contract or not—1800. Bonus is paid on every one who arrives in Canada—1801. Changes in third contract in favour of company over conditions in second contract are: less definite duties, fewer countries to work, monthly payments instead of quarterly, onus of proof of emigration taken off, contract extended three years and time notice extended from two to four years. Why was all leniency to company and against coun-

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try in arranging third contract?—1802. Under contract company makes up no list of immigrants; company simply sends in its accounts with receipted voucher and gets monthly payments—1803. No matter how many agencies work, no matter what influences send people to Canada, the North Atlantic Trading Company is paid $5 a head—1804-5. Quotes immigration inspector's report; last year company expended $15,000 and raked in $88,000—1806. How does immigration counter at seaport know that a certain man, wife and family belong to agricultural class? No evidence of any kind is required to show that these 40,000 or 50,000 immigrants have either seen or heard of Atlantic Trading Company—1807. Is there such an entity as the North Atlantic Trading Company? Who are its officers? How much capital has it? Where does it do business?—1808. Quotes Lord Strathcona's cablegram replying to message of Public Accounts Committee—1809. Nothing more pathetic than search of deputy minister for office of company—1810. Do not want any more indiscriminate immigration from continental Europe—1811. Could not department do routine work as well as company and at infinitely less cost and know exactly what is being done?—1812. Everybody wondered when Mr. Smart left department why he left; he left department to enter into lucrative employment with company with which, under secrecy, he made the ruinous contracts—1813. Quotes hon. Minister of Interior; publicity the only cure for fraud—1814. Nobody is responsible for company but cheque for $296,000 of people's money goes out to company—1815. Moves amendment to motion to go into Supply—1816.

Explains that he fairly well stated what was duty of company under last contract—2134. What number of immigrant bonuses was paid on agricultural and servant girl class?—2138.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—2146.

Discussion of law-suit which is subjudice should not have been allowed by Mr. Speaker—2146. Discussion of North Atlantic Company is not one of argument by government supporters, but of vilification of certain members of opposition; explains personal dealings in western lands; integrity of hon. member for North Toronto is unimpeachable—2147-8. Rt. hon. Prime Minister is responsible for the lowering of tone of debate in this discussion—2149-50. Unless Klondike can pay for cost of administration it is not much use to people of Canada—2151. Quotes hon. member for Lunenburg (Mr. A. K Maclean) *re* slander—2152. Quotes section 11 of contract; is an improvident contract for government—2153. Quotes contract *re* special expenditure of $1,000; explains section—2154. Speech of hon. friend from Lunenburg (Mr. A. K. Maclean) was an apology for misstatements he was making—2155. Opposition cannot get

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evidence because government burks full inquiry—2157. Asks for reasons in detail why contract was cancelled—2158-9.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—2123.

Hon. member for Lunenburg (Mr. A. K. Maclean) explained his position of having no intention of imputing falsehood to an hon. member—2123.

Gunn, B. B. (South Huron)—2103.

Hon. member preceding him did not answer his question *re* Hon. Alex. Mackenzie—2103. Opposition are not attacking at present time the immigration policy of government; believes contract of North Atlantic Trading Company should be probed to bottom—2104. Hon. member for Yale-Cariboo (Mr. Ross) touched on suit subjudice before courts which he had no right to discuss, and had nothing to do with debate—2105. It ill became Chairman of Committee on Agriculture to make decision he did respecting answer of Mr. Smart—2106. Cannot conceive why members of House should desire to suppress information that every taxpayer in country should know—2108. It has appeared clearly in evidence that company was first organized in 1899, was reconstructed in 1902, but had no corporate existence until June of last year—2109. Why is there an organized attempt by hon. gentlemen on government side of House to instill into minds of people of country the idea that hon. member from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) is not sincere?—2110-1.

Has hon. gentleman (Mr. Crawford) dealt with colonization company of which late Hon. Alex. Mackenzie was such a conspicuous member?—2097.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—2108.

Reason that committee was to report evidence of witness as soon as concluded was that evidence might be used in House—2108.

Does hon. gentleman (Mr. A. K. Maclean) say that government had not to pay $750 for printing under last contract?—2130.

What brought the other 60 per cent?—2424. Mr. Smart said in committee that he knew and government knew the names of the persons composing company—2439.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2107.

Wishes to place on record the report of Committee of Agriculture adopted by House—2107.

Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Fisher) mean to to say that in Germany, Austria or Hungary a man would be imprisoned who complied with law of country?—2417.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—2357.

Conservatives have fullest confidence in their leader—2357. All members on government side have taken full credit to themselves and their party for prosperity which exists to-day and have credited nothing whatever to a kind Providence—2358. Hon. Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) made unfair compari-

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sons of grain crops; quotes figures; it is mainly owing to kindness of Heaven that country has present prosperity—2359. Quotes hon. member for Winnipeg (Mr. Bole) as to reasons for prosperity—2360. Quotes crop figures for last five years; compares figures with those of twenty years previous—2361. Liberal immigration expenditure with regard to bonuses has always been somewhat wasteful and extravagant; quotes figures—2362. Is it fair for Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) to take the attitude *re* cancellation of contract he has done based on returns which do not include the three great colonization months of the year?—2363. Was delighted to hear minister come out straight and say iniquitous contract must be cancelled; opposition never accused Lord Strathcona of complicity in regard to contract—2364. Company bears a different name from that of the original syndicate and minister is admittedly still in ignorance as to who are principal parties concerned in last contract—2365. Secrecy seems to be essence of whole bargain; even the signatures were torn off copy of contract which was submitted to House; quotes speech of hon. member for Portage la Prairie (Mr. Crawford)—2366. Mr. Smart himself had so little knowledge of the affairs of company that on one occasion he stated most positively that the company was an incorporated company at the time it signed the contract in November 1904—2367. Conservative party has never declared against a policy of immigration—2368. Under contract with North Atlantic Trading Company, the government pays a bonus of $5 on every man, woman and child of the agricultural class and on all domestic servants—2369. Continental immigration expenditure is too high; quotes figures for last fiscal year; cost of immigration from continental Europe was $3.86 a head; from United Kingdom $2.15 per head; from United States $7.15 a head—2370. Farm labouring class from Great Britain make best class of immigrants for western country; makes comparison of British and American immigration for last three years—2371-2.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—2146.

Would like to ask hon. member for Lunenburg (Mr. A. K. Maclean) for the names of gentlemen forming the North Atlantic Company—2146.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2106.

Submits to ruling of Mr. Speaker, that hon. gentleman has no right to refer to what took place before committee on question which is still before committee—2106. Bows with great respect to experience of hon. friend (Mr. Stockton)—2108.

Most extraordinary feature of an extraordinary debate is the incredible levity with which the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) has launched into question—2372. Does not say that contract may not be liable to attack; but if contract was liable to attack there was one man precluded from making attack, and that man was the hon. member for North Toronto—2373. Reads letter from Mr. Dyke to Lord Otto Russell—2374-5. To overcome certain difficulties when the hon. member from Brandon took office in 1896 he decided to do transaction of immigration with a single syndicate; traces various contracts of company from 1899—2376. Quotes engagements of company and requirements of government—2377. Instead of contract being injurious, improvident and absurd, it is motion of hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) which is injurious, improvident and absurd; quotes resolution; quotes speech of hon. member for North Toronto—2378. Reads report addressed by Mr. Smart to Minister of Interior—2379-80. Quotes speech of hon. member from North Toronto—2380. Quotes items 55 and 56 at page 33 of Auditor General's Report; explains expenditures; quotes motion of hon. gentleman from North Toronto—2381. To refute first charge of resolution had simply to quote public documents; to refute second charge had simply to quote speech of hon. gentleman from North Toronto himself; to refute third charge had but to quote words of resolution itself—2382. It is not reasonable in an assembly of serious men to ask that whenever the government makes a contract with any company, it shall require a list of the shareholders—2383. Amount of paid up capital and whether company had corporate existence before or after contract, not necessary knowledge—2384-5. Quotes resolution; quotes speech of hon. member from North Toronto *re* statement that contract contains discrimination in favour of foreign immigrant against British immigrant—2385. Gives statements of continental immigration and immigration from British Isles—2386. Approves of action and reasons of Minister of Interior (Mr. Oliver) in cancelling contract—2387. Quotes Ottawa Conservative newspapers—2388. Propositions embodied in resolution are the very reverse of the truth—2389. If we want to keep our own population in this country we must continue present policy of immigration—2390. Quotes conclusion of speech of hon. gentleman from Toronto 2391. Rises to a personal explanation. Quotes resolution in 'Hansard'; quotes resolution in 'Votes and Proceedings'; makes no great difference in meaning which is correct—2410-11.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—2107.

Rises to point of order; wants Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether hon. gentleman (Mr. Gunn) cannot repeat what he sees in public press?—2107.

What are the names of the secretary and manager of the North Atlantic Trading Company?—2331.

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Maclean, A. K. (Lunenburg)—2111.

There is every indication of a systematic, deliberate and well-organized attempt to injure the reputation and honour of gentlemen occupying seats in parliament—2111. Hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) caused impression to be left on House that North Atlantic Trading Company received $5 for every immigrant coming to Canada; quotes speech at Borden Club in Toronto; quotes speech on page 1868 of 'Hansard'—2112-3. Quotes editorial in Ottawa 'Journal'; quotes remarks of hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk)—2114. Remarks made by hon. gentlemen in support of amendment are conspicuous for misstatement or concealment of fact in regard to question at issue—2115. Quotes speech of member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster)—2116. Quotes speech of hon. member from East Hastings (Mr. Northrup)—2117. Hon. friend (Mr. Foster) insinuated that ex-Minister of Interior, ex-deputy minister and Mr. Preston were all leagued together to rob treasury of country—2118. Although ex-Minister of Interior was in parliamentary life but a short time, few men have contributed so much to success and welfare of country—2119. Quotes Mr. Foster's statements *re* Mr. Smart—2120. If hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) had never been Minister of Finance he would never have had subsequent connection with Independent Order of Foresters—2121. Quotes speech of hon. gentleman from Jacques Cartier as another sample of misstatement of facts—2122. It is unfair to make statement in House that contract was negotiated by Deputy Minister of Interior and Mr. Preston in secrecy and was unknown to Lord Strathcona—2123. Reads letter from Mr. Preston to Lord Strathcona, dated May 29, 1899; portion of letter indicates that Mr. Preston was charged by High Commissioner to make certain investigations upon question of continental immigration—2124-5. Reads extract from letter from Lord Strathcona to Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of Interior, dated June 26, 1899—2125-6. Reads extract from letter dated Oct. 26, 1899; quotes letter addressed to Mr. Sifton from Lord Strathcona, dated Nov. 15, 1899—2126-7. Quotes portion of first contract—2127-8. Explains difference between first and second contracts; quotes portions from first and second contracts—2128-9-30. Was very difficult for North Atlantic Trading Company to show government that all families entering Canada as a result of their propaganda possessed necessary money qualifications—2130-1. Quotes second contract; gives immigration figures from Norway, Sweden and Finland—2131. Quotes bonus clause in second contract; quotes first clause in third contract concluded on Nov. 28, 1904—2132. Member for Toronto was very unfair in criticism of certain sections of third contract—2133. Compares changes in third contract with first and second contracts—2134-5. Explains method immigration department has of ascertaining how many immigrants reaching Canada come here as result of propaganda of

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North Atlantic Trading Co.—2135-6-7. Reads extract of letter from company to Mr. Smart *re* booking statement of immigrants; quotes immigration figures for continental Europe for last five years—2138. There is no evidence that company have not a charter—2139. Contract was submitted for legality to Charles Russell & Co., London, Eng. Mr. Preston was not satisfied with their opinion and consulted Mr. B. C. Knox—2140. Quotes Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. John Dyke regarding secrecy of certain government duties—2141. Companies filed statements of expenditure for 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905, which were accompanied in each case by affidavit of officer of company, Mr. N. Cohen—2142. It would not be fair, under contract, to say that company should not receive bonus in respect to Jewish immigrants who came out and settled in west—2143. Difference in policy is that bonus is paid the company direct, and in all other cases it was paid to a great number of booking agents; unless Minister of Interior can give good reasons he makes mistake in cancelling contract—2144. Grounds for cancellation in resolution do not hold good; quotes resolution—2145-6.

When hon. member for North Toronto concluded his remarks on evening that he moved amendment, he took up the unrevised 'Hansard' and read resolution therefrom—2411.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—2327.

Attack upon right hon. Prime Minister by member for King's (Mr. Fowler) unwarranted and unfair—2327-8. Speech of hon. member for Toronto (Mr. Foster) was skilfully delivered, but was full of conjectures, presumptions, suspicions, insinuations, inaccuracies and contradictions—2328-9. Reads contract of North Atlantic Trading Company with Interior Department of Canada—2330-1. There is nothing whatever in contract to arouse suspicion of any one; explains contract—2332-3. Contract was cancelled because it was desire of government that work should be more vigorously carried on and more energetically prosecuted in sections of Europe from which more desirable immigrants may be obtained—2333. If Mr. Sifton, Mr. Smart or Mr. Preston had any connection with company for monetary gain they were doing wrong—2334. Quotes some questions and answers from cross examination of Mr. Smart in Agricultural Committee—2335. Why should not Mr. Smart's evidence be accepted by every citizen of Canada?—2336. Quotes Lord Strathcona's letter dated November 15, 1899; quotes speech of hon. member from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) on page 1879 of unrevised 'Hansard'—2337. Quotes 'Mail and Empire's' report re understanding of opposition's bonus argument; quotes hon. member for Peel (Mr. Blain) before Agricultural Committee—2338. Quotes Mr. Smart re immigration of agriculturists and domestic servants; quotes speech of hon. member from North Tor-

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onto on page 1877—2339. Quotes Smart re bonuses paid on immigrants; quotes speech of hon. member from North Toronto on page 1867 of 'Hansard'—2340. Quotes letter from Mr. Smart to Mr. Pedley dated September 3, 1901—2341. Quotes Mr. Smart re advertising matter and reads extract from letter addressed to Mr. Smart by company *re* circulation of advertising matter—2342-3. Quotes letter to Hon. Clifford Sifton from Lord Strathcona dated November 15, 1899; Canada does not want artisans from Europe; she wants agriculturists—2344. Quotes speech of hon. member for Argenteuil (Mr. Perley); quotes letter from Mr. Smart to Mr. Preston regarding German immigration dated August 26, 1901—2345. Germans are a prosperous people and make excellent settlers—2346. Lord Strathcona had knowledge of contract; quotes letter of Mr. Preston to Lord Strathcona dated November 28, 1899; quotes speech of hon. member from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) 2347. Quotes correspondence from Mr. Smart to Lord Strathcona *re* legality of contract; quotes Lord Strathcona in reply—2348. Has confidence in the judgment of his leader—2349. Reads quotation from Halifax 'Chronicle' *re* dissension among opposition; quotes hon. member from Toronto *re* secrecy of contract—2350. By what right does hon. member from North Toronto impute dishonest motives, fraud or deception to any hon. gentleman without any supporting evidence—2350-1. If country makes a bargain to get immigrants into Canada the important thing to know is that we are going to get the immigrants before we pay the money, and that immigrants are a desirable class—2352. Clifford Sifton has built up the immigration policy that has made the Canadian west prosperous—2353. Quotes cablegram from Montreal 'Star' *re* denial of Lord Strathcona concerning relations with North Atlantic Trading Company—2354. What good reason has the member for North Toronto to suspect the hon. member from Brandon?—2355. Quotes Sir McKenzie Bowell *re* 'chief of nest of traitors'—2356. If ever there was a man in Canadian public life who needed sympathy it is the hon. member for North Toronto—2357.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—1839.

If contract is to be cancelled that was the object of motion; moves adjournment of debate—1839. Is my hon. friend (Mr. A. K. Maclean) aware that Mr. Smart himself says that he alone concluded all arrangements with Mr. Preston?—2123.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1816.

Afraid that action which department has found it desirable to take will not meet with unanimous approval; North Atlantic Trading Company was known to members of House and was discussed in a committee of the House—1817. Hon. leader of

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opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) must accept his share of responsibility for action or inaction of followers in regard to public matters; hon. friend (Mr. Foster) was applauded by his followers to-night in declaring against a policy of immigration—1818. Position which hon. friend (Mr. Foster) has placed before House in regard to immigration would make successful immigration effort an impossibility—1819. Upon the success or failure of each successive government to secure the settlement and development of the Northwest stands or falls the credit of that government in the judgment of Canada; land of Northwest at present time is worth $1,200,000,000 an increase of $800,000,000 in six years under Siftonian administration—1820. Increase in land value did not come as dew from Heaven but resulted from Siftonianism; government has no excuse to offer for North Atlantic Trading contract or for any other part of its immigration and land policies. Country is interested in knowing what is policy of opposition who aspire to be a government—1821. People of Canada should have a definite and satisfactory answer to question of immigration policy; compares immigration policies of present and preceding administrations—1822. In month of March, 1906, there were 567 homestead entries in Edmonton land office nearly twice as many in one month under this administration as there were in last three years of administration of which hon. member (Mr. Foster) was a member—1823. Canada before year 1890 had sent to United States a million of her native-born people while her own Northwest, although with railway connection, was lying vacant—1824. Reads letter written by John Low, secretary of Department of Agriculture to J. N. Abbott, of Erie Railway Co., dated January 30, 1882—1824-5. Will hon. House compare proposition of secretary of Department of Agriculture made to secretary of Erie Railway Company with contract with North Atlantic Trading Company?—1825. Reads letter of J. H. Pope addressed to Sir. A. T. Galt, High Commissioner of Canada in London—1826-7-8. Reads letter of Sir Charles Tupper dated June 24, 1889—1828-9-30. Quotes returns of immigration from Great Britain, continental Europe and United States—1831. Quotes payments to booking agents—1832. Not necessary that shareholders of trading company should be known—1834. Government pays booking agents $5 per ticket in order to induce them to sell tickets to people coming to Canada—1835. Government has given notice of cancellation of contract because company has not lived fully up to it; cable was sent to Lord Strathcona on April 14—1836. Reads letter sent to Lord Strathcona—1838. Hon. friends who desire to call in question the policy or principles of an hon. member of House might at

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least have grace to await his presence—1839. There is a deposit of $5,000 on behalf of the North Atlantic Trading Company in the hands of the Receiver General of Canada—2434. The government did not refuse to give information that it did not have—2438. Does hon. friend (Mr. Stockton) suggest that government should have no dealings with any corporation without knowledge of the shareholders of that company; government have not interfered with opposition and if hon. gentlemen have not been successful in investigation it is either because they have not been clever in their efforts or because there is nothing to find out, which is the fact—2439.

Speaker, Mr.—2106.

If case is still pending before Committee of Agriculture, no reference can be made to it in House—2106. Rules that attempt to evade former ruling by quoting from public press is still out of order—2107. If evidence is properly in possession of House, quotations can be made from it—2108.

I think this is trenching upon what happened in committee—2439. If the evidence is part of the evidence on the table, the hon. member for Victoria and Haliburton (Mr. S. Hughes) may refer to it with the consent of hon. member for St. John .Mr. Stockton)—2440.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John county)—2429.

This is not properly a discussion upon the general immigration policy of the country—2429. Hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) is not to be held responsible for the understanding of hon. member for Lunenburg (Mr. A. K. Maclean) or his colleagues—2430. Disagrees with hon. friend (Mr. Fisher) that the Minister of the Interior has a right to fasten upon revenues of country a charge for ten years without consent or approval of parliament. Where did Minister of Agriculture get the information he gave respecting the non-payment to the North Atlantic Trading Company on Hebrews who were brought into Canada by Baron Hirsch and associates?—2431. If the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) knows why the contract has been cancelled, why is it that information was not given parliament by Minister of the Interior when he told us he had given notice of cancellation—2432. Quotes Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) *re* knowledge of North Atlantic shareholders; parliament can presume anything against a man who destroys evidence—2433. Does government hold $5,000 as a security for the faithful discharge of the duties of the company under contract? Value of immigration is determined by quality of immigrants—2434. Canada is second to none in the world as a field for immigration. The time has gone by when we ought to pay money indiscriminately for bringing all sorts and conditions of people here for

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the purpose of settling our lands—2435. Quotes letter from Mr. Smart to North Atlantic Trading Co., dated December 30, 1903; quotes letter from Mr. Smart to Mr. Preston dated August 15, 1904—2436. Quotes speech of hon. member from North Toronto from 'Hansard.' Company was incorporated in Guernsey because of discussion which took place in House of Commons and because of manner in which question was stirred up—2437. Quotes Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver). The government never applied to get information and they were paying out tens of thousands of dollars to a myth, to some one who had no right to receive the money—2438. Government is having dealings with a syndicate that professes to be a corporation when the statement they made to that effect was false—2439. Opposition are trying to do duty as representatives of people in trying to get information from government and it is not their fault if it is withheld—2440.

The evidence taken before committee has been reported to House; the House is now in possession of it and is entitled to discuss it—2108.

Tisdale, Hon. David (Norfolk)—1834.

Where are names of directors of this company?—1834.

SUPPLY—PRESTON, W. T. R.

Motion that the House go into Committee of Supply—Mr. Fielding—6868. Mr. Monk moves in amendment that in the opinion of the House W. T. R. Preston, inspector of immigration should be no longer continued in that office—6868. Amendment negatived: Yeas, 39; Nays, 89—6928-9.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—6920.

The motion is that Mr. Preston be dismissed on account of disclosures which were made before the Agricultural Committee and the Public Accounts Committee; reads motion. Mr. Preston is a man who formed the North Atlantic Trading Company, and he has brought this entire government into a bargain which never existed—6921. Is there a man who doubts that the Arundel Printing Company was composed of Preston and Somerville?—6922. This government cannot stand many years if Preston is allowed to remain in its employ—6923.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—6888.

Was not Mr. Preston heard at length before both committees?—6888. If it is true that this gentleman stole letters, why does the government still retain him in their service?—6890. I am not disposed to think that sixteen months of scandals is not sufficient time for the purpose of affording the government an opportunity of taking action in regard to Mr. Preston—6906. Has not Mr. Preston admitted his signature to these letters

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indicating his connection with the labour bureau?—6907. The Minister of the Interior in 1903 gave a distinct and definite assurance that no officer of his department then in Great Britain had the slightest connection whatever with the Canadian labour bureau; quotes Mr. Preston's letter to Mr. Ennis, dated February 17, 1903—6908. Mr. Jury openly charges Mr. Preston with being connected in a pecuniary and personal way with the labour bureau—6909. Does Mr. Preston enjoy the confidence of the men who charge him not only with a direct contravention of the express orders of this government but with making a pecuniary profit out of that contravention?—6910. There is no department of the government which presents anything like the spectacle that the Department of the Interior presents—6911. We may reasonably conclude that Mr. Preston has absolutely and utterly lost his usefulness and that a change is required in the interest of the public service—6912.

Bristol, E. (Centre Toronto)—6913.

The skilled wage earners of this country think that Mr. Preston should be removed; in the conduct of ordinary business this man would have been suspended and an investigation held months ago; the action of the government should be deferred no longer—6913-4. Were these instructions communicated in writing to Mr. Preston at any time?—6919.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—6923.

There are very few people on the other side of the House who have any love for Mr. Preston; this has developed into a political question—6923. Mr. Preston has filled many positions in Ontario with credit to himself and the province; he has made a record in England that any man might well be proud of—6924. Since Mr. Preston has been in England the immigrants are costing a great deal less than they ever cost us before; the influx of immigration to-day is to the credit of Mr. Preston—6925. It would be highly improper for the government, without investigation and without looking into the facts of the case, to adopt the motion of the member for Jacques Cartier—6926.

Guthrie, H. (South Wellington)—6904.

In regard to certain matters the conduct or actions of Mr. Preston as Commissioner of Immigration for this country do not commend themselves to me. The very least we can do is to allow the matter to stand until the minister has had an opportunity of fairly investigating and sifting it—6905. My understanding is that Mr. Preston, in his examination, was shown copies of these letters, but did not admit his signature—6907.

Hughes, S. (Victoria)—6918.

Would the hon. gentleman (Mr. Johnston) quote the orders of the government issued to Mr. Preston?—6918. Rises to a point of order: request hon. gentleman (Mr. Johnston) to lay circular quoted from on the table—6920.

I challenge the hon. gentleman (Mr. Campbell) to name any position in Ontario that Mr. Preston filled with credit; the immigration into Canada from continental Europe last year was not much in excess of what it was a year or two previous—6926. Did the government or did the government not give instructions that skilled labour was not to be brought to this country, and did Preston act contrary to his instructions?—6927.

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Johnston, A. (Cape Breton)—6901.

Is there anything in the correspondence indicating the source from which Mr. Leopold received his information with regard to the conditions of labour in this country?—6901.

Would impress on the minister (Mr. Oliver) the advisability of looking into this queston at the earliest moment, and satisfy himself as to whether or not the conduct of Mr. Preston merits dismissal or continuance in service—6914. If this motion means anything it means that these labouring men were not required in this country, and that the information which the Manufacturers' Association sent out was anything but correct—6915. It is not well that parliament or the government should attach too much importance to any representations hereafter to be made by this association—6916. Quotes from circular sent out by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association—6917. Quotes letter from Mr. Smart, Deputy Minister of Interior, to Mr. R. J. Young, secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association—6918. Quotes circular on file in regard to the government's position regarding the immigration of skilled labour—6919. Urges upon minister the carrying out of the pledges he has given the House—6920.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—6895.

The gravamen of the charge against Mr. Preston in 1899 was his record—6895. A gentleman occupying the position of Commissioner of Canadian Immigration in Great Britain should enjoy the entire confidence of the people of Canada and of the people among whom he is working. The labour organizations object to the continuance of Mr. Preston in his official capacity, and they give reasons for their objection; quotes resolution passed by Plumbers' Union in Toronto, June 8th, 1906—6896. Quotes resolutions of various labour unions of Toronto—6897. Reads telegram sent by Mr. Preston to Donald McNish on Jan. 12, 1899; quotes dictum of Justice Rose on the by-election in South Ontario in 1898—6898. Quotes letter written by Mr. Preston to H. H. Cook; this government never should have appointed Mr. Preston to the position he occupies—6899. Quotes literature circulated throughout Great Britain by so-called 'Canadian Labour Bureau'—6900. Quotes letter by Mr. Preston to Mr. A. Brattin in reference to Leopold, dated April 8, 1904; quotes memo. of the De-

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puty Minister of Interior, Mr. Smart, dated March 7, 1904—6901. Give figures from Auditor General's Report showing results of Leopold's work; quotes letter written by Mr. Charles Bennett, dated Christiania, Feb. 20, 1905—6902. Quotes Mr. Jury's letter to Mr. Preston, dated Feb. 26, 1905; reads item 43 of the Public Bills and Orders for to-day—6903. If the government is determined to retain Mr. Preston, there is no use in the majority in parliament passing this legislation, because it will remain a dead letter—6904. The Prime Minister has given me the assurance that provision will be made for the passing of that resolution this session —6920.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—6868.

Moves amendment—6868. A change which has become urgent in connection with our system of immigration in Europe, is the removal of Mr. Preston from the office he now occupies as commissioner or inspector of immigration—6869. The evidence adduced before both commissions discloses clearly that Preston violated his duty in helping to establish and foster the Canadian Labour Bureau; quotes evidence—6870. Reads letter of Mr. Preston to Mr. Ennis, dated February 7, 1903—6871-2-3. Mr. Preston admits in his letter that he desires that the labour bureau should be established—6873. Reads session of Dominion Trades and Labour Congress of 1903; reads telegram to and reply from Sir Wilfrid Laurier—6874. Reads circular issued by Mr. Preston on January 4, 1904—6875. Who were the parties interested in the labour bureau?—6876. Preston admits that he took an active part in sending miners out to Fernie, in British Columbia where a miners' strike was in progress; quotes evidence—6877. Quotes page 237 of the printed evidence before the Public Accounts Committee—6878. Mr. Preston, commissioner of immigration, failed in his duty, when he promised secrecy to the foreigners or strangers, whom he alleges are concealed behind the North Atlantic Trading Company—6879. If the contention of the company known as the North Atlantic Trading Company is well founded, it will remain in existence for four years yet—6880. Under the old system we could trace absolutely to certain booking agents the immigrants that were sent to Canada, but under the contract concluded by Preston on the continent no means were taken to enable the government to discover whether or not the company carried out its part of the contract—6881. How could Mr. Preston possibly verify that the North Atlantic Trading Company was expending in Europe the $15,000 a year which it was obliged to expend on an immigration propaganda?—6882. There is no legal, satisfactory proof before us that the company executed its contract so far as the expenditure of money is concerned—6883-4. When the contract was made, it was with a company which gave its seal and name and placed the names of its officials on

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the contract—6885. The demand which has been made throughout Canada that the inspection of immigration should be confided to other hands is well founded—6886. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) has no right to speak of those letters as stolen when it was clearly shown that they were not stolen—6889. In the motion I have not asked for his dismissal; I have asked for his removal—6891.

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To demand of the government that this particular individual shall be dismissed, upon the evidence that has been brought forward is an eminently unbusinesslike and unfair proposition—6887. The statements made by my hon. friend to-night tend to substantiate the allegations that Mr. Preston had made—6888. So far as the evidence goes there is nothing shown to have occurred in the connection between Leopold and Preston that was an attack upon organized labour or in any way inimical to its interests. Is a case which has to be bolstered up by stolen letters a good case?—6889. It is only fair that, before the government takes action, it be decided whether Mr. Preston shall be dismissed or promoted—6891. My hon. friend (Mr. Monk) wants Mr. Preston dismissed because of his relation with the North Atlantic Trading Company; our hon. friends were unable to substantiate in the slightest degree the allegations that were made in connection with the North Atlantic Trading Company — 6892. The government take the position that we are spending this immigration money for the purpose of bringing out agricultural labourers and domestic servants; quotes letter to Jas. A. Smart from Canadian Manufacturers' Association—6893. Quotes letter of Mr. Smart in reply dated April 14, 1903—6894. It is not a businesslike proposition to demand that an officer of the government shall be dismissed without the government having had a fair opportunity to consider and discuss the case for and against him—6895.

Ross, D. (Yale-Cariboo)—6890.

Did not Mr. Jury also state that Mr. Ennis had refused to give him letters?—6890.

Speaker, Mr.—6920.

Where a minister of the Crown refers to a public document, he must lay it on the table; but I do not think the rule goes any further—6920.

Verville, A. (Maisonneuve)—6913.

I am strongly in favour of the dismissal of Mr. Preston, but I am not going to vote on this motion for that very reason—6913.

SUPPLY—PRINCE ARTHUR'S VISIT.

To provide for expenses in connection with approaching visit, $15,000—314.

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Henderson, David (Halton)—314.

Thinks that route should deviate from that laid down by under Secretary of State so that members may have opportunity of meeting His Royal Highness—314. Attributes mistake to newspapers—315.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—314.

Have invited Prince Arthur of Connaught to visit Canada on his way back to England from Japan. Are providing sum of $15,000 for his reception; Prince is expected to visit Ottawa, Saturday before Easter—314.

SUPPLY—PUBLIC WORKS, UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE.

On motion to go into Supply—Sir Wilfrid Laurier—Mr. Blain moves in amendment that all the words after 'that' to the end of the motion be struck out, and words substituted condemning the expenditure of public money for purposes not contemplated or authorized by parliament—3428. Amendment negatived: Yeas, 48; Nays, 100—3500. House went into Committee of Supply. Progress reported—3501.

Blain, R. (Peel)—3429.

Quotes former member for North Middlesex from 'Hansard' session of 1902, regarding expenditure on Harbour of St. Joseph on Lake Huron; quotes 'Brussels Post'—3429. Quotes Mr. Tarte, former Minister of Public Works; quotes Mr. McEwen, former member for South Huron on page 3383 of 'Hansard' of 1903—3430. Quotes amounts spent on St. Joseph harbour since work commenced; net revenue to country from this so-called thriving town was $16.14 last year—3431. Quotes Mr. Pope, former member for Compton in reference to the $36,000 pier at Grande Vallée—3432. Quotes expenditures on Grande Vallée pier from 1900 to June 30, 1905; postal revenue at village of Grande Vallée was $180.11; quotes famous circular of Sir William Mulock's—3433. Compares one year of Conservative handling of expenditure on consolidated account and general expenditure on public works with one year of Liberal handling; since 1895 the expenditure on public works alone has increased $6,992,895—3435. It is the duty of the minister, whether the opposition requests him or not, to give to this House and Committee a sufficient reason why money should be voted. This estimate for $5,000 describes work as a wharf at Disraeli, but in reality it is a municipal bridge; describes conditions in immediate locality of proposed wharf—3436-7. Quotes some expenditures for stone for Disraeli wharf—3437. Although there was a general scale in village of Disraeli the government decided to purchase a large scale of its own at a total permanent investment of $247.57; quotes questions asked *re* completion of wharf

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on April 30 last—3438. Quotes letter from E. W. Tobin to Hon. James Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, dated October 27, 1903; quotes resolution of council of Disraeli, held on October 26, 1903; quotes letter of chief engineer, Eugène D. Lafleur dated March 10, 1904—3439. Quotes engineer's report; quotes letter of a leading citizen of the town of Disraeli—3440. No steamboat or produce carrying boat of any kind is or has been employed or used to take produce or commerce of any kind to or from Disraeli, nor is there water at this point to admit of it being done; reads sworn statement of R. N. Arkley, a pioneer resident of Disraeli—3441. Quotes hon. member for Dorchester (Mr. Morin) on July 14, 1905 at p. 9593 of 'Hansard'—3442. Quotes 'Hansard' for answers of Mr. Hyman *re* item. Did resident engineer of city of Montreal, who made report to hon. minister, go to Disraeli before he made the report?—3443. So-called wharf is being used for part of a bridge; quotes contract let for construction of bridge by municipality of Disraeli—3444-5-6. Compares expenditure on work constructed by Minister of Public Works and on that constructed by municipal corporation; policy of corporation of village of Disraeli is the policy of opposition in House, namely, to let all public works by tender; quotes report of Minister of Public Works for 1905, at page 131—3446. This money is applied for a purpose for which government should not expend a dollar of money; it is a municipal bridge pure and simple, partly built by government and partly by the municipal corporation—3447. Quotes Scripture to Minister of Public Works (Mr. Hyman)—3448. If the municipal bridge is removed how will people get from one side of the town to the other?—3477. At what time of the year were these soundings taken? 3487. Would minister say that these steamers go to Disraeli?—3490. Why did municipal council appoint a representative to take care of the municipality's interest while this work was going on?—3492. Why is railing put on if it is for a wharf?—3493.

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What are the annual receipts from wharf at Grande Vallée?—3459. Does minister (Mr. Hyman) deny, in view of what he has heard to-night, that the intention was to use structure as a bridge?—3478. Plan is one of co-operation by means of which the government shall bear one-half of cost of what is obviously intended to be, not a wharf, but a municipal bridge. Hon. member for Richmond and Wolfe (Mr. Tobin) made no defence and did not attempt to make any defence of expenditure. Why does minister (Mr. Hyman) endeavour to lead House astray by referring to logs coming down the river which do not come near wharf at all—3479. Statement made by the two

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hon. gentlemen who visited locality and placed facts before House is supported by the sworn statement of at least one individual who has known the town for the last twenty-five or thirty years; on no occasion was a steamer ever known to visit place; minister justifies wharf because there is a hole at end ot supposed wharf, where water is thirteen feet deep—3480. Quotes report of Minister of Public Works for 1905. Hon. member for Richmond and Wolfe (Mr. Tobin) says, in effect if not in words, that he understands wharf to be a bridge, and he intends to see to it that county shall have its fair share of public money—3481. Does not know any reason why government should undertake construction of municipal bridges. When money has been voted by parliament for construction of a wharf, to use that money for the construction of a municipal bridge is a scandalous misappropriation of public money—3482. Minister (Mr. Hyman) has made himself not only politically responsible, but morally responsible as well. Illustrations made by hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) were of a fair, clear and true character—3483. Expenditure is absolutely unjustifiable from every standpoint—3484.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—3484.

Hon. leader of opposition has reiterated over and over again conclusions which are supposed to be drawn from facts in case, but which are in no sense justified by facts. Policy endorsed by Alexander Mackenzie and now endorsed by leader of opposition was not endorsed by the people—3484. If our people in the rural parts of Canada do not obtain the necessary facilities to carry on their business, the need of great national highways would disappear; has no hesitation in saying that a wise expenditure of Dominion funds in the development of local works can be fully justified—3485. So long as these gentlemen are the leaders of the Conservative party there is likely to be no termination of Liberal rule. Did hon. member for Peel (Mr. Blain) see a mud flat at the end of the wharf, or at that part of it which passes to the other side of the lake?—3486. Hon. friend from Dorchester (Mr. Morin) must have hayed over it before dam was built at end of the lake, and before water was raised; quotes engineer's soundings; soundings were calculated on mean low level of lake—3487. Hon. friend from Peel (Mr. Blain) quoted engineer's own report which contained internal and indisputable evidence that the engineer had been there before he made report—3438. There is an evident intention on the part of hon. gentlemen opposite not to allow the other side of the case to be heard—3489. Quotes report of engineer dated February 27, 1904—3490. Quotes engineer's report as to navigation capabilities. Has hon. friend

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(Mr. Blain) any objection to people of D'Israeli building a bridge?—3491. Does not think it extraordinary that when a public wharf is being built a municipal council should see to its being built in such a way as to serve the needs of the municipality—3492. Very contract to which hon. friend (Mr. Blain) refers calls structure a wharf, it does not call it a bridge—3493. Leader of opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) was very unfair to Minister of Public Works when he intimated that there must be blame; wharf was asked for by the municipality in the interest of the people living around that lake—3494. Has any one else dared to make that statement besides the late hon. member for Compton (Mr. Pope)? It is a slander of the meanest description against Mr. Lovell to suggest that he required anything to induce him to be a standard bearer in the county of Stanstead in Liberal cause—3495. Hon. gentlemen opposite have tried to impute blame and find fault where there is none to find; it was only when wharf was approaching completion that municipality took advantage of its existence to build a bridge—3496.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—3489.

Are there any steamers on the lake other than this little tug?—3489.

Hyman, Hon. C. S. (Minister of Public Works)—3443.

Referred to chief engineer and not resident engineer when remark quoted by hon. gentleman (Mr. Blain) was made—3443. There is not a single member in House who will take the ground that the money which the people of Canada can afford to spend, should be spent solely upon what may be termed national works. Government has forestalled many recommendations of the Transportation Commission's report and already proceeded to work—3468. Outlines advance work performed by Public Works Department—3469. It would require at least one hundred million dollars to carry out all recommendations made in the report of the Commission from the first page to the last. In the port of Quebec a deep water wharf, which the Commission has recommended, has been under construction by Public Works Department for some time—3470. There is no change of policy in regard to expenditures for breakwaters and wharfs to serve fishermen—3471. Quotes amendment moved by hon. member for Peel (Mr. Blain); matter of St. Joseph wharf was discussed in 1902 and almost every year since; quotes engineer's report in regard to wharf at D'Israeli—3472. Report of engineer says soundings were made at Lake Aylmer, where, according to member for Peel (Mr Blain), it is 720 feet wide—3473. Quotes report of engineer as to benefit of wharf at D'Israeli; report was made by Mr. Michaud—3474. Hon. member for South Simcoe (Mr. Lennox) knows perfectly well that construction of govern-

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ment work and the construction of work performed by corporation under contract is not of same character. So far as public Works Department is concerned, there has never been a single word either spoken or written to department, which would in any possible way lead minister to believe there was any intention to use this as a bridge—3475. There has been no application of any character from the corporation or from any person representing the corporation; report of engineers shows thirteen feet of water at end of wharf; Auditor General's Report shows the expenditure, but the expenditure went into work. If the bridge is condemned, and if there is 13 feet at end of wharf and six feet of channel, if there are 5,000 people to be served by wharf, if lake is 16 miles long and 3½ wide, and if there is 25,000,000 feet of lumber upon that water, then the expenditure of $7,000 is not an improper one; quotes amendment; government cannot, under the conditions, accept amendment—3477.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—3473.

Will minister say that engineer's soundings were made at Lake Aylmer?

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Solicitor General) —3458.

Reads amendment moved by hon. friend from Peel (Mr. Blain). Member for Richmond and Wolfe does not require the building of a small bridge in his county to obtain for him the votes of the electors—3458. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Lovell) does not require the construction of a wharf at Gaspé to induce him to run in county of Stanstead. Work at Grande Vallée was under the supervision, as resident engineer of Mr. Breen, an official who was appointed by the Conservative government—3459. A wharf or breakwater may be of great public utility while the receipts from it may be very small; describes geographical position of county of Gaspé. There is no revenue from the erection of lighthouses, but they are in the interests of safe navigation and are necessary—3460. Decided after consultation with pilots, captains and commanders in the St. Lawrence below Quebec that I should obtain from the government the construction of a safe and proper shelter for fisherman in lower part of St. Lawrence; since wharf was built in 1896, we now have a village of 600 people —3461. Grande Vallée wharf cost $47,000 and is worth it—3462.

Lennox, Haughton (South Simcoe)—3453.

Not one day or one hour of parliament has been lost by either the member for Peel (Mr. Blain) since the day parliament opened on March 8; no man except the man that has a hand open for bribes is ever offered a bribe—3453. Mr. Champoux said that he tendered to supply timber required for wharf and his offer was just $2 per thousand less than was

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paid for construction of wharf. Neither my hon. friend from Peel (Mr. Blain) nor any member of opposition has said one word against the expenditure of public money in rural districts—3454. Describes situation of wharf; work is not a wharf but a bridge—3455. Quotes contract; explains reasons for a new bridge; government are on 'down grade'—3456. Will hon. friend (Mr. Tobin) rise in his place and say that a steam vessel ever came into village of D'Israeli? Can dishonesty carry gentlemen any further than to expend public money in way this has been expended?—3457. No vessel ever went into D'Israeli and people there say it cannot be done. Expenditure was done with a corrupt motive by hon. member for Richmond and Wolfe—3458. From the bottom of the railway bridge to the top of the water there is about 18 inches gauging by the eye—3477. The engineer stated that there were boats plying to D'Israeli; evidence shows no boat ever came to D'Israeli—3488. Rises to point of order; point of order is that minister (Mr. Fisher) has stated that hon. member for Peel and myself have stated what is not true—3489.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—3462.

Motion of hon. friend from Peel (Mr. Blain) is not only timely, but absolutely well founded—3462. Wharf at Grande Vallée is most inconveniently situated, and was built to serve private purposes and not the public; where wharfs and shelters are required is higher up the St. Lawrence. Hon. friend from Richmond and Wolfe (Mr. Tobin) has made no defence whatever of the most injudicious and unwarranted expenditure at D'Israeli; wharf at D'Israeli was never built with any other intention than to subserve private interests—3463-4. One-half of the expenditure for public buildings for fiscal year is to be incurred in localities where public buildings are not required. Government has not undertaken one-third of the improvements mentioned in report of Royal Commission on Transportation as urgent—3465. What has been done towards carrying out these improvements so necessary for commerce of the west, so intensely necessary for the province of Quebec? What steps has government taken towards making Montreal a free port?—3466. There is no playing of detective in a member of parliament visiting any part of this country endeavouring to find out what should be done is done. Ten times more profitable to us will be the carrying out of the suggestions of that commission than putting up public buildings in some corner of a constituency to please a contractor—3467. There is no respectability or patriotism in building wharfs where there is no water—3468. Is the recommendation of the commission to place immediately certain lights at the entrance of the port of Montreal in order to protect navigation as urgent as the construction of the wharf at D'Israeli?—3469. Is the improvement mentioned in

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Bill of Marine and Fisheries recommended by commission?—3471.

Morin, J. B. (Dorchester)—3473.

The wharf at D'Israeli is a mile from Lake Aylmer. It is in a meadow where a cousin of my own had a farm, and he mowed two tons of hay to the acre—3473. Auditor General's Report shows that money was paid—3476.

The member for Richmond and Wolfe (Mr. Tobin) deceived the government with his demands for expenditure at D'Israeli, and the government were very willing to be deceived—3497. The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Hyman) denies what I said about $5,000 for D'Israeli. The Auditor General's Report shows a payment of $4,990.62. I did not count the money, but report says they got it—3498. Describes conditions as they exist at D'Israeli—3499.

Talbot, O. E. (Bellechasse)—3441.

Would hon. gentleman (Mr. Blain) be kind enough to give us the date of letter and name of gentleman who wrote it?—3441.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—3874.

That plan was not worked to. There is a pier built by government which is not shown on that plan—3474.

Tobin, E. W. (Richmond and Wolfe)—3443.

Hon. gentleman (Mr. Blain) was misinformed, because I was at D'Israeli with engineer myself on three different occasions—3443.

Pleased to see the hon. members for Peel (Mr. Blain) and Simcoe (Mr. Lennox) trying to play the detective in county of Wolfe; a majority of council of D'Israeli are Tories—3448. Mr. Champoux wished to get the contract for supplying lumber to build wharf at D'Israeli and did'nt; Mr. Michaud, the engineer, made all the necessary examinations required for public works—3449. I did not need to spend any money to get votes in Richmond and Wolfe, and there was not much danger of my wanting to pair off with member for Compton. In the next election I shall probably have more wharfs to build in Richmond and Wolfe, and if necessary to have Mr. Champoux support me, I shall probably get him a contract for timber—3450. Is Conservative party to be conducted by son of hon. friend from Dorchester (Mr. Morin). Lake Aylmer is about 16 miles long with an average width of 3½ miles, and has a depth running from 25 to 100 feet. How can you expect to have boats on the lake when there are no wharfs?—3451. Does not see why this government or this House should not grant a few thousand dollars for improvments in rural districts when they are needed—3452. Was never asked to get money from government to build bridge at D'Israeli—3455.

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On motion, by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that House go into Committee of Supply, Mr. W. J. Roche brings up question of railway land grants and moves resolution—890. Mr. Greenway moves adjournment of debate—932.

Ames, H. B. (St. Antoine, Montreal)—922.

Conservative government acted wisely and well in regard to Canadian Pacific Railway; contends that if there be but one and three-quarter millions of acres of land to select, it is unfair to hold back from actual settler an area containing upwards of thirteen millions of acres—922. Until selection is made companies escape municipal taxation and are able to get benefit of building new railways and acquiring land contiguous to town lots which have high value—923. Quotes pamphlet of Saskatchewan Valley and Manitoba Land Company—924. If ever there was an agreement made whereby a company without investing capital, and without assuming any risk could become wealthy, this is that arrangement—925. Is not the government going to provide in some way that those 11,000,000 acres shall be released and open to settlement?—926. Sometimes thinks Minister of Interior finds himself much in position of Alexander Mackenzie years ago, when he likened himself to a sentinel, lying on his arms night and day keeping guard over the public treasury—927. Opposition insists that when government considers legislation with reference to odd sections to be released, the government should bring in legislation that will enable land to reach directly the settler himself—928.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—906.

Thought that Department of Immigration brought settlers in—906. Is not able to distinguish between settlers brought in by means of $600,000 or $700,000 paid for immigration and those brought in by Saskatchewan Land Valley Company. About how many homesteads does hon. gentleman (Mr. Turriff) think are remaining at present?—907. How does Saskatchewan Valley Land Company and subsidiary companies sell land at $8 to $12 an acre?—908. Did minister see statement? Was he speaking of odd or even sections? Does minister assert that Mr. Haultain stated that he proposed to sell land now reserved for homesteads?—917.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—906.

When were these lands got?—906.

Knowles, W. E. (West Assiniboia)—928.

Prior to sale of land to Saskatchewan Valley Land Company the ground that was eventually given was such that no man desired to live on it—929. No radical change in immigration policy is requested in the West—930. Liberal government has never given one acre of land to a railway company but has built railways with speed and economy and

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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 pamphlet—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.

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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.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1018.

Were not the conditions perfectly satisfied if residents were settled on these lands?—1018.

A motion is directed against the exploitation of lands by the speculator, and these gentlemen, who have always been opposed to the ways of the speculator, find themselves insulted by the words of the resolution—1059. Quotes opinion of Mr. Laurier in 1895—1060. There was no insult to Messrs. Adamson and Turriff; there was a plain statement of fact—1061. The Liberals made a number of promises which they have not attempted to fulfil. The railway policy of the Mackenzie government criticised—1062. The present government made no effort to value the lands which were given over to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—1063. The assaults that have been hurled against the Premier's friends would justify an inquiry—1064. The year 1901 was the beginning of the boom in Northwest lands, and these lands should not have been given away behind the backs of the people of this country—1065. Asks Hon. Mr. Oliver to produce proof of statement that Mr. Haultain had declared himself in favour of granting no more homesteads, and of selling all lands if they should be passed over to the provincial government—1066. Quotes statement of Hon. Mr. Oliver and utterance of Mr. Haultain—1067. The agreement between the government and the railway company contains no clause and no provision which brings about any such result as that which is claimed by the Minister of the Interior—1068.

Does he use the word 'speculators'?—1071. The sections which the hon. minister (Mr. Oliver) has read do not bear out in the least what he bases upon them. It means that after the lands are selected the government shall not issue a patent for that one-third. The veriest tyro in construction of documents could not make such a mistake as that into which the minister has fallen—1074. Any person who has a right or privilege under the law of this country, has the option of waiving it—1075.

Bourassa, Henri (Labelle)—1075.

The House is unanimously of the opinion that the public lands should be sold to the people directly by the government, without the interference of the speculator—1075. Thinks that the actual transaction which took place according to the facts we have before us, will justify me in voting in favour of this motion—1076

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1027.

Thinks he discerns a sneer in the remarks of gentlemen opposite who have spoken at the sincerity of hon. gentlemen on this side of the House—1027. The Minister of the Interior has given a Liberal catch-cry, 'The land for the Settler,' as against what he called the motto of the Conservatives, 'The land for the speculator'—1028. The basis of the Canadian Pacific Railway Act—1029. Saskatchewan Valley Land Company got their land for $1 an

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acre and sold it for $7—1030. The government supporters claimed that prior to 1902 the land was practically valueless, yet in 1903-4 it had become a veritable paradise. How it was brought about—1231. It was not the government that sold to the settler at $1 an acre; it was the speculator who received the land at a dollar an acre, and who sold it to another speculator who made the settler pay $7, $8, $9 and $10 an acre for it—1032. The dark days ceased in Manitoba when the government of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Greenway) went out of power—1033. If the Liberals had retired from power in the Dominion five years ago, and the Conservatives had come in, would there have been less progress in the west?—1034. Why has the area of territory of the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company been extended, and to what extent?—1035. Policy of the late Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton) three years ago quoted—1036. Why has that promise not been implemented?—1037. Refers to Messrs. Turriff and Adamson in connection with the Saskatchewan Land Valley Company deal—1038. Asks Minister of Interior to what company the land was sold. Would like to know if Mr. Turriff had not profited by the sale of 250,000 acres—1039. Also if the member from Humboldt (Mr. Adamson) had not profited largely by this original sale of 250,000 acres of land by the government by private contract—1040. What Mr. James Smart, former Deputy Minister of the Interior, stated to the Immigration Committee—1041. The difference between the $250,000 paid to the government and the $2,000,000 received by the speculator—$1,750,000—came out of the settler—1042. The old colonization companies, formed twenty years ago, failed and the lands came back to the Crown, but the present deal was made in 1902, and the syndicate caught the government sound asleep—1043. The arrangement made between the government and the company—1044. The first syndicate unloaded without passing a dollar to the company—1045. What Mr. Sifton said in the House. Who was the man who unlawfully patented 150,000 acres, and why was he not punished?—1046. The keeping of the matter open is a menace to the government. What was done in the case of the Grand Trunk Pacific—1047. The pressure then brought to bear upon the government. No minister should have the right to sell the territory of this country without the sanction of parliament—1048. The half-breed scrip deal. What provision is the government making for the settler of the future?—1049. The first thing that ought to be done is to clean out these arrearages of selections, and get that 40,000,000 or 50,000,000 acres within the power of parliament—1050. The time has come when we ought to be most discriminating as to those whom we bring to this country as settlers—1031.

Greenway, Thos. (Lisgar)—1015.

Hopes that the government in the near future will see their way clear to enlarge

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Manitoba—1015. 115,863,361 bushels of grain produced in Manitoba by 42,320 farmers. The land for the settler a most important feature in that province—1016. Out of twenty-six companies formed to handle lands in the western country, the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company was the only one that ever carried out what it undertook to do. Osler, Hammond and Nanton's representative had reported the land not fit for settlement—1017. If the government made a bargain with the company the result of which was to bring the people into the country, are not the government entitled to credit for it?—1018. The arrangement that was made with the government by the company, and the honest manner in which it was carried out—1019. The cases of Messrs Detchen and Mellike cited. Homestead entries under Conservative and Liberal rule contrasted—1020. The action taken by the Manitoba government in 1899 in regard to land settlement—1021. The policy that was followed by the present provincial government in Manitoba—1022. The land in the west is intrinsically worth more money than it is valued for to-day, because of the amount that can be produced from it. How the Conservative party retarded the growth of the west—1023. The colonization policy of Liberals and Conservatives contrasted. Predicts that by the year 1916 there will be as many people west of the Great Lakes in Canada as there will be east of them—1024. In 1881 there was a Canadian Pacific Railway contract, which contained a monopoly clause, and as fast as other lines were chartered the charters were sent down to Ottawa and disallowed—1025. The Hudson Bay Railway could now be built and equipped for one-half the proceeds of the original land grants, now lapsed. The policy of this government now is to sell no land except the school lands which are sold at public auction—1026. The Governor General spoke of Canada as a nation, but how would you build the nation if you had not the West?—1027.

Haggart, Hon. J. G. (South Lanark)—1071.

Is there anything about homesteads there?—1071.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—1072.

Would the hon. gentleman allow me to read the statement which he read in the House of the occasion—1072.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1051.

Criticises the scope of Mr. Foster's speech—1051. Reads the motion of Mr. W. J. Roche. The resolution was coupled with an insinuation against the honour and integrity of the government, and could not be adopted—1052. Policy indicated in resolution is an absolute denial of the policy which its mover has been supporting for the past twenty years—1053. The policy advocated is one which the government has been endeavouring to

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carry out for the past ten years—1054. The sole object of the resolution was to give the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) an opportunity to speak on the Saskatchewan Land Valley Company—1055. The price of lands have appreciated, but these lands referred to were not worth more than $1 an acre in 1902—1056. The conditions that existed in the 'arid belt'—1057. Should never have heard of this transaction if the conditions of 1906 were what the conditions of 1902 had been—1058. Mr. Lake said that if the people of the West did not get the Hudson's Bay Railway, it would be due to the prejudice of the people of Eastern Canada; in saying so he misjudges the people of Montreal and the valley of the St. Lawrence—1059.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—1072.

The speculator is not mentioned at all; but the settler is—1072.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1069.

The land subsidies to the Qu'Appelle Railway and the Canadian Northern were connected with an agreement called a transport contract, under which the selection of one-third of the total subsidies could not be compelled by the government or required by the company until the period of twenty years had expired. Quotes section 6—1069. Also quotes section 8. Of the vast land grants to railways in the Northwest, all have been closed out, so far as the government could compel that to be done—1070. On the question of Mr. Haultain's statements quotes report of meeting at Arcola from the Arcola 'Star' of November 28; also quotes report of meeting at Wayburn, from the Winnipeg 'Telegram'—1071. Quotes Winnipeg 'Telegram's' report of Arcola meeting. Quotes from Conservative campaign literature issued during the election in Alberta—1072. Quotes from Mr. Haultain's campaign literature in Saskatchewan. Refers to statement on the land question by a follower of Mr. Haultain's, Mr. W. D. Dunlop, who lost his deposit—1073. Hon. Mr. Foster last year was in favour of setting apart certain millions of land for the purpose of selling them—1074. There is no word in that section about selecting land—1074. Was the privilege the hon. gentleman speaks of the privilege of the company or the privilege of the government?—1074.

Turriff, John G. (East Assiniboia)—1039.

The land was not sold to any company; it was sold to some individuals who later on formed the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company—1039.

SUPPLY—RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

On motion that House go into Supply, Mr. Lennox again inquires for documents with reference to free rural mail delivery—712.

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Aylesworth, Hon. A. B. (North York)—713.

The papers are in course of preparation. Should think they will be down in a few days—713.

Lennox, Haughton, (South Simcoe)—713.

The hon. gentleman (Hon. Mr. Aylesworth) has not given me any information as to when we may expect that return. Has the hon. minister ascertained the cause of the delay?—713.

SUPPLY—SHIPPING INTERESTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that House go into Committee of Supply, Mr. Macpherson introduces subject of shipping interests of British Columbia—1469.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1474.

What distance is the scene of this disaster from Vancouver?—1474. Has the report of this commission of investigation been published in the press?—1477. Is steamer 'Salvor' owned by government or by private owner? What life saving appliances are on board?—1488. Accident which hon. member for Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson) referred to was beyond question deplorable. Report of investigating commission was published in Victoria 'Daily Times' three weeks ago; does not understand statement of Mnister of Marine and Fisheries that report only reached department two days ago—1492. Would not be out of place for hon. gentleman (Mr. Macpherson), when he proposed to discuss a matter of this kind, to have the courtesy to communicate to House his intention of doing so—1493. Understood hon. friend (Mr. Macpherson) to say that present chart was made in 1859, and that there was necessity for more perfect service and better charts—1494. Never heard language condemning government more violently from opposition than that pronounced by hon. member for Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson). Is Minister of Marine and Fisheries satisfied to have conduct of officials for whom he is responsible in this House characterized as 'murderers'?—1495. Quotes report of 'Valencia' investigating commission—1496-7-8-9. Does minister excuse himself in respect to disaster by saying that although they found it necessary to save property they found it unnecessary to save life? Quotes speech of hon. member for Nanaimo (Mr. R. Smith) at A. O. U. W. hall—1500-1. Could minister inform House when 'Pass of Melfort' was lost? Quotes report of 'Valencia' investigating commission—1502-3 Urges minister to immediate action—1503. If 'Salvor' had been equipped with proper boat which could go through surf, as she should have been, that boat would have been able to reach wreck, because a raft had come from wreck—1510.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1485.

Cannot find any fault with manner in which this important question has been brought up in this House—1485. Only a few days after disaster to 'Valencia' when called to office. Investigating commissioners were Mr. Gaudin, Capt. Cox and Capt. Newcombe; conclusion of investigation throws all blame on captain of ship—1486. Government intend building a survey boat in order to make their own charts—1487. Since 1891 great improvements in aids to navigation have been made—1488. Quotes Col. Anderson's report of 27th of February, 1906—1489. Intends establishing wireless telegraph stations at different points along coast—1490. Is taking immediate steps to provide for British Columbia representation on lighthouse board; is adopting a system for regulation of lighthouse salaries similar to Civil Service requirements—1491. Shall probably visit British Columbia next season in order to become more intimate with country, and will render justice to all legitimate requests—1492.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1476.

Does hon. friend (Mr. R. Smith) say he has had a copy of report of commission?—1476. Who were commissioners?—1486.

Kennedy, J. B. (New Westminster)—1509.

Would like to add testimony to that of hon. colleague from Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson) as to necessity and importance for better protection and lighting of Straits of Fuca; American side not any better than Canadian, but improvements are always in order—1509. Real reason for many wrecks is the inordinate greed for making money which characterizes so many shipping companies—1510. People in trying to find scapegoats for disasters, very often do not blame those deserving of censure—1511.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver city)—1469.

Desires to bring attention of House to question of further aid to navigation in province of British Columbia—1469. Although very few years have elapsed since shipping of British Columbia was small matter to-day the shipping of that province is of considerable extent—1470. A government chart nearly fifty years old is best chart of coast waters of British Columbia now in existence—1471. Only mentions four disasters, but believes that on files of Department of Marine and Fisheries can be found a list of shipwrecks that would appal people who live on Atlantic coast—1471. Lighthouses which mariners have to guide them are considered, even by those who are familiar with coast, as not being sufficiently distinctive, and in view of that fact some improvements should be made—1472. Unless some radical action is taken by government regarding dangers which exist on west coast of Vancouver Island, it is only condoning murder—1473. Would suggest that automatic whistling buoys and accetylene gas buoys be placed immediately outside danger zone; absolute ne-

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cessity for a good life-saving boat manned by a life-saving crew somewhere on Pachena bay or Barclay sound—1474. Denounces action of inspector of hulls *re* 'Clallam' disaster—1475. Claims that Cape Beale light could easily be mistaken for Tatoosh light on account of red sector in both lights—1488.

Sloan, Wm. (Comox-Altin)—1483.

Intends touching on one or two points that have not been dealt with by previous speakers; British Columbia has an enormous coast area of some 7,000 miles, of which district Comox-Atlin forms a very large portion—1483. Question of hydrographic surveys of waters of British Columbia has been neglected by present and preceding governments; utmost necessity for undertaking this work immediately. Claims of British Columbia have been overlooked to certain extent in respect to Lighthouse Board of Canada—1484. Quotes duties of Lighthouse Board as laid down in order in council of February 20, 1904; maintains that British Columbia should have voice in deliberations of board; pleads for greater salaries to lighthouse keepers—1485.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo).

Matter brought before House by hon. member from Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson) is of tremendous importance—1475. The supervision of the marine authorities over the operation of marine business is greater than that over any other business, and is of more importance. A royal commission investigated disaster to 'Valencia' and has just recently made a report—1476. Accident to 'Clallam' was due entirely to bad construction of vessel—1477. Quotes report of Mr. Lugrin, official appointed by government to investigate 'Clallam' disaster—1478-9. It is part of duty of this government to ascertain whether or not British subjects sailing on vessels, even though vessels be American, enjoy absolute protection against accident—1480. Quotes order in council passed in 1905 *re* 'Clallam'—1481. Would recommend establishment and operation of a wireless telegraph service; would recommend improvement of light on point on Cape Beale—1482. Case in favour of compulsory pilotage seems very strong. Hopes hon. minister will effect necessary improvements this very season and not run risk of further disasters next winter—1483. Minister will find marine authorities in British Columbia are particularly strong in recommending strengthening of light and establishment of fog horn at Cape Beale—1489. Does government intend to own and operate wireless service on Pacific coast—1490.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—1503.

Hon. members for Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson), Nanaimo (Mr. Smith), and Comox (Mr. Sloan) have advanced many and

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cogent reasons in favour of improving aids to navigation on Pacific Coast—1503. Sorry to see leader of Conservative party attempting to build up a political platform on calamities and misfortunes—1504. Quotes report of 'Valencia' investigation—1505-6. Calls attention of House expressly to opinion of nautical men that it would have been absolutely impossible to rescue people from direction of sea. Attempt of hon. friend (Mr. R. L. Borden) to fasten on government responsibility for loss of life will be absolutely unsuccessful—1506. Is absolutely impossible to maintain a life saving station at any point between Carmanah and Cape Beale—1507. Portion of report to which hon. friend (Mr. R. L. Borden) refers consists of recommendations of commission regarding improvements made at speaker's request—1508.

SUPPLY—WAGNER, PHILIP.

Motion that House go into Committee of Supply—Mr. Fielding—5570.

Mr. Fowler moves in amendment that in the opinion of this House the said Philip Wagner should be forthwith dismissed—5571.

Amendment negatived: Yeas, 41; Nays, 88.

Motion agreed to and House went into Committee of Supply—5614.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5606.

Would ask my right hon. friend (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) whether a man who has been guilty of fraud towards persons placed under his charge is entitled on that account to special consideration and promotion by the government?—5606. Any interference is enough to justify an investigation and to justify a dismissal; there is no justification for the conduct of the government with regard to this man—5607. Instances cases of Nixon, Dobie, Jackson and Leitch; this case can only be justified by the absolute repudiation of every word that the Prime Minister has said on the subject from 1896 down to the present day—5608. The motion is not a motion to dismiss Mr. Wagner; it is a motion to give him an investigation, an investigation which has been denied to Conservative officials by the hundred—5609-10.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5594.

If the principle, outlined by the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) in this case, were adopted, where would parliamentary investigation begin, here or anywhere else?—5594. The Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) stated in 1905, that employees of the government ought not to take an active part in partisan politics yet the Minister of the Interior violates that in propria persona—5596. The men we choose to do official work and represent Canada ought at least to be honest men and to have decently fair reputations—

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Foster, Hon. George E. (North Toronto)—*Con.*

5596. Mr. Griesbach was not invited to carry his case before the court and unseat the minister of the province—5597. The jury pronounced Wagner guilty, and yet the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) still believes the conviction was more on account of party persecution than on the merits of the case—5598. No matter how many affidavits are sent in charging officials with complicities in elections the minister (Mr. Oliver) does not think it worth while taking up his time to examine them; quotes letter accompanying the declarations—5599. Quotes affidavit of Jacob Baronowski—5600-1. It is impossible for me to believe that you cannot get a good interpreter and a good man at the same time—5601. I am sorry that any man had to serve a sentence because of doing wrong, but that fact does not prevent our looking into the wrong conduct of a department—5602. We ask this House either to have this man dismissed or have the case investigated thoroughly and the proper punishment meted out—5603.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)— 5570.

Moves amendment—5570-1. This Philip Wagner was appointed as an interpreter at Edmonton about Jan. 1, 1899; he was notified of his appointment about Dec. 28, 1899—5571. Quotes letter addressed to Mr. Philip Wagner, written by the secretary of the Department of the Interior, dated Nov. 9, 1900—5572. Quotes instructions written to H. & A. Allan, Montreal, by secretary of Interior Department, Mr. Keyes; quotes letter from Mr. Keyes to Wagner dated Dec. 1, 1900—5573. Quotes letter from Mr. Keyes to Mr. Wagner, dated Dec. 17; quotes letter from Mr. Frank Pedley, Superintendent of Immigration, addressed to Mr. Frank Oliver, M.P., Edmonton—5574. Quotes letter of Mr. Oliver to Mr. F. Pedley, Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa; quotes letter from Mr. J. Obed Smith, Commissioner, to Mr. Pedley, Superintendent of Immigration; quotes newspaper clipping—5575. Quotes letter from J. Obed Smith, dated March 19, 1901; quotes letter from Roman Catholic Bishop at Beaver Lake—5576. Quotes letter from Mr. Newcombe, the Deputy Minister of Justice, addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior; quotes letter from Mr. Keyes, dated April 13—5577. Quotes letter from Mr. Frank Oliver, M.P., to J. G. Turriff, Dominion Lands Commissioner, Ottawa—5578. Quotes letter from Mr. Frank Pedley, Superintendent of Immigration, to Mr J. O. Smith, Commissioner at Winnipeg. Quotes letter addressed to secretary of the Interior Department and signed by A. Power, for the Deputy Minister of Justice—5579. Quotes questions asked in House by Mr. Foster on March 14, 1906; quotes answer—5580. Quotes telegram from Mr. Oliver, dated June 11; quotes letter from Mr. Keyes, the secretary of the department—5581. Quotes telegram from Mr. Pedley to Mr. Smith; quotes letter from Mr. Pedley to Mr. Smith, dated July 18—5582. Quotes information against Philip Wagner, laid on

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April 27, 1900—5583. Quotes information laid against Philip Wagner on March 7, 1901; he was convicted on two charges and served five months in prison. In July, 1905, Mr. Philip Wagner was appointed assistant inspector at a salary of $25 a month and immigration agent at $75 per month—5584. Quotes Minister of Interior (Mr. Oliver) at a speech made in Edmonton on Nov. 6, 1905—5585-6. Reads declarations filed by Mr. Griesbach during month of January, 1906—5587. Quotes statement made by Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) two years ago—5588. What does my hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) say with respect to the letter from the Roman Catholic missionary bishop?—5591.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) —5603.

While it is obvious that any man in this country has a right to vote, he should have not only the right, but also the power to cast his vote; an official of the government should keep free from politics—5604. Is my hon. friend (Mr. Foster) prepared to say that, under these circumstances, because a man has been convicted of an offence, he is to be cast off forever from his fellow-man?—5605.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—5589.

What date was the appointment?—5589. Did you (Mr. Oliver) ask Mr. Griesbach to make a formal complaint?—5592. Will the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) deny that he addressed political meetings from the same platform with government officials?—5598.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —5588.

Mr. Wagner is to-day in the employ of the Department of the Interior—5589. Because this man was convicted and punished for his offence is that any reason why he should be blazoned before the world as a thief?—5590. Mr. Wagner is known as the best interpreter of the Little Russian language in that part of the country; this very missionary has repeatedly employed the same Philip Wagner to interpret for him since Wagner has come out of jail—5591. If Mr. Griesbach had faith in these affidavits he would have used them to unseat the sitting member—5592. I have not any faith in those affidavits; Wagner if a jailbird, could not be a power in elections for any party—5593. Mr. Wagner was appointed to the position which he holds from the position of a reputable citizen—5594.

Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—5610.

Mr. Nixon was not an officer of the department in the same sense that a land agent is; it was proven that the money which had miscarried had been made away with by his son. When hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) had the responsibility of office he took a different view from his presentation to-night—5610. Instances a case of embezzlement by the direct officer of the government in the old regime—5611.

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Turiff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—*Con.*

When I was in the Department of the Interior my advice on all occasions to officials was not to take any part whatever in elections; the only way in which an official can help his party, is by doing his departmental work well—5612.

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Motion that House go into Committee of Supply—Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier—1268.

Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Supply—1342.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—1272.

Takes strong exception to binding found in centre wall—1272. Sincerely hopes that tower incident will be a lesson to minister to be more careful in erection of public works throughout country—1273.

Avery, M. (Frontenac)—1278.

It is not credit of government to allow use of such material as has gone into that building; should be a thorough investigation from end to end of building—1278.

Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—1292.

Not surprised that man engaged as inspector of works should be on lookout for graft when he considers two members who represent Ottawa in House—1292. What are initials of Mr. Fuller who is to be called in to act in matter?—1293. Is not junior member for Ottawa doing dredging for government?—1294-5. Land for the settler and graft for the grafter—1298. Mr. Curry is a gentleman highly spoken of, and public will respect any finding he may make. Ministers of Crown do not think it below their position to traffic at public chest, protected by law which permits a member of parliament to deal with country under cover of a joint stock company—1299. This government has been bred up to this principle of graft; it is in the air—1300-1. Minister of Public Works is to-day endeavouring to give certain favoured friends all the dredging available in country—1302. Hon. member for Thunder Bay and Rainy River is a veritable Rip Van Winkle; charges that he was interested in Great Lakes Dredging Company went through press a year ago—1303. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) is the shrewdest man on other side of House—1304. Did not make statement that hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) is stockholder in company—1306. Accepts hon. gentleman's statement as he has made it—1308. Thousands and millions of dollars can be spent in every conceivable way, but there is not a dollar to be spent on Trooper Mulloy who lost his sight in the defence of his country; quotes Alexander Muir—1312. Present government has no longer confidence of people—1313. Falling of West Block tower but a sample of how public works have been carried on for past ten years—1314.

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Blain, R. (Peel)—1283.

Government has adopted policy of expending large sums of money by day's work rather than by contract or tender; minister should insure that those who have supervision of expenditure should be men of experience and probity; quotes 'Hansard' of last session at page 1057—1283. Is it the policy of the department that men appointed as clerks of works shall be men of practical experience?—1285.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1268.

Asks Minister of Public Works whether he has any further information with reference to collapse of West Block Tower. Who was inspector, what were his qualifications, what was his experience, and was he engaged in any other work at same time?—1268.

Broder, Andrew (Dundas)—1269.

No expert necessary to see why building fell—1269. It is a matter of public concern what our buildings are built with—1270. What kind of mortar was used in building?—1271. People who had charge of undertaking were not looking after interests of country—1272.

Bureau, Jacques (Three Rivers and St. Maurice)—1278.

Will hon. gentleman state when and where this tower was christened the 'Laurier Tower'?—1278.

Discussion has developed into parliamentary blackguardism—1332. Represents riding formerly represented by Sir Hector Langevin who posed as a model of all virtues—1333. Three Rivers has most miserable post office in Dominion, because present government wants to be economical—1334. Hon. members of opposition should not vent petty grievances and personal feelings against colleagues—1335. Minister of Public Works has acted wisely in calling for best engineers and architects to examine and make a report—1336.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—1286.

Did not intend to enter discussion; and had it not been for hon. gentleman (Mr. Blain) would not have trespassed on time of House—1286. Quotes 'Hansard' of last session, page 1057—1287.

Chisholm, T. (East Huron)—1274.

Liberals not satisfied with stealing Conservative policy, they have stolen our good name as well; they seem to be very liberal to contractors—1274-5.

Clements, H. S. (West Kent)—1273.

If there are other public works being erected in same manner, this casualty should induce minister to take active steps to have defects remedied; trusts minister will probe matter to bottom—1273.

Conmee, James (Thunder Bay and Rainy River)—1302.

Does not think it in interest of House that members should malign each other across

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the floor—1302. Does not owe his election to any person or party—1303. If hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) wishes to be the scavenger of his party, he is welcome to position. Has no interest in or anything to do with the Great Lakes Dredging Company—1304. Rises to point of order; thinks hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) should withdraw statement—1305. Not in any sense, directly or indirectly, violating rules of House and have not had any interest in case hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) has made—1307. On the basis of an accident, hon. gentlemen opposite have built up a theory that whole government is bad—1321. Is record of hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) so clear that he can afford to asperse his fellow-members in this House; quotes newspaper *re* slander case Wilson vs. Bennett—1322-3. Hon. friend (Mr. Bennett) has been a life-long supporter of party of scandals—1324. Hon. gentlemen opposite have no right to make charges of corruption, wrong-doing, and maladministration unless they are prepared to back them up—1325. Rises to point of order; never had any timber between Port Arthur and Rainy River—1326. Never had any rake off of 10 per cent on Algoma Central Railway—1329. Knows Captain Sullivan and believes him more of a gentleman than hon. member (Mr. Hughes) —1330

Elson, Peter (East Middlesex)—1273.

Government buildings, should be safe and free from endangering lives of persons frequenting them—1273.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—1288.

Very materials of which mortar was composed are typical of condition of Liberal party to-day—1288. Minister of Public Works said it was matter of perfect indifference to him whether man was competent or not; quotes 'Hansard'—1289. Minister not attending to duties of department—1290. People beginning to take note of deliquencies of government—1291. Trusts hon. minister will hold a thorough investigation and probe the matter to the bottom—1292.

Hughes, Sam (Victoria)—1325.

Expected speech of hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) would be exhibition of dignity and statesmanship; instead it is a sample of vilification from start to finish—1325. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) controls all tie timber along line of Canadian Northern Railway—1326. Accepts hon. gentleman's (Mr. Conmee) statement —1328. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) will not deny having a 10 per cent rake-off on construction of Algoma Central Railway—1329. Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) deny being interested in Port Arthur dredging? Does hon. gentleman deny knowing Captain Sullivan? Quotes Mr. Bennett's letter written to Department of the Interior *re* Giant's Tomb Island—1330. Would not have spoken but for unjust attack made on member for East Simcoe—1332.

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Hyman, Hon. Chas. (Minister of Public Works) —1269.

Has asked Mr. Fuller of Toronto to make fullest investigation—1269. Does not want to prejudge report of architect—1271.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1314.

Quotes Minister of Public Works in 'Hansard'—1314. Quotes Liberal organ of St. Thomas—1315. Quotes Mr. Teale, resident engineer at Port Burwell—1316. Would prefer to take Minister of Public Works' statement to that of Liberal candidate in last election—1317.

Jackson, Wm. (West Elgin)—1275.

No doubt that, if plans and specifications had been carried out, the result would have been a building that would have met all emergencies—1276. If inclemency of weather prevented proper carrying out of work why was it gone on with? Believes Minister of Public Works will make a thorough investigation of trouble—1277-8.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand and Monck)—1317.

Did not intend to speak in debate—1317. If minister was a practical man he would not need any architect or superintendent to tell him work was not being properly done—1318. Mr. Boone received $144 a day for doing work absolutely useless and unnecessary to people of Haldimand—1319. Agrees with hon. member for East Simcoe regarding men who do dredging work in province of Ontario—1320.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—1337.

If hon. gentlemen on this side cannot be allowed, representing their constituencies and trying to do justice to whole Dominion, to protest against that which is condemned by public opinion, there is little use coming to parliament—1337. Thinks member ought to be free to take an example and argue a general principle from it—1338. There is such a thing as being too gentlemanly—1339. It is a member's duty to try and assist each other to bring about such conditions in Canada as ought to exist—1340. Is opposition entirely to blame for supposing that things are wrong. Let us not make a party question of the morals of this country—1341-2.

Speaker, Mr.—1305.

In view of denial of hon. member (Mr. Conmee), it is duty of hon. member (Mr. Bennett) who has floor to withdraw statement —1305. If hon. gentleman (Mr. Conmee) has an interest in dredging contract and is a member of this House that is an improper position for him to be in and the suggestion that he is in that position is an improper suggestion—1306. When a

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statement is made by one hon. member in reference to another hon. member and the other hon. member denies its accuracy, the rule is that the first hon. member must withdraw—1338.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1279.

Catastrophes generally result in a searching inquiry in proportion to damage which has been done—1279. It will cost $20,000 to $25,000 to replace building; government is responsible for disaster—1280. Will hon. minister (Mr. Hyman) convince House and country that men who were appointed to do work and look after it were men of ability or men possessed of right knowledge—1281. If Minister of Public Works had competent officers under him this accident would not have taken place—1282-3.

Stewart, Robert (Ottawa)—1291.

Has been given to understand that inspector in case was appointed by friends of hon. gentlemen opposite, and also that contractor is, or was, a friend of hon. gentlemen—1291.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—1275.

Never saw a more discreditable job anywhere; general tendency among builders nowadays is to slight their work. If falling of building will draw attention of people of Dominion to necessity of watching public works very carefully, the loss will not be without it compensations—1275.

SUPPLY—YUKON CONCESSIONS.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that House go into Committee of Supply, Hon. Geo. E. Foster introduces subject of Yukon concessions—1511. Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Supply—1548.

Belcourt, Hon. N. A. (Ottawa)—1521.

Objects to manner in which hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) has brought matter before House—1521. Willing to tell whole truth of transaction; quotes statement of Messrs. Bronson and Ray—1522-3-4. For two or three years concessionaires were relieved from doing any hydraulic work on concession; but in 1902-3 work was done to complete satisfaction of officers of department—1524. Firm of Belcourt and McDougal agreed to look after interests of concern in Dawson and Ottawa gratuitously. Was intimated that unless Mr. Tyrrell's claim of $42,000 was paid this charge would be brought against him—1525. Attack made to-day is not a personal attack but a case of throwing mud at concession in order that government may cancel it; quotes Yukon 'World' of March 11—1526-7. Has nothing to apologize for—1528. Will hon. friend (Mr. Thompson) say that before company was formed there was not an exemption granted of assessment work?—1529.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—1541.

It is not the fault of hon. member for Ottawa (Mr. Belcourt) if he has indulged in this practice, if it is a wrong one—1541. Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) has framed a Bill protecting privileges of parliament; but there never would have been such a Bill if it had not been threatened by leader of opposition—1542. Quotes letter of Ray to Tyrrell and Tyrrell to Ray—1543. In letter from Mr. Ray it is stated specifically that interest of Belcourt and McDougall in concession is to be $100,000; why was stock of Belcourt placed in name of Thomas Ahearn of Ottawa?—1544. Reads letter Belcourt to McDougall—1545-46. Feeling of disgust for actions of government; quotes words of Mr. R. C. Steele, of Toronto—1547. Quotes editor of Toronto 'Globe'; will not do for 'Globe' newspaper to palliate misdeals of government; will always denounce wrong actions wherever and whenever it is possible to denounce it—1548.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1511.

Refers to matter which has come to light through medium of Yukon press—the Bronson, Ray concession—1511. Company seemed to have an impression that it was possible to retain concession by some other method than that of fulfilling conditions attached to granting of concession—1512. Quotes letters from N. A. Belcourt to J. B. Tyrrell respecting lease of Bronson and Ray—1513. Quotes letter from C. C. Ray to Mr. Tyrrell; quotes letter of J. B. Tyrrell—1514-5. Quotes telegram of ex-Minister of the Interior; quotes letter of C. C. Ray to Mr. Tyrrell 1516. Quotes evidence of lawsuit. Could not Messrs Bronson and Ray, business men, explain their business proposition just as well as Mr. Belcourt?—1517. What influence did Messrs. Ray and Bronson expect that Mr. Belcourt would bring to bear? Is it the plan most conducive to pure public life that a member should interpose himself so that he could obtain from government what company could not get?—1518. Custom is not tolerated in English parliament; reflection of sentiment is evidenced by Minister of Justice's Bill in making it impossible for lawyers in House to practice any longer before committees—1519. There are members of parliament to-day who are silent partners in companies and corporations that are taking hundreds of thousands of dollars of public money without a shadow of contract based upon public tender—1520. Refers to ex-deputy Minister of the Interior *re* resignation—1521. No words, no letter, no communication has passed between Mr. Tyrrell and member for North Toronto—1525.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1538.

Would not have risen but for appeal made by hon. member for St. John (Mr. Stockton). Reputation of parliament ought to be like Cæsar's wife, above suspicion.

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

May be difficult to draw line exactly where rights of a member of parliament cease and rights of a lawyer commence—1539. In 1897, when gold discoveries were made, the Yukon was far removed from centres of civilization. Without water it is impossible to prosecute digging for gold; therefore government came to conclusion to give hydraulic concessions which is a wise plan when conditions are observed —1540. Minister of Interior's view is that all concessionaires who have not erected plant ought to have concession cancelled at earliest possible moment—1541.

Stockton, A. A. (St. John county)—1532.

Principle involved is of such magnitude that members of House should not allow it to pass in silence—1532. Was quite a stir in Interior Department respecting cancellation of Bronson-Ray lease — 15.33 Reason why hon. member (Mr. Belcourt) was called in was because of his influence with minister as member of parliament—1534. Investment has not panned out as hon. friend thought it would; quotes Judge Britton's report on page 32 —1535-6. Hon. friend from Yukon (Mr. Thompson) says terms of lease have not been fully complied with—1536. Has a lawyer the right to use privilege as member of parliament to obtain payment of professional bill? Quotes resolutions of 1695 and 1858 in Imperial parliament— 1537-38. No member of House should use his influence with government for purpose of obtaining concessions because he happens to be supporter of government of the day—1538.

Thompson, Alfred (Yukon Territory)—1528.

Will briefly discuss Bronson and Ray concession from standpoint of its history; quotes Judge Britton's report, page 21, on Bronson and Ray concession—1528. Will hon. friend from Ottawa (Mr. Belcourt) attempt to defend concessionaires on ground that they have complied with law? Quotes Judge Britton's report *re* Bronson-Ray concession—1529-30. Have to go to Ireland to find analogy to Bronson-Ray concession. Is progress of Yukon to be stopped because concessionaires discovered after obtaining concession that there was no dumping ground?—1531. Am glad to inform House that unless concessionaires fulfil absolutely the letter as well as spirit of law their vast leases will be cancelled—1532.

SUPPLY—YUKON COUNCIL.

On motion that House go into committee of supply, Mr. Borden inquired of the government whether or not they had come to any conclusion as to granting the people of the Yukon the right to elect the council—2886.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—2886.

There are six members appointed by the administration and five elected by the people, the government in that way holding the balance of power in the council. Reads a resolution passed at a meeting of the citizens of the Yukon—2886. Also reads a resolution from the Dawson Young Men's Liberal Club—2887. It is well that we should have a statement from the government, either to-night or at any early date, as to what their policy is in this regard. I am not in a position to appreciate any reason for withholding the request set forth in these resolutions —2888.

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Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) —2889.

The policy of the government is to give to the people of the Yukon, as to every other part of the country, their full measure of constitutional rights as soon as circumstances permit—2889.

Thompson, A. (Yukon)—2889.

The consensus of opinion is that if complete autonomy is not given, the people would rather have the present appointed members continued than to have others sent in by the government over whom the government would have more control—2889. If all the revenues, direct and indirect, derived from the Yukon Territory were given to that territory, we would have money enough for its administration— 2890.

SUPPLY—YUKON TERRITORY.

On motion that House go into Committee of Supply, Mr. Thompson made some observations on matters which relate to Yukon Territory—5103. Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Supply—5115.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5105.

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