

SUPPLY — TRANSATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE—*Con.*

Foster, Hon. Geo. E.—*Con.*

Mr. Lemieux's statement—1844. The government will be glad to co-operate with Newfoundland in shortening the distance, especially in winter—1845. Hopes within a reasonable time to make an announcement—1846.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—1843.

Calls attention to and reads a 'Citizen' despatch—1843. The shortest mail route from Great Britain to Canada will be via Gaspé. Experiments in ice-breaking—1844. There is a subsidy paid to the 'Bruce'—1845.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—1845.

Should have a service to run from the nearest port to Great Britain all the year round—1845. What are you going to do this summer?—1846.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—1846.

Should aim at having comfortable steamers of large capacity and not too great speed. What the late government did—1846.

TARIFF COMMISSION.

Inquiry—Mr. A. K. Maclean—938.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—938.

Legislation will be introduced as soon as practicable after parliament reassembles—938.

Maclean, A. K. (Halifax)—938.

Asks if legislation *re* the Tariff Commission will be introduced at an early date—938.

TARIFF COMMISSION.

The resolutions taken in Committee—Hon. W. T. White—2157.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—2160.

The qualification is one that has been the practice of all governments in connection with customs and other departments—2160.

Cash, E. L. (Mackenzie)—2160.

Will the report of this Board be made public or is it to be a report to the government alone?—2160.

Knowles, W. E. (Moosejaw)—2158.

Have there been any representations made to the government asking for this commission?—2158. From farmers, manufacturers or other people?—2159.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (East Quebec)—2158.

The resolution creates a new departure in our legislation. Everything depends on the character of the commission—2158. The Manufacturers' Association's frequent requests for a tariff commission, but one with much larger powers than this—2159. Does not know that this entirely meets his views, but this is not the time to discuss that—2160.

TARIFF COMMISSION—*Con.*

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—2157.

What classes of the community are to be represented?—2157. Will the Minister of Customs be *ipso facto* a member of the board?—2161.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—2159.

Is it intended to create a body with power to negotiate with other countries in regard to tariff arrangements?—2159.

Maclean, A. K. (Halifax)—2161.

There is no tariff commission in the United States—2161.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—2158.

The jurisdiction of this commission is limited absolutely to questions referred to it by the minister—2158. As to the negotiation of treaties they ought to have the legislation creating the United States Board of Experts—2161.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Edmonton)—2160.

The Bill should provide for publicity. If the country is paying for the information to be collected, it should have the benefit—2160.

White, Hon. W. T. (Finance Minister)—2157.

The resolutions refer to the formation of a tariff commission; salaries; personnel of the commission not decided—2157. Should be men broad enough to be in sympathy with all classes and interests of the community; to act under the Finance Minister and obtain information—2158. Such a commission has been a subject of discussion for some time. No function opposing tariff rates or negotiating, simply to gather information—2159. A provision regarding publication, but the information would be available in framing tariff law. No information available to the public—2160. The board is to consist of three members outside of the department. It is a commission to obtain information—2161.

TARIFF COMMISSION.

Bill 88, second reading—Hon. W. T. White—2591-2668.

Aikins, J. A. M. (Brandon)—2722.

The opposition have raised in their imaginations ghosts and bugaboos in respect of this Bill—2722. They assume these things are hidden away in the Bill. The Finance Minister and Premier have told them its purpose—2723. The safety of democratic legislation lies in publicity. We must have a protective tariff. Quotes Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1893—2724. They adopted, when in power, the policy that was dubbed the National Policy, and the country has lived under it—2725. The true solution of the question lies in the establishment of the commission proposed in the Bill—2726. Under a proper tariff the people will prosper—2727.