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White, Hon. W. T. (Finance Minister)—818.

Asks if Maclean does not mean the Department of Customs rather than Department of Trade and Commerce, 818.

TECHNICAL INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

Inquiry.—*Mr. Verville*, 3185.

Crothers, Hon. T. W. Minister of Labour)—3186.

Early next month, 3186.

Verville, A. (Maisonneuve)—3185.

Asks minister when report of commission may be expected, 3185.

THE OTTAWA MINT.

Motion:

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House in Committee on the proposed resolution:

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Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—8660.

How many pieces coined were of gold, silver and copper, and the price paid to the miners. Does any gold come from the Yukon, 8660. Only in recent times that gold has been produced in our country, 8671. Our bank notes are better than those of the United States, 8672.

Maclean, W. F. (York South)—8668.

Production of gold in Porcupine will be from 8 to 12 millions. Canada is rich in precious metals, 8668.

Thompson, Alfred (Yukon)—8666.

The capital invested in the mint is \$700,000, and the profit for one year is \$800,000. A rather profitable investment for the country, 8666. We want all the Yukon gold to come here, 8667.

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—8659.

The object of this resolution is to increase the amount of the annuity payable out of Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Mint in connection with its operations, 8659. The sum is intended to satisfy the requirements of the mint for some time to

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come. Increase of work done by the mint, 8660. Greater part of gold supply comes from the Yukon, some from Nova Scotia and Ontario, 8661. Gold is assayed without payment of a fee, 8662. Twenty-five cents piece worth only 10 or 12 cents, and if the mint buys silver at current prices, mints it into coinage and it is worth twice the cost of the metal intrinsically in the coin, it is profitable business for the mint and country, 8663. Value of gold deposits received at the mint since its opening, 8664. Assaying will be done here instead of New York, 8665. Statement of production of gold in Canada, 8668-70.

House in Committee on Bill No. 184.—*Mr. White*, 9102.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—9106.

The Minister of Finance expects that in a few years the mint will be able to refine and dispose of all the gold produced in Canada, but he has no such expectation with regard to silver. Canada is the largest producing silver country in the world. The Minister of Finance has stated that the question of freight is the impediment to the export of silver direct from Canada, 9106. I hope the day will soon come when we shall refine and consume our own silver, 9107.

Thompson, Alfred (Yukon)—9108.

There is practically no profit in handling gold. But where the miners sell their gold they are very likely to buy their supplies, 9108.

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—9102.

Statement of gold, silver and bronze monies coined by the mint, 9102-6. Gold comes to the mint by registered mail, 9107.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

Motion:—

For a copy of all correspondence, Orders-in-Council, despatches, memoranda and other papers and documents in the possession of the government, or any department thereof, relating to rates proposed to be charged by the government of the United States to shipping passing through the Panama canal.—*Mr. Sinclair*, 965.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—969.

Had the opportunity of discussing the subject with the Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs, and of placing before him the views of the government of Canada. No reason why the papers should not be brought down, except in so far any of them may be of a confidential nature. Was glad the subject was brought to the attention of the House, 969.