

# House of Commons Debates

## THIRD SESSION—NINTH PARLIAMENT

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, July 29, 1903.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

#### BANK ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. D. HENDERSON (Halton) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 234) to amend the Bank Act. He said: The explanation is very brief. The object of the Bill is to limit the investing power of the banks by placing it, as regards foreign securities, largely in the hands of the shareholders.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### QUESTIONS.

##### FALSE CREEK, VANCOUVER.

Mr. EARLE asked:

1. Has the government granted a lease to Robert Kelly and Frank Burnett of certain portions of False Creek, Vancouver, known as the 'Mud Flats,' as stated in letter of Robert Kelly and Frank Burnett to the mayor and aldermen of the city of Vancouver, dated May 13, 1903, a copy of which was brought down in answer to an address of the House of Commons, dated 4th and 5th of May, 1903; the terms of said lease being stated in that letter as for ninety-nine years at a rental of \$100 per annum, to be increased to \$500 per annum, notwithstanding the resolution of the municipal council of Vancouver, protesting against such lease?

2. If a lease has not been executed, is it the intention of the government to grant a lease; and if so, on what terms?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Hon. R. Préfontaine):

1. No lease has been granted to Messrs. Robert Kelly and Frank Burnett.

2. Matter under consideration.

##### BINDER TWINE.

Mr. CLARKE asked:

How many pounds of binder twine have been imported into Canada from the United States in each fiscal year since 1897?

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS (Hon. William Paterson). The quantity in pounds of binder twine imported into Canada from the United States in each fiscal year since 1897 was as follows:—

Fiscal Year.	Pounds.
1897.. . . . .	3,394,475
1898.. . . . .	8,679,823
1899.. . . . .	10,629,211
1900.. . . . .	8,016,354
1901.. . . . .	9,674,268
1902.. . . . .	14,927,302
1903.. . . . .	14,198,690

Mr. CLARKE asked:

What was the average price per pound paid each year since 1893 by the government of Canada for manilla used in the manufacture of binder twine at the Kingston Penitentiary?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick). I beg to reply:

1893.. . . . .	None purchased
1894.. . . . .	\$4 38 per cwt.
1895.. . . . .	4 13 "
1896.. . . . .	4 46 "
1897.. . . . .	4 26 "
1898.. . . . .	3 71 "
1899.. . . . .	5 39 "
1900.. . . . .	None purchased.
1901.. . . . .	\$7 54 per cwt.
1902.. . . . .	6 00 "
1903.. . . . .	8 75 "

#### TRANS-CANADA RAILWAY AND G. T. PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Mr. F. D. MONK (Jacques Cartier). Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to ask the government what truth there is in the report which I find in the 'News' of Toronto, of July 28.

##### TRANS-CANADA IS TO SELL OUT.

Quebec Promoters to hand charter to the Grand Trunk.

To Safeguard Quebec.

Sir Wilfrid Reported to be looking after the Interests of his Constituents.

Quebec, July 28.—Alderman George Tanguay, M.P.P., chairman of the Trans-Canada Railway Company, left for Ottawa this afternoon in response to a telegraphic message received from the Capital.

It transpires that the Trans-Canada Railway Company, realizing that their Pacific scheme is non est on account of the Dominion government adopting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, has offered to sell their charter to the latter railway company.

They state that their only desire was to see a railway built from Quebec to Lake Winnipeg, through the northern section of the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, and if this is only accomplished by the scheme promoted by the Grand Trunk Railway and backed by the government, they will be absolutely content.

It is also learned from reliable authority that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is looking after the interests of the Trans-Canada directors, and is de-