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*Clark, M.* (Red Deer)—4148.

Sir Wilfrid has raised a point absolutely vital to the consideration of the question. Mr. Borden and the *tu quoque*—4148. The second clause in Mr. Borden's Halifax platform binds him to support the amendment—4149. The Finance Minister and Mr. Cockshutt's views, not reconcilable—4150.

*Cockshutt, W. F.* (Brantford)—4150.

Asks what Mr. Clark meant by his being very closely associated with the Manufacturers' Association—4150. Has never been a member of the association, nor had any close connection with that organization—4151.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Quebec East)—4144.

No mention made in the Bill of what shall be the qualifications for members of the commission. Quotes Mr. Ames—4144. Such a doctrine as that is at variance with the well known constitutional practice of the country. Men appointed for fitness, not partisanship—4145. Moves to refer the Bill back to committee and amend clause 3, subsection 1, by defining the qualifications of appointees—4146.

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Bill 88. Consideration of Senate Amendments—Hon. W. T. White—6663.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L.* (Prime Minister)—6667.

The amendments seem to have been drafted under the conception that the commission would fix duties—6667. The form in which it comes to us is not very intelligible, and indicates lack of care—6668. Those Bills were rendered necessary by the acceptance of the Senate amendments—6669.

*Clark, M.* (Red Deer)—6676.

The Senate could not have passed an amendment that would have better carried out the Finance Minister's declared policy—6676. Does not think the Senate could have passed an amendment of more importance with that object in view—6677. You do not require a Bill miles long to put in a few words like this Senate amendment—6678.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (Minister of Trade and Commerce)—6671.

Mr. Murphy's question showed that in his mind there was no doubt the minister had the power under the Act—6671. It does not seem necessary to put this, that and the other special list of inquiries into the Act—6672. Take a wrong step when you leave it even to be inferred that the commission has power to recommend in regard to duties—6673.

*Lancaster, E. A.* (Lincoln and Niagara)—6674.

You would have to draw a Bill miles long if it were to include all the things the commission ought to inquire into—6674. Why not every condition? Do you

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want to hold the Bill up?—6676. Thought Mr. Clark was rudely interrupting him—6677. If there is anything in his argument he should put the whole thing in—6678.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Quebec East)—6665.

The Senate raises an important point. The language used in the amendment infelicitous—6665. Knows nothing in the Act to debar the commissioners from making recommendations—6666. The amendment says, if there is an application for an increase of duty. Such will come in—6667. It is permissible for the minister to make this inquiry, why should it not be obligatory upon him?—6672.

*Lennox, H.* (South Simcoe)—6669.

The Opposition steadily repudiated having control of the legislature for sixteen years—6669.

*Murphy, Hon. Chas.* (Russell)—6670.

Could not the minister under the Act instruct the committee to make such an inquiry—6670. Then why not make it clear and insert this provision in the Act?—6671.

*Oliver, Hon. F.* (Edmonton)—6675.

The people have just as much right to have information collected by this Commission as the government has—6675. Does not think the country would be at any loss if the Bill did not pass—6676.

*Pugsley, Hon. Wm.* (St. John City)—6668.

The amendment does not in any way limit the powers of the Commission—6668. These are matters which ought to be investigated by this Commission. Two Bills to amend errors—6669. If the Senate is part of parliament this amendment is entitled to the greatest respect—6670. Wishes to reply to Mr. Foster—6674. The Finance Minister has spoken twice—6675.

*Speaker, His Honour the*—6674.

Considerable latitude is being exercised as to the number of times members speak—6674. This is not the second reading of the Bill and therefore does not come under the rule—6675.

*Turriff, J. G.* (Assiniboia)—6673.

A couple of these amendments of the Senate are very necessary. A delegation the minister knows all about—6673. The amendment proposed by the Senate is absolutely germane to the subject—6674.

*White, Hon. W. T.* (Finance Minister)—6663.

Moves that the 1st, 2nd, and 4th amendments be concurred in, and that the 3rd amendment be not concurred in—6663. The inquiry suggested might be made under subsection 2, paragraph (b) as proposed to be amended is unintelligible—6664. The amendments bear great