

BANKING ACT AMENDMENT—*Con.*

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid*—*Con.*

Bill is a section which provides that shareholders at a general meeting can appoint auditors of their own to have affairs of the bank specially audited, 1341. A new feature of the Bill to which I call attention is in regard to the organization of a bank, 1342.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—1341.

There is no provision for bank inspection? 1341.

BANKING AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE  
—QUORUM.

Motion to reduce the number forming a quorum. *Mr. Miller*—2364.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—2364.

This matter might be allowed to remain over for a day or two, 2364.

*Miller, H. H.* (South Grey)—2364.

A number of committees meet at the same time; either the committee has to be called off, or to work without a quorum, 2364.

## BANKING AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

Motion to reduce quorum—*Mr. H. H. Miller*, 2429.

*Currie, J. A.* (North Simcoe)—2430.

Has never yet received a notice of any meetings; there may be other members who have not been notified, 2430. Not very easy to get a quorum if the Secretary neglects to notify the members, 2431.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—2429.

The Committee consists of 70 or 80 members; would be sorry to see the quorum reduced to 15, 2429. The idea of making 15 a quorum of such a Committee an absurdity, 2430.

*Henderson, D.* (Halton)—2431.

The reason for the motion was to enable them to do business legally and regularly, 2431. The business of the Committee from year to year is conducted by a few members, 2432. Suggests withdrawing the motion, and letting it come again before the Committee, 2432.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)—2431.

The Committees altogether too large. Question discussed, will try and effect change next parliament, 2431.

*Miller, H. H.* (South Grey)—2429.

When only 15 members are in attendance, it does not necessarily mean the rest are neglecting their duty, 2429. Every member of the Committee is a member of one or two other Committees; several meet at the same time, 2430. Withdraws the motion, will see that every member gets notice, 2433.

BANKING AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE  
—*Con.*

*Nesbitt, E. W.* (North Oxford)—2433.

Do not want to reduce the number of the Committee, but only that of the quorum, 2433.

*Reid, J. D.* (Grenville)—2432.

Did not receive notice of the meeting at which this motion was passed, 2432. Let it stand so that we may have an opportunity of discussing it at a fuller meeting, 2433.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—2431.

The chief trouble is the number of Committees which hold meetings on the same day, 2431.

*Taylor, G.* (Leeds)—2433.

The Banking and Commerce Committees called half an hour before the other Committees. Opposes the motion, 2433.

## BANKING AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

Motion to reduce the quorum—*Mr. H. H. Miller*, 3599.

*Blain, R.* (Peel)—3600.

Opposes the change, chairmen should avoid clashing of Committees, 3600. The general expression of opinion was against the reduction, 3601.

*Fielding, Hon. W. S.* (Finance Minister)—3601.

Unless the House generally approves, it would not be wise to make the change, 3601. No foundation for that, 3602.

*Lennox, H.* (South Simcoe)—3601.

The difficulty pointed out by Miller is not overcome by this motion, 3601. The trouble arises through summoning a number of committees for the same day 3602. Would decidedly object to the change, under the circumstances, 3603.

*Miller, H. H.* (South Grey)—3599.

Moves to reduce the quorum from 21 to 11 members, 3599. The difficulty in getting a quorum, and consequent delay of business, 3600. Not a quorum attended, about eighteen or nineteen, 3602. They have been doing business morning after morning without any quorum. Withdraws the motion, 3605.

*Nesbitt, E. W.* (North Oxford)—3604.

We do not want to change the number of members on that Committee; it is their duty to attend, 3604. Strongly endorses the motion to change the quorum, so that they can get to business, 3605.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—3600.

The Committee suggested placing the quorum at 15; important Bills to come before the Committee, 3600. There were 19 present at one time, 3602.