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*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Westmoreland).

the same footing as if Mr. White established a bureau in his department—2890. There is a suspicion that the object of the Tariff Board is to create special privileges. It will be condemned by the people of Canada—2891. Quotes criticism of the American Board and its proceedings—2892. President Taft's axiomatic utterances. If any one desires to go before the board and state facts he should have the right to do so—2893. The Bill does not go far enough. I am a free trader. The time will come when that policy will prevail in Canada—2894. The hobble-skirted policy with respect to the tariff not in favour in Canada—2895. It must have been very sick for about 18 years—2896.

*Foster Hon. Geo. E.* (Minister of Trade and Commerce)—2962.

The old plan of ministers going to and fro in the country, getting more or less kindly information was never satisfactory—2962. You had long statements, but no digestions, or analysis of those statements. Resulted in a rule of thumb tariff—2963. The ministers will be on the touchstone of facts, and the intelligent country will have a chance such as never before, of judging the tariff—2964. A basis of facts is what we want to get at. It is invaluable for the minister, the tariff maker and the businessman—2965. The only way in which you can have a correct guidance for a commission of this kind is by a committee of parliament—2966. Believes Sir Wilfrid Laurier thinks this commission the very thing it ought to be. It is the very thing that he once said it ought to be—2967.

*Fowler, G. W.* (Kings and Albert)—2937.

Mr. Turriff deals entirely with suspicions and innuendoes. Mr. Turriff and the opening of tenders—2937. If he was not called as a witness it was out of kindness to him—2938.

*German, W. M.* (Welland)—2972.

Asks Mr. Borden to confirm the statement that the reports will be laid before parliament upon request—2972. The procedure for getting before the Railway Commission is well defined—3549. Could they not hold back something which they have taken orally?—3567. The best Tariff Commission this country has ever seen was that self-appointed in 1896—3580. The evidence taken by that commission should be reported to parliament—3581. No man in business is going to give evidence that will be detrimental to his personal interest—3584. Heard in Toronto of a man who is to be chairman, a high protectionist—3585. Nothing he said could possibly lead him to believe any such thing—3593. The manufacturers in my riding do not think so—3594. The statement Mr. Meighen makes here is a privileged statement, though it may be libellous—3601. The commission has

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power to decide whether evidence be taken in open court or in secret—3608. Hopes it will be made clear that the commission cannot compel business men to go long distances to give evidence—3621. The word 'summary' is a well known legal term in Ontario—3622. Is opposed to the amendment and the proposition—3624.

*Guthrie, Hugh* (Wellington)—2867.

The Premier mistaken. The late administration did appoint Conservatives. Cites cases of such appointments—2867. The late government appointed as far as was in their power. Mem, non-partisan, of independent judgment—2868. I believe in a tariff for revenue, with incidental protection of course—2903. The 'Globe' and the Bill. Mr. Blain's reference—2909. Mr. Foster's stand in Council. Quotes the Toronto 'Mail and Empire,' words attributed by Mr. Blain to the 'Globe'—2910. He was not quoting from the 'Globe.' He knew very well it is comment on a statement of the 'Mail and Empire'—2911. On section 4. Sees no object in giving the commission the general power in subsection 1, or of giving the minister in section 2, &c.—2939. The independence of the members of the commission is challenged by every subsection of section 4—2940. The matter starts with the minister and so far as this clause goes ends with the minister—2941. The British way of doing things. The trade statistics of Great Britain the most convenient and the most accurate in the world—2942. Why not adopt the British system in preference to this Yankee device—2943. Not much information of value will be obtained by investigations in foreign countries—2944. Why not say that the commission is independent?—2945. Should not the Tariff Commission of their own motion be entitled to go into that question—2946. Is it Mr. Foster's idea that these reports will be brought down to parliament?—2964. The Bill goes that far—2969. We want to give the commission power to investigate that without the minister—2970. Mr. Foster stands as the buffer between the extremists in the cabinet and the more moderate. Bill brought down—3015. But for him a much more drastic Bill would have appeared, one depriving the House of many more of its functions—3016. Results of Mr. Foster's rule of thumb tariff. I still hold that the Tariff Board should be an independent body—3017. Does not believe in confidential evidence in matters of this kind. The report should come down to parliament—3018. If the request is not granted will feel that there is an ulterior motive in the mind of the Finance Minister, and there is something behind the Bill—3019. The mergers of Canada would laugh at the Tariff Commission. Give them a chance and they will select the commissioners—3020. The Ames-Holden, whilst glad to submit to the