

Mr. PUGSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Crocket) must be allowed to say something. He takes exception to a newspaper paragraph and says that the newspaper misrepresents him. He proceeds to give an explanation, and I do not know that he has given any reason so far why I should prevent him.

Mr. CROCKET. Inasmuch as this wharf is so situated that no other vessels than the company's own vessels or vessels chartered by them are using it or will ever use this wharf. The statement that the wharf has been transferred to the Crown is absolutely untrue and the Minister of Public Works knows it.

Mr. SPEAKER. That last remark is out of order.

Mr. PUGSLEY. That is a figment of the imagination of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Crocket).

Mr. SPEAKER. The last remark of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Crocket) is out of order.

Mr. CROCKET. I am discussing a statement which appeared in the 'Globe,' newspaper. I say that that statement is untrue. I say furthermore that the Minister of Public Works knows that the statement that this wharf has been transferred to the government is untrue. I am not saying that the statement he made in the House is untrue. I am saying that the statement which this paper makes is untrue, and I say that the Minister of Public Works knows that the statement is untrue.

Mr. SPEAKER. Order.

THE BANK ACT.

Mr. FOSTER. I ask the Minister of Finance when we are to expect the Banking Bill? We are getting along well in the session, it is an important Bill and we should have as much time as possible to consider it.

Mr. FIELDING. I had contemplated introducing an amending Act, but I have concluded it would be much more convenient to present a revised Act, and my officials are now arranging it accordingly. Inasmuch as there is an abundance of important matter on the order paper, I have thought that probably no disadvantage would be suffered if there was a few days delay in bringing forward the Banking Act. I am giving it my best attention and it will not be much longer delayed.

Mr. FOSTER. So far as the action of the House is concerned there probably would be no disadvantage, but the sooner

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it is down the more quickly will members be able to make themselves acquainted with it.

Mr. FIELDING. I quite understand that.

UNITED STATES MINIMUM TARIFF.

Mr. FOSTER. Has the Minister of Finance any further information with reference to the inclusion or otherwise of Canada in the benefit of the minimum tariff rates of the United States to which it appears Great Britain has been admitted. I see also that Germany has been admitted although her colonies are still under consideration.

Mr. FIELDING. I think it is quite clear that the arrangement with Great Britain does not include Canada and that Canada will have to be dealt with by a separate proclamation.

Mr. FOSTER. None such is issued?

Mr. FIELDING. None such has issued.

Mr. FOSTER. Has the Minister of Finance had any negotiation in any way to find out what is going on, or, is he simply waiting?

Mr. FIELDING. We have no official negotiations, but we manage to find out what is going on in a general way. The public press, in regard to the United States affairs, generally keep us well posted; they tell us all that is going on and some things that are not.

MANITOBA FISHERIES COMMISSION.

Mr. BRADBURY. I wish to ask the First Minister when the fishery report will be brought down?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I regret to say that the deputy minister is confined to his bed by illness and I could not have an interview with him.

RESIGNATION OF CHIEF ENGINEER LUMSDEN.

Mr. LENNOX. I wish to ask the Prime Minister when we may expect that the committee appointed to investigate the resignation of Mr. Lumsden will be called together? The committee was named on the 3rd of this month, eleven days ago. Is there any reason why the committee should not be called together and the inquiry proceeded with; the session is getting on?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. If there is any reason, I do not know of it. I see no reason why the committee should not be called for to-morrow or the day after.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. It is a curious thing that the committee has not been called together long before this.