

ALL-RED ROUTE—*Con.*

the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

That in the opinion of this conference the interests of the Empire demand that in so far as practicable, its different portions should be connected by the best possible means of mail communications, travel and transportation; and that to this end it is advisable that Great Britain should be connected with Canada and through Canada with Australia and New Zealand, by the best service available within reasonable cost; that for the purpose of carrying the above project into effect such financial support as may be necessary should be contributed by Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand in equitable proportions.

That it is desirable that steps should be taken with all convenient speed to achieve the results aimed at in the said resolution.

That this House doth hereby endorse the terms of the said resolution, affirming that Canada is prepared to assume her fair share of the necessary financial obligations. That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the governments of Australia, Canada and New Zealand should, with as little delay as possible, agree upon a definite plan for carrying into effect the terms of the said resolution of the Imperial Conference, the same to be submitted for the consideration of the Imperial and colonial parliaments—Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier—12414.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—12432.

Not the slightest doubt as to the absolute importance of better means of communication—12432. Quotes Hon. Sydney Fisher on the fast line—12433. Regrets more attention has not been given to the question of freight rates—12434. On account of great expenditures must be careful how they commit themselves—12435. Believes every one in the House sympathizes with the object aimed at—12436. No peculiar advantage in pledging themselves to unknown liabilities—12438. Apparently only a 20 or 21 knot service on the Atlantic aimed at; moves an amendment—12439.

*Cockshutt, W.* (Brantford)—12448.

Cannot understand why South Africa is left out in the cold—12448. Does not see why the Premier overlooked the question of mutual preference—12449. A resolution submitted in the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire—12450. Another resolution; These were passed almost unanimously—12451. Trusts the Premier will incorporate the amendment—12452. Hopes both sides of the House will give it their support—12453.

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*Daniel, J. W.* (St. John City)—12469.

The All-Red line conceived many years ago—12469. Reads the conference resolution; not for a twenty or twenty-one knot service—12470. A 24-knot service means a separate freight service—12471. The Premier should have been a little more definite in his statement—12472.

*Devlin, E. B.* (Wright)—12487.

The resolution commercially important to the Dominion—12487. The main object of the amendment is to defeat the motion—12488.

*Fielding, Hon. W. S.* (Finance Minister)—12465.

The amendment distinctly declares that you must do nothing immediately—12465. This is not a case in which we are called upon to deal with details—12466. Passenger business being separated from the coarser freight business—12467. If some day we are to have one port all the year, that port would be Halifax—12468. The time is not ripe for parliament to deal with this question in detail—12469.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—12419.

Laurier not as positive in the House as he was in the Imperial Conference—12419. Canada has been gradually prying ahead towards a better and better service—12420. The attitude of the government towards these questions when in opposition—12421. Quotes Sir Adolph Caron's resolution at the conference of 1894—12422. That resolution did not find a dissenting voice in that colonial conference—12423. Quotes the Prime Minister on that resolution—12424. Well, the country should know the kind of proposition placed before the 1907 conference—12425. Reads the Premier's proposal—12426. Quotes Mr. Deakin, Sir William Lynne, Sir Joseph Ward and Mr. Lloyd George—12427. Quotes Sir Wilfrid Laurier, true to his traditions, no inquiry necessary—12428. Quotes Mr. Lloyd George again—12429. At that time a 24-knot service on the Atlantic or nothing—12430. Cost of the National Transcontinental Railway—12431. The opposition does not propose to pin itself down to the proposition—12432. What is the scheme? who is the master of this craft—12488. Cannot but think that the Secretariat has been at work—12489. Rather remarkable change in the last few hours of the attitude of the government—12490. Difference between the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister—12491. The opposition and the government agreed that there should be no delay—12492. The imperative command of the House to bring in a definite plan without delay—12493. Navigation of the utmost importance—12494. Cost of the National Transcontinental; Canadian credit in the London market—12495.

*Kemp, A. E.* (East Toronto)—12460.

Did not think the Premier very enthusiastic himself—12460. A difference of opin-