

fit to a contractor that these matters should come out, they are all curious and anxious to know. I say it is no benefit in the matter of estimated quantities, I will give over a piece of work and will not always agree with those estimated quantities; but if in going down past a bluff, I see that the geological formation assures me, in my judgment, that there will be a large amount of rock underneath apparently sand or clay cuts, I shall know there will be a great deal more work and put in my tender accordingly. But it is a matter of guess or judgment just as in the case of the engineer who puts down his estimated quantities. But the fact remains that the estimated quantities must be the only basis on which a tender is asked for and put in. I hope that this will have a dual effect—this order which I have put upon the paper.

Motion agreed to.

MOTIONS AGREED TO WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

For a copy of all Orders in Council, correspondence, reports, memoranda, papers and documents, since the 1st day of January, 1900, relating to the Quebec bridge, including all reports and Orders in Council relating to the plans and specifications for the works of the undertaking, or to any approved thereof by the Governor in Council, or by the Department of Railways and Canals.—Mr. R. L. Borden.

For a return showing: 1. The number of disputes dealt with under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1907, to December 1, 1907.

2. The dates at which the several applications for the operation of the Act have been received.

3. Names of the parties concerned in the several disputes.

4. Name of the party making application.

5. Locality of dispute.

6. Number of persons affected.

7. Nature of dispute.

8. Names of members of Board of Conciliation and Investigation where same has been established.

9. Date on which board was established.

10. Date of sittings of board.

11. Result of the reference of the dispute under Act.—Mr. Ralph Smith.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, House adjourned at six o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, December 13, 1907.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

THE FRANCO-CANADIAN TRADE TREATY.

On the orders of the day being called:

Mr. H. BELAND (Beauce). Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the hon. Minister of Fi-

nance (Mr. Fielding) whether he intends distributing to the members of the House copies of the French tariff with respect to the items contained in schedule A of the treaty now submitted to the House? The items contained in that schedule comprise Canadian products entitled to special favour, or to the minimum tariff in the French market? That would indicate that there is a maximum and a minimum tariff in France and in order to judge of what special favour or what preference the Canadian products in the list are entitled to in the French market it is necessary that the maximum and minimum tariff of France should be distributed amongst the members of this House.

Mr. FIELDING. Yes, Mr. Speaker, the information is being prepared and will be distributed.

Mr. FOSTER. In connection with the French treaty may I ask the minister if he would have a note made on the information as to the countries that at present enjoy France's minimum tariff?

Mr. FIELDING. The French minimum tariff?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, the French minimum tariff. It is very important in connection with one part of the treaty as to shipments of goods.

Mr. FIELDING. The list of countries which enjoy the French minimum tariff?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes.

Mr. FIELDING. I will endeavour to meet the hon. gentleman's suggestion.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 32) to incorporate the Bank of Vancouver.—Mr. Macpherson.

Bill (No. 33) respecting the Calgary and Fernie Railway Company.—Mr. Galliber.

Bill (No. 34) respecting the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Railway Company.—Mr. Sam. Hughes.

Bill (No. 35) to incorporate the Travellers' Life Assurance Company of Canada.—Mr. Gervais.

Bill (No. 36) respecting the Boundary, Kamloops and Cariboo Central Railway Company.—Mr. Duncan Ross.

SUPPLY—FRAUDULENT CIRCULAR TO IMMIGRANTS.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance) moved that the House go into Committee of Supply.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Mr. Speaker, before the House goes into Supply I would like