

THE TARIFF—*Con.*

by, is much-abused tariff of, 1907. Signed agreement with West Indies finishing what Liberals began, 6439.

Nesbitt, E. W. (North Oxford)—6441.

Agree in urging minister to bring down his budget and tariff as soon as possible. Have received numerous letters asking whether or not duty was to be remitted on ditching machines, 6441. Another matter last year duty was remitted on cement for short time. Would like to know minister's intention on this matter, 6442.

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—6442.

It is a tradition in this House that no announcement with regard to the tariff should be made except in the budget speech, 6442. Business interests of this country rather, than being uneasy, have most profound confidence in this administration. Budget this year should synchronize with going into effect of West India trade agreement, 6443. Well known to business community that we stand for reasonable stability of tariff, 6446. Has been financial stringency world wide, 6447. As soon as Bill is through the House and Senate and assented, will bring down budget, 6448.

THREE RIVERS COAL DOCK.

Attention called—*Mr. Bureau*, 8741.

Bureau, Hon. Jacques (Three Rivers and St. Maurice)—8741.

Calls attention to answer given to question *re* Maurice Arcand, 8741. Arcand is still in service of the government. Would like that rectified, 8742.

Rogers, Hon. Robert (Minister of Public Works)—8742.

Handed in departmental answer. Will inquire as to how mistake was made, 8742.

UNION LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Inquiry—*Mr. Martin*, 8227.

Martin, W. M. (Regina)—8227.

Have any steps been taken to investigate the financial condition of this company? 8227.

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—8227.

Matter under consideration of department, 8227.

Leave to move adjournment of the House—*Mr. Martin*, 8360.

Martin, W. M. (Regina)—8360.

Representations made by policy-holders from statements made in the press that they do not know whether further payments should be made of insurance premiums, 8361. Montreal Times and Sa-

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turday Night quoted, 8362-6. If the company is on a solvent basis the policy-holders should know it, 8366.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Edmonton)—8369.

What is important to know is how far control by government acts as protection to holders of life insurance policies, 8369. If there is anything that should be looked after carefully by the government it is the protection of policy-holders, 8370.

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—8366.

A great deal of discussion in financial papers with regard to the affairs of this company. Actuarial officers have been in Toronto a dozen times during the year looking into the affairs of the company, 8367. It is very much better that a company should be saved than destroyed, 8368.

UNIFORM BRITISH NATURALIZATION.

Motion :

For a copy of all despatches, letters, telegrams and other documents, including any reports of interviews had by ministers with the Imperial authorities with reference to a uniform plan of naturalization of aliens as British subjects in the United Kingdom and throughout the empire.—*Mr. Macdonald*, 2374-5.

Doherty, Hon. C. J. (Minister of Justice)—2386.

Matter has not been lost sight of and House will be satisfied with progress made. Constitutional rights of Canada must be safeguarded. The serious question is, can the United Kingdom constitutionally legislate upon the subject and make that legislation effective within the Dominion? 2388. General legislation for the purpose of naturalization comparatively new thing in the United Kingdom, 2389. Naturalization exclusive within the different possessions, 2390. United Kingdom dealt with the question on assumption that naturalization was in itself a local thing, 2391. Our constitution conferred upon as the power to deal with naturalization. Co-operation between the different countries constituting the empire in legislation might attain the result we are aiming at, 2392. No intention of Imperial authorities of legislating in such manner as to make naturalization in the United Kingdom effective in the dominions without action by the parliaments, 2395. Act deals exclusively with Imperial naturalization, 2396. All information placed before House, 2402.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—2374.

Two questions involved in problem, first what is status of British subjects who go abroad and take allegiance to foreign countries and, second, what is status of aliens coming to Canada or any part of British empire and becoming naturalized? 2375. Alien who comes in is never considered as British subject in world-wide