

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES—*Con.*

*Borden, R. L. (Halifax)*—6359.

A good deal of force in the contention of Mr. Sifton, 6359. The provisions of subsection (c) might with perfect propriety be made applicable, 6360. Does the word 'chairman' refer to the chairman of the commission? 6365.

*Crosby, A. B. (Halifax)*—6366.

We are going to have another committee spending money in practically the same direction, 6366. Do not desire to have the commission do work already provided for by the House, 6367. The province has nothing to do with the fisheries of this country, 6368.

*Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)*—6359.

The only change is to leave out the reference to the members of the commission, 6359. It might be held that we were casting a little suspicion on the members, 6360. The question is whether we shall have a commission or not, 6361. If they adopted the amendment they would cause the resignation of one-half of the commission, 6362. The original Act provided that members might be paid their disbursements, 6363. The commission has no power to prevent anything or to do anything of the kind, 6364. So far as a formal report is concerned, 6365. The commission on fisheries has not yet taken up their work, 6366. The commission will find plenty of work to do without overlapping the work of the House, 6367. Obvious possibility of their being able to do work which a committee of the House could not do, 6368. Moves a further amendment to section 7, 6369. Hoped before next session something might be worked out, 6370. The commission would of course obey any order of the House asking for information, 6371. The amendment of Mr. Sifton, 6372.

*Goodeve, A. S. (Kootenay)*—6368.

Would probably be able to answer the question, 6368. They might possibly act in an advisory capacity to the governments, 6369. We would simply ask the commission and get a report, 6373.

*Jameson, C. (Digby)*—6363.

Asks why the provision was not in the original Bill, 6363. Asks information as to the commission on fisheries, 6365. Cannot understand why another commission should undertake to investigate matters now being investigated, 6366. It would be well the two committees should proceed along similar lines, 6367.

*Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln)*—6360.

Cannot understand how to distinguish the officers from the commissioners in this regard, 6360. We are told that the private business of one of these commissioners may be interfered with, 6361. So much the better for the people,; 2,000,000

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men who are not interested, 6362. By this Act members and senators are permitted to take an interest against the people, and feather their nests, 6363.

*Reid, J. D. (Grenville)*—6359.

Asks for a statement of the quantity of power used on the canal at Cornwall, 6359.

*Sharpe, S. (North Ontario)*—6370.

Cannot see why the servants should be penalized and the commissioners not, 6370. Asks if the expert knowledge of the commission is to be available to the House, 6371.

*Sharpe, W. H. (Lisgar)*—6367.

Would like to know if the commission has been paid for work already done, 6367.

*Sifton, Hon. C. (Brandon)*—6363.

When the Act was drawn the plan of work had not been fully thought out, 6363. Appoint committees to deal with the different classes of subjects, 6364. So far the commission has considered two questions in connection with public health, 6365. The committee has not made any examination, 6366.

*Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)*—6364.

Cannot see the necessity for a conservation commission having a committee on public health, 6364. They could only report to the Governor in Council, 6365. The law says that the commission shall consist of twenty members, 6367. Should be some provision for parliament getting the benefit of their knowledge, 6371. Suggests an amendment of clause 13, 6372.

*Turriff, J. G. (Assiniboia)*—6372.

Considerable importance that we should be able to get information from the commission, 6372.

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Announcement of judicial decisions—His Honour the Speaker, 1.

*Speaker, His Honour the, 1.*

Has received certificates and reports from the judges elected to try election petitions, 1-2.

CO-OPERATION.

First reading of Bill 50—Mr. Lloyd Harris, 705.

*Harris, Lloyd (Brantford)*—705.

The Bill provides for the incorporation of all kinds of co-operative societies, 705.

CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES ACT.

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