

ADJOURNMENT—TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Inquiry concerning the commissioners—Hon. Wm. Pugsley, 1196.

Cochrane, Hon. Frank (Minister of Railways)—1196.

They have been asked to resign, it is not intended to make any appointments, 1196.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—1196.

Asks if the commissioners have been asked to resign, and if other appointments will be made, 1196.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND THE TIMISKAMING AND NORTHERN ONTARIO RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Bill (No. 145) taken in committee—Hon. F. Cochrane—6769.

Cochrane, Hon. F. (Minister of Railways)—6769.

It is on the basis of running rights, a wheelage basis, 6769. It is all in the Bill, 6770.

Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Renfrew)—6769.

Asks the basis of the agreement. It will be in the Bill, 6769.

AGRICULTURE—AID AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF.

Bill 100 introduced—Hon. Mr. Burrell, 2849.

Burrell, Hon. M. (Minister of Agriculture)—2849.

Refers to a paragraph in the Speech from the Throne, 2849. The more closely the subject was studied the more the policy of co-operation with the provinces commended itself, 2850. Quotes the British North America Act and Lord Carnarvon's opinion, 2851. The duty of the government to lay a foundation for constructive legislation. Mr. C. C. James' appointment, 2852. Grants will be based on population, 2853.

AID TO AGRICULTURE.

Bill 100 taken in committee—Hon. Mr. Burrell, 5277.

Bennett, R. P. (Calgary) 5286.

Perfectly apparent that if Mr. Pugsley's scheme were carried, 5286. It would be perfectly useless; if you divide by population the necessities of the province may not be met, 5287. To distribute it on the basis of a decennial census would not be fair to the west, where they have a census every five years, 5291.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister) 5285.

Not a dollar can be spent until it has been voted by parliament, and parliament has to be satisfied, 5285. The division will appear in the Supply Act, and there is no need to put it in this Act, 5288. Every year parliament has the matter in its own hands. This parliament has the primary, the dominant right, 5289; So far as distribution is concerned it will be on the fairest basis we can propose,

AID TO AGRICULTURE—Con.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L.—Con.

that of population, 5290. Government proposes to use this Bill as a means of arriving at an arrangement with the provincial governments, 5297. Thought the principle of calling the provincial governments into co-operation would have commended itself, 5298.

Burrell, Hon. M. (Minister of Agriculture)—5277.

No desire to divide the money in any way that is not absolutely fair and equitable, 5277. Stated that it would be granted according to the population of the various provinces, 5278. Took pains on the introduction to state clearly what was the purport of the measure. And the lines of procedure, 5283. Quotes his speech on introducing the Bill. More or less of a temporary measure. A straight division according to population, 5284. Sir Wilfrid must have misunderstood him, 5290. As well to bring that up upon the estimates, and to defer the matter till then, 5297.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—5285.

Thinks it would be better to frame amendment providing for the division of the money 'pro rata,' 5285. All very well when Mr. Borden gives the assurance that the division will take place in the supplementary estimates this year, 5288. We do not know what conditions may maintain for the future, and would like to have it in the Bill, 5289.

Chisholm, W. (Antigonish)—5295.

The minister has stated again and again that it is his intention to make distribution according to population, 5295. More satisfactory to everybody concerned that that should be embodied in the Act. A very laudable proposal, 5296. Thinks the amendment reasonable, 5297.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (Minister of Trade and Commerce)—5280.

If Mr. Pugsley is going to dwell on the Fathers of Confederation they had better take lunch first, 5280.

Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Renfrew)—5278.

There should be some basis as to how the money will be divided. Might be used in an election, 5278. There should be some standard established when a general principle is being laid down, 5279. The minister stated most positively that the estimate would provide for division according to population, 5287. All we are asking is that a clause be embalmed in the statute carrying out this promise, 5288.

Hazen, Hon. J. D. (Minister of Marine)—5278.

Has no doubt it will work out practically in a division according to population, 5278. Has heard that statement frequently in the last fifteen years, 5279.

Hughes, J. J. (Kings, P.E.I.)—5297.

Asks if it is intended to increase the acreage at the experimental farm at Charlottetown, P.E.I., 5297.