

COMMANDEERING OF COASTING VESSELS

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vessels engaged in the Canadian trade, because it is almost of as much importance that the industries of Canada should be kept constantly going and well supplied with coal as it is that vessels should be engaged in the carrying trade for the Government of Great Britain, 1970.

COMMANDEERING OF WHEAT.

Motion:—

For a copy of all orders in council, letters, telegrams, reports and other documents in connection with the commandeering of wheat about the 27th November, 1915, and in connection with the disposal of such wheat.—Mr. W. M. Martin, 558.

Inquiry.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 1156-7.

Complaint of incomplete return.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 1434.

Complaint of incomplete report.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 1609-10.

CONTROL OF WATER-POWERS.

Attention called.—Mr. Graham, 556.

Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert (Prime Minister).

No arrangement has been arrived at, so far as I am aware, up to the present time, but I think the negotiations are progressing rather favourably, 556.

Graham, Hon. G. P. (Renfrew South)—556.

Asks if water-powers under the control of the federal authority were to be handed over to the Provincial Government, 556.

DAMAGE TO PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY.

Report of Librarians presented.—Sir Robert Borden, 755-6.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Inquiry.—Mr. Macdonald—4006.

DEATH OF CORPORAL DR. STEWART.

Attention called.—Mr. Copp, 2443-4.

DEATH OF PRIVATE D. CURRY.

Attention called.—Mr. Kyte, 2987.

DEATH OF PRIVATE CURRY.

Further information.—Sir Robert Borden, 3049.

DEBRIS OF PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Inquiry.—Mr. Murphy, 806.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Statement of Under Secretary of State for External Affairs in connection with criticisms of his report.—Sir Robert Borden, 1207.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Motion for adoption of Order in Council.—Mr. Roche, 3347.

Remarks

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Edmonton)—3347-50.
Roche, Hon. W. J. (Minister of the Interior)—3350-2.

DESTRUCTION OF PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS BY FIRE.

Reference to—Sir Robert Borden, 578.

Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert (Prime Minister)—578.

Mr. Speaker, we meet to-day under the shadow of a great calamity. It is most deplorable that the unfortunate occurrence of last evening should have been attended with loss of life, 578. Telegrams and letters and Minute of Council and report of the Sergeant-at-Arms read, 579-80. The appalling suddenness of this calamity must, I am sure, have impressed itself on every member who was within the precincts of the House at the time the fire occurred. Those who were not actually present within the building will hardly believe with what startling suddenness, the volumes of smoke and the gusts of flame came into the corridors. When I went down the corridor leading past the press room the smoke and flames were rolling through the corridor which led to the reading room in an appalling volume; and the fire and smoke seemed to be accompanied by a series of short, sharp explosions, indicating the fierceness with which the fire was making headway, 580.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—581.

The old Parliament Building in which we sat yesterday, and which has been identified with the life of the Canadian people since Confederation, is a mass of ruins. Great though the material loss is to every member of Parliament, to those of the present day and to those of an older generation still living, the loss of life is still more appalling, 581. When we look at the mass of ruin there on the hill, and when we know that it is the result of an accident, we are reminded of the ruins of Louvain, and of the ruins of Rheims, caused not by accident, but by this wickedness of a cruel foe. If there is anything which the present calamity should impress upon us, it is the desirability of going on with our work and doing everything to bring those cruel murderers to justice, 581.

DESTRUCTION OF PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Commission of Inquiry.

Copy of Order in Council appointing Commission laid on Table.—Sir Robert Borden, 582.

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Messages of condolence.—Sir Robert Borden, 587-9.