

BANK ACT.

Inquiry—Mr. Macdonald, 938.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—938.

Asks if the Act will be introduced soon after the vacation, 938.

White, Hon. W. T. (Finance Minister)—938.

Matter under consideration. Importance of the measure. Not able to give a definite answer, 938.

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Bill 169 read a first time—Hon. W. T. White, 5555.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—5555.

Calls attention to a need of provision at the time the banks are carrying the lumber industry, 5555-6.

White, Hon. W. T. (Finance Minister)—5555.

Extends the charter for a year and also extends the emergency period two months, 5555. Does not think there is a widespread demand, but will look into it, 5556.

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Decision of Mr. Speaker, 407.

Speaker, His Honour the—407.

Decides that Mr. Demer's Bill should be introduced upon resolution, 407.

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Bill 169 taken in committee—Hon. W. T. White, 5846.

Demers, M. J. (St. Johns and Iberville)—5852.

Under the present system shareholders are not sufficiently acquainted with the affairs of the bank, 5552. Reforms which are necessary. Directors should no longer have the discretionary power that they have to-day, 5853. The necessity of a system of bank inspection by the government, 5854.

Devlin, E. B. (Wright)—5855.

Currently reported that Canadians banks are using a great portion of their funds in developing American industries, 5855. Does not object to Canadian banks extending their operation to American territory, 5857.

Hughes, J. J. (Kings, P.E.I.)—5857.

The object of banks in establishing branches to obtain about as much money on deposit as they loan there, 5857. Is that system followed when they open branches in the United States? 5858.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec)—5850.

Favours government inspection. Number of failures. All after the required returns have been made, they were false, system to prevent; showing that this wanted, 5850.

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Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—5847.

Calls attention to the fact that there is a strong sentiment in the country on the subject, 5847. That the time has come when, in reviewing the Bank Act, provision should be made for government inspection, 5848. Has been strongly urged that an investigation should be made into La Banque Ste. Hyacinthe, 5849. Asked for a return, but the papers were not in it. Possibly Provincial charter, 5850. Did not express any personal opinion as to government inspection, 5851.

Maclean, A. K. (Halifax)—5846.

Asks an explanation of the provisions of the Bill generally, 5846. The amount of issue is not enlarged, 5847.

McCraney, G. E. (Saskatoon)—5855.

A Liberal in the West stated that a Canadian bank was financing more than half the export of the American cotton crop, 5855.

White, Hon. W. T. (Finance Minister)—5846.

To provide for the extension for one year of the charters of Canadian banks. Statistics circulation, extension of emergency circulation, 5846. September should be included. They want to feel reasonably sure that the circulation will come back because once they put it out they cannot control it, 5847. Has not brought down the amended Bank Act because of its great importance and the need of giving it full consideration, 5848. The very essence of banking is loaning upon personal security, 5849. If the incorporation is provincial the question arises whether the business they are doing is ultra vires or not, 5850. Glad to hear Sir Wilfrid. The Act should be amended with regard to the organization of banks. Administration, operation and inspection, 5851. Has no information as to the amount involved in the exchange business carried on by the banks in Canada, 5855. Gold or legal tender is barren. New York is the only market in America where the banks can loan their reserve funds, 5856. Quite possible that tempted by higher rates some banks have gone outside the field in which such operations are usually carried on, 5857. The Canadian banks do not, in the State of New York, do a banking business in the ordinary sense, 5858. Banks do carry in the cities part of the reserve so as to be ready for the strain when it comes, 5859.

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Inquiry—Hon. R. Lemieux—1820.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—1820.

Thinks the Finance Minister will be very glad to have it passed, if it will not prolong the session, 1820.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—1820.

Asks if it is intended to introduce a Banking Act this session, 1820.