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ment objectionable—3541. Allow people to go voluntarily and state their grievances—3542. Probably he had not studied the evidence—3544. It would be regarded as impertinent and people would not go—3550. It is just changing the wording, that is all—3551. Then the subsection stands for further consideration—3552. Your Bill does not provide for that—3558. The subsection does not say that the Finance Minister shall make the information confidential—3566. They can hold back all the confidential information—3567. It means that they shall not transmit it with their official report—3571. Can the minister having received a vote based upon sworn testimony refuse to bring it down—3572. If the Bill passes even the minister might not know the information upon which the board is acting—3574. The commission would have power to report in favour of such and such action—3575. Will the meetings be open, or a star chamber proceeding, a private performance—3579. The moment you give the commission power to exclude the public you make it a star chamber inquiry—3580. Would they want evidence under oath as to secret trade processes?—3583. The newspapers say that Mr. Crocket is to be one of the commissioners—3586. How would it do to dispose of the amendment already moved to section 5?—3588. Wonders how Mr. Foster feels about that poison he said would be injected into the veins of the government, if the election went adversely—3589. The record a bit mixed, suggests the withdrawal of the first two amendments—3591. Mr. Currie is obstructing the Bill in the most unwarranted manner—3594. Moves an amendment to section 5—3596. Evidence taken on oath should be published for the benefit of every member of parliament and the public—3597. There is nothing to prevent those commissioners getting private information if they want to—3598. The clear intention is that they shall take evidence under oath—3599. This section is very different from section 374 of the Railway Act—3600. Precisely as it is copied into this Bill—3601. Has a copy of the Congressional Bill, but the Bill did not pass—3602. Once you make it public and it is open to business competition, as well as the whole world—3603. The Congress draftsman very careful to provide that Congress should have access to all evidence—3605. Wants all information to be available for the government and parliament—3606. Nothing to prevent the Finance Minister or Minister of Customs receiving information—3607. Is it not a fact that they can determine when they will sit with closed doors—3608. Thinks the government should accept an additional clause—3609. Moves an addition to as clause 8—3610. That is not inconsistent with the subsection passed—3611. Will have to appeal against the ruling. Nothing inconsistent in the amendment—3615. There was no

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appeal made to the House, but to your Honour under the rules—3616. Before you compel the attendance of a witness in a civil case you must tender him his witness fees—3620. Are not the salaries pretty high? Compares them with judges, etc.—3625. Chairman of the I. C. R. only gets \$6,000—3626. Without pleadings?—4080. The amendments substantially follow the lines suggested on that side of the House—4081.

Schaffner, F. L. (Souris)—2967.

More and more satisfied that they are going to solve the problem of distrust existing between the manufacturing and agricultural classes—2967. The feeling has arisen simply because we fail to understand each other. The great question, Who is the Commission to serve?—2968. We must get out of our minds this suspicion, and deal with the question fairly and squarely—2969. It is the most progressive piece of legislation introduced into the House since he entered it—2970.

Sharpe, S. (North Ontario)—3018.

Does Mr. Guthrie expect confidential evidence to be submitted to the House?—3018. Asks if this Bill provides for investigation into capitalization of bonds, stock issues, &c.—3557. Then it might take cognizance of an over-bond issue—3558. Then the cost of production would vary according to the bond issue—3559. Does not section 4 control that?—3571. You nullify the whole effect of the Act unless you empower them to inquire into the cost of production—3576. Asks how notice of sittings, investigations or examinations will be announced—3590. Without this provision the Commission could not compel the giving of information—3598. Section 374 refers to returns, not to oral evidence—3600. If the amendment is carried it will nullify the last vote—3611. Messrs. Ames and Cockshutt merely expressed their private opinions. The commission is to benefit the consumer—3613. The amendment should be ruled out of order—3614. Was anxious to meet the objection met by the amendment—3623. The Commission should have power to investigate all these things—3624.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—3549.

Never heard of any restrictions in the number of witnesses in a court of law—3549. Would this section restrict the right of a member to move for a return?—3579. The minister has not said definitely whether he would accept Mr. Pugsley's proposal or no—3609. The minister should accept the amendment. Hints have been thrown out that the Commissioners must be in sympathy with the government—3612. He will not want to have it go to the country that he refused a proposition of this kind—3613. Moves to add a subsection to section 5—3624.