

WESTERN FREIGHT RATES—*Con.*

*Cochrane, Hon. Frank* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—8935.

The death of the late chairman had the effect of putting back the investigation. This is not a question that can be dealt with in a month; if it is dealt with in a year they will do well. We are not humberging or delaying over this matter, 8936.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Westmorland)—8983.

Admittedly there have been very excessive railway freight rates in western Canada and discrimination against the west in favour of the east, 8984. History of the C.P.R., 8985-8. This government is responsible for the freight rates in the west so far as they have existed for the past two years, 8990. This important question should be adjudicated upon without interminable delay, 8991. What good is a traffic expert from the United States who has not a knowledge of the conditions that prevail in railway operation in Canada, 8992.

*McKay, James* (Prince Albert)—8992.

Some members take the position that this government are culpable for everything that may be a detriment to the people in the west. This government took active measures to have this investigation take place as early as 20 Nov. 1911, whereas during all the years that the opposition were in power they remained passive, 8992-3. This is a very important question so far as the west is concerned, 8994.

*Martin, W. M.* (Regina)—8923.

The question is of great importance to the people of western Canada. Despatch from Winnipeg Free Press read, 8924. The removal of unjust freight rates in western Canada would alleviate the conditions under which the people labour at the present time, 8925. The question placed before Ry. Commission was that of discriminating freight rates in the west. If a decision is not given within reasonable time the responsibility rests upon the government, 8926. Five months have elapsed since anything was done, 8927. A short history of what took place before the Ry. Commission, 8927-34.

*Neely, D. B.* (Humboldt)—8936.

The matter of investigation was placed before the commission a year and a half ago. The question before the board is discrimination between the east and the west, 8937. The public are becoming suspicious that there is something wrong about this matter, 8937. The public press have stated the grievances and complaints of the people, 8939.

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*Oliver, Hon. Frank* (Edmonton)—8940.

This is not merely a western matter. What affects adversely the producer of western Canada affects adversely every business interest in Canada, 8940. When a statute is being notoriously contravened it is not the place of the government to shelter themselves behind the Railway Commission, 3941. We propose to insist that the importance of this case is such that it demands a settlement on the terms of the Railway Act, 8942.

*Rogers, Hon. Robert* (Minister of Public Works)—8947.

Absolutely impossible for any man in this House or outside of it to establish the slightest title of evidence of bad faith on the part of the administration in carrying out a policy that means to the people of western Canada all the advantages in connection with the reduction of freight rates or the construction of railroads, 8947. Every confidence that this matter will be dealt with fairly and speedily by the Railway Commission, 8949. The government are giving full and very careful consideration to this wide and very important question and the people of the west will have no reason to find fault with their action, 8950.

## WESTERN DRY DOCK SUBSIDY.

House in committee on Bill No. 206—*Mr. Rogers*, 10079.

*Carvell, F. B.* (Carleton N.B.)—10080.

Seems to be rather unfair to the government, 10081.

*Graham, Hon. G. P.* (Renfrew South)—10081.

Do the government provide in any way for an inspection of them, 10081.

*Rogers, Hon. Robert* (Minister of Public Works)—10079.

Necessity of Bill explained, 10079. Public interest safeguarded under agreement. If the company fail in their agreement they forfeit their rights, 10081.

## WINNIPEG WATER SUPPLY.

House in committee on Bill No. 220.—*Mr. Bradbury*, 10751.

*Bradbury, G. H.* (Selkirk)—10752.

This Bill does not provide for the taking of water from any special place, 10752.

*Rogers, Hon. Robert* (Minister of Public Works)—10751.

By reason of the fact that the lake is situated in both provinces it was found necessary to have this Bill, 10751.