

TARIFF COMMISSION—*Con.*

Thompson, Hon. Frank—*Con.*

legislate for the people of Canada—2742. They will be prepared to advise the government as to what measure of protection is required on any of these commodities—2743. Any man who studies political economy most superficially will admit that the home market is the best—2744. Abe Lincoln on the home market. We are trying to protect our manufactures to build up a home market—2745. Germany, the Zollverein, quotes a traveller—2746. Austria-Hungary, Belgium, France, Italy, Denmark, only following their footsteps—2747. Cobden's policy was nothing short of a Utopian dream. Canada is committed to protection—2748. This will enable the government to outline a policy to conserve our resources—2749.

White, Hon. W. T. (Finance Minister)—2591.

The proposed Act creates a Tariff Commission. The responsibility with regard to the tariff will remain as it is—2591. The tariff cannot be taken out of politics. The question of facts are absolutely requisite preliminary to tariff investigation—2592. Tariff committees before revision, 1893, 1897, 1905, 1906. Impossible for such committees to obtain accurate information—2593. Difficulties in Germany and Japan; the United States. Duties of the board. Has done good work—2594. Services from which the Finance Minister obtains information. The creation of a commission does not lessen ministerial responsibility—2595. Takes up the clauses of the Bill. The interpretation clause. Duties of the commission—2596. Cost of raw material; of production; of transportation; of labour—2597. Prices. To hold investigations under the Tariff and Customs Act. Quotes sec. 12—2598. Subsection 4 a necessarily wide clause. One commissioner may hold an investigation—2599. Nothing confidential is to be obtained *re* combines, all is to be public. No change as to reasonable or adequate protection—2600. The problem is how to arrange for a tariff for revenue, and also for upbuilding the country?—2601.

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Bill 88 taken in committee—Hon. W. T. White—2862, 2939, 2994, 3540, 4079.

Aikins, J. A. M. (Brandon)—2949.

Asks to whom the commission would report if Parliament were not sitting, and it was required to formulate a policy—2949.

Ames, H. B. (Montreal, St. Antoine)—2930.

These are merely preventing and correcting misapplications of the tariff—2930. Would be willing to return to the 25 per cent tariff if that merger had increased the cost to the producer—2931. Would be delighted to have the Tariff Commission investigate the cost—2932. Paid agitation—2936. It will be necessary for the government to say to the com-

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mission, 'We desire an inquiry into such and such schedules—2945. You will surely get into confusion if you sit here and let them start on any subject they like—2946. The United States having no difficulty in getting information from a great many services—2947. Asks Mr. Oliver to withdraw his remarks that he had not in any way referred to the farmer—2974. Many of these companies pay no dividend whatever on their common stock and will not till the water is squeezed out—3021. Every dollar of the preferred stock of the Ames-Holden-McCreedy Company represents actual cash invested, no dividend on the common stock—3022.

Bennett, W. H. (Simcoe)—2977.

Asks if Mr. Oliver seriously means that Senators Jones and Frost were supporting the Conservative party—2977.

Blain, R. (Peel)—2895.

The Bill a very simple one and one that appeals to every class of the people of Canada—2895. The farmers all over Canada turned to the Conservative party in September last and said, 'We will give you our support'—2896. Never heard a man in the House who was a protectionist to say he was anything but a moderate protectionist. Quotes the 'Globe'—2897. Without the home market afforded by the farmers the manufacturers of Canada would not succeed—2898. Looking over the Bill its simplicity appeals to him. What the commission is to investigate—2899. All information will be laid on the table of the House except such as may be of a private nature—2900. Mr. Oliver advanced free trade and low tariff propositions in the House, but experienced a change of mind—2901. The people of Canada took Sir Wilfrid's word and put him in power but he did not give them free trade—2902. Mr. Guthrie credited with that he could change as quick as any other party in Canada, and is a protectionist—2903. Is going to join hands with the Minister of Finance and his government in giving the people an independent tribunal—2904. The press on both sides fully understood what the intention of the government was—2910. Quotes the 'Globe' and the 'Mail and Empire.' Will put the article in the hands of the chairman—2911. Is not that grain admitted into the United States free of duty to be ground in bond for export—3011. If the amendment were adopted the commission could conduct no inquiry without interference—3542. Cannot see that the amendment would do any good. Asking them to throw the door open too wide—3543. Should not introduce this amendment at this stage—3544. Has Mr. Kye an impression that the commission will be unwilling to hear complaints—3545. According to Mr. Pugsley the commission would have power to make tariff changes—3574. It is the government that makes the changes in the tariff—3575.