

I am quite sure the hon. member did not intend to misrepresent me, so I simply state to the house that I have privately and publicly expressed my disapproval of any subsidy for the movement of coal from my province to any other place, and through the mouth of its Premier the province of Alberta has done likewise. The operators of that province also, at a recent meeting, unanimously passed a resolution asking that the transportation be carried out without subsidy.

TARIFF ADVISORY BOARD

STENOGRAPHIC REPORTS OF EVIDENCE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Leader of the Opposition): Yesterday the Minister of Finance laid on the table sessional paper 132, in which the following words appear:

As stenographic reports of the public hearings are now taken, copies of the stenographers' notes have been filed with the Minister of Finance. These cover all hearings during the year 1927. The chairman has also filed with the minister his general report on the activities and proceedings of the board since he was appointed to office.

This has reference to the proceedings before the tariff advisory board, and I would ask the minister whether he would lay on the table for the use of the members of the house the stenographic reports of the public hearings before the board during the year 1927, together with the report of the activities and proceedings of the board as prepared and filed by the chairman.

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Finance): I shall be glad to table any information I have received from the board in that regard.

IMMIGRATION ESTIMATES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Leader of the Opposition): I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Immigration and Colonization (Mr. Forke) to his estimates on page 22 of the estimates as laid on the table of the house, and to ask him whether he will prepare and have printed and circulated for the use of the members of this house the details of votes 55 to 60 in those estimates, that we may intelligently and, we hope, usefully criticize his estimates. In part H of the Auditor General's report there is a statement in detail of the expenditure under the vote of last year, and it is quite clear that unless some further detail is given no useful criticism can be made of the current estimates. We would therefore like the minister to prepare and circulate the details of these votes, having regard to the terms of part H of the Auditor General's report, which in-

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dicate the actual expenditures of last year. I believe the right hon. Prime Minister will quite agree that in these circumstances we may be able to act as a committee on the estimates, and may be able to offer some useful advice with respect to expenditures in ports such as St. John and Halifax and other places, but as the vote now stands, composed of only five items, it will be quite impossible to make that useful criticism which is so essential in order that this vote may be understood by the house and by the country. If the minister could prepare this detailed statement and have it printed and circulated before these items are considered it will be greatly appreciated.

Hon. ROBERT FORKE (Minister of Immigration and Colonization): I will be only too happy to agree with the suggestion of my hon. friend, just as far as it is practicable.

Mr. BENNETT: That is all that is intended.

REPORT OF FISHERIES COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. G. ERNST (Queens-Lunenburg): I desire to ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if he is able to give the house any further information as to when the report of the royal commission investigating the fisheries of the maritime provinces will be tabled in the house.

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): I regret that I am not in a position at present to fix any date for the presentation of that report. My present information is that the commissioners are losing no time in preparing it, and I will inquire about the date of its completion and inform my hon. friend not later than Monday or Tuesday.

THE BUDGET

DEBATE ON ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE

The house resumed from Thursday, February 23, consideration of the motion of Hon. J. A. Robb (Minister of Finance) that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of ways and means, the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Cahan and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Fansher (East Lambton).

Mr. JAMES ARTHURS (Parry Sound): Mr. Speaker, there are two outstanding questions which are engaging the attention of the thinking citizens of Canada at the present time. One is how to continue what pros-