

BANKS, AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF—*Con.*

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—12658.

Question of great importance, best taken in a general revision of the Bank Act, which must come shortly—12658. All these things are worthy of consideration—12659.

Pringle, R. A. (Cornwall)—12658.

Asks whether there is a possibility of any legislation in this matter this session—12658.

BANQUE DE ST. JEAN.

Attention called to a statement in Montreal papers—Hon. Geo. E. Foster—9335.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—9336.

Bank Act not the same now as in the time of the Banque Ville Marie failure—9336. Action will have to be taken on the facts coming before them—9337.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—9335.

Calls attention to a statement in Montreal papers—9335. Reads statement; will the Finance Department do its duty as in Banque Ville Marie case—9336.

BASTEDO, INSTRUCTIONS TO MR.

Inquiry for instructions—Hon. Geo. E. Foster—4407.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4407. If there are special instructions they shall be brought down—4407.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—4407.

Asks to have the instructions in regard to negotiations with the provinces brought down—4407.

BEAUHARNOIS CANAL—LEASE OF WATER-POWER ON.

Request for a copy of the new lease—Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron—946.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—946.

Asks for a copy of the new lease of water-power—946.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—947.

Not aware that a new lease has been made—947.

BEHRING SEA COMMISSION—EXPENSES OF SIR C. TUPPER.

Repetition of a question put in the minister's absence, on February 11—Mr. R. L. Borden—4669.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—4669.

Sir Charles Tupper has written denying statement that his expenses were paid by British government—4669.

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Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4669.

Answer was prepared by Mr. Owen; was not correct—4669. Reads a letter of explanation from A. W. Owen—4670.

BELLEVILLE HARBOUR.

Inquiry for a return ordered—Mr. E. G. Porter—4408.

Armstrong, J. E. (East Lambton)—4408.

Asks for returns concerning Grand Bend, St. Joseph, and Bayfield—4408.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4408.

Have communicated with the authorities at Belleville; no information here—4408.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—4408.

Asks for a memo. of the return wanted—4408.

Porter, E. G. (West Hastings)—4408.

Asks why a return is delayed and in regard to expenditure on Belleville harbour—4408.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Public Works)—4408.

Orders given to lose no time in getting returns ready—4408.

BELLEVILLE—PRINCE EDWARD BRIDGE COMPANY.

Bill No. 20 in committee—Mr. Porter—8552.

Alcorn, G. O. (Prince Edward)—8552.

No position to take, willing the bridge should be free in the Private Bill Committee, we agreed on a tariff—8552-3. This is a bridge over an arm of Lake Ontario a mile wide—8555. This parliament only can deal with it as navigation is involved—8556. Tolls are subject to the approval of the Governor in Council—8558.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Westmoreland)—8553.

We certainly are invading the jurisdiction of the provincial legislature—8553. For the reason that by this legislation this parliament undertakes to fix the tolls—8554. Not within our jurisdiction though we may usurp those powers—8555. This is all interference with civil rights which is subject to the jurisdiction of the province—8556. Has stated this parliament has not jurisdiction—8558. Although this parliament has erred in the past, should not extend the error—8559.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—8556.

No doubt Emmerson is absolutely right on the question of navigation—8556. The trouble is, this work has been dealt with as a Dominion work—8557. Does not appear it ever was declared a work for the general advantage of Canada—8559. The question might arise whether it comes under Dominion jurisdiction at all—8560.