

WAYS AND MEANS—THE BUDGET—*Con.*

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—10528.

Changes in different items explained to the committee, 10628-31. Dumping clause refers only to sugar refined in the United States, 10632. 70 per cent of our importations of raw sugar came from the West Indies, 10636. The preferential rate of duty on raw sugar has been reduced from 53 to 40 and on refined it remains at 83, 10638. Clauses relating to cement and traction ditching machines, 10641. The \$3,000 limit will meet the case of all individual farmers, 10642. It is not our policy to carry it further than the needs of the farmers at present, 10643. Cotton sewing thread in hanks, 10643. What we did was to reduce the duty as a happy way out of it, 10645. I cannot make a tariff change this year, 10648.

WAYS AND MEANS—THE SUPPLY BILL.

Motion:

That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1914, the sum of \$123,288,860.64 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.—*Mr. White*, 11602.

WESTERN CANADA MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

House in committee on Bill No. 62.—*Mr. Stevens*, 2603.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Edmonton)—2603.

Wide authority given directors. Shareholders should be amply protected, 2603.

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—2603.

Recognized that preference shares in companies may be created, 2603.

WESTERN FREIGHT RATES.

Motion.—*Mr. Martin (Regina)*, 8923.

Bennett, R. B. (Calgary)—8965.

The fixed charges of the C.P.R. is \$800 per mile, the C.N.R. \$1,000 and the pet of the former administration \$2,000 from Edmonton to Winnipeg, 8965. The first factot in fixing freight rates is the fixed charges, 8966. Reasons given for the rates in the west, 8967-9. The chairman of the board said the onus was on the companies to establish their case. He said: I rule that these rates are undue and unjust, 8974. Counsel for Saskatchewan and Alberta who made application for long adjournment, 8975. The criticism of the hon. gentleman is really directed against the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, 8976. Let me tell Mr. Carvell that the gentlemen who represent the Dominion of Canada before the tribunal in this case have forgotten more law than he ever knew or will know, 8977. The government had no more to do with the

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adjournment granted by the Board of Railway Commissioners than has the hon. gentleman himself, 8978. Discrimination does not give you a case before the Board of Railway Commissioners, 8979. Is it fair to say that because this case has not made rapid enough progress this parliament must criticize and censure the men who are endeavouring to do their duty? 8981. It has been said that we should discuss this matter without any party spirit, 8982.

Bennett, W. H. (Simcoe East)—8943.

The people of the West will soon wake up to what the opposition did when they were in power and what the present government are doing to alleviate their condition; 8943. The result of the action of the present government in allowing American vessels to load up in the fall was that no less than 13,000,000 bushels of grain were accommodated in that way, 8944.

Blain, Richard (Peel)—8956.

Enough heard from Mr. Clark in the shape of lectures to this government. In every debate he refers to the reciprocity question. Every sentence uttered was of a partisan type, 8956. My friend has not a word to say about the 20% reduction in freight rates brought about by this government, 8957. I rise simply to compliment the government, 8958.

Buchanan, W. A. (Medicine Hat)—8945.

We believe that a reduction in freight rates will add to the prosperity and comfort of the people of Western Canada, 8945. The people are anxious that conditions existing in the west shall be remedied so that they may be able to conduct farming and general business on a profitable basis. The west is in a discontented condition at the present time, 8946. There must be greater control of railroads, 8947.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton N.B.)—8958.

The claim has been put forth that freight rates are unduly larger in the west than in the east, 8958. As I understand it the counsel representing the government are the cause of the delay, 8960. There is not a railway in Canada that has 50% of private money invested in it, 8961. I am afraid hon. gentlemen opposite are approaching this matter from a political standpoint, 8964.

Clark, Michael (Red Deer)—8950.

I fail to see evidences on the part of the government of a due appreciation of the economic conditions of the west, 8951. Condition of affairs in western Canada at the present time is a very serious one, 8952. They say they are looking into the matter, 8955. The government are looking into so many matters that the people are beginning to doubt their powers of vision, 8956.