

WAYS AND MEANS—THE BUDGET—*Con.*

White, Hon. W. T.—*Con.*

Just about doubled since 1900—5005-6; Trade with Great Britain and with the United States, merchandise only—5007. Immigration statistics. Number from Great Britain and Ireland. American settlers—5008. Encouragement of immigration to other provinces than the western. Railway mileage. Branch statistics—5009. No tariff changes to propose at present. The inadvisability of interfering with the tariff in lines of prosperity. Reciprocity—5010. Relations with the U.S. will continue friendly and neighbourly. Our prosperity. The Dominion the land of hope and promise—5011.

WEDNESDAY SITTINGS.

Motion to sit on Wednesdays as on other days—*Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden*—1969.

Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L. (Prime Minister)—1969.

Glad to accede, but all the motions have been called several times—1969. Probably be able to answer this week—1970.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (East Quebec)—1969.

Suggests that it take effect on 7th Feby.—1969. Asks for a statement of new legislation to come down—1970.

WINNIPEG AND ST. BONIFACE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

Bill 138 taken in Committee—*Hon. J. D. Hazen*—5988.

Bradbury, G. H. (Selkirk)—5991.

The Bill is to enable somebody to provide wharfs in the city of Winnipeg. They will sell debentures and charge tolls—5991. A natural harbour at Selkirk which is the head of navigation. Nothing in the Bill to interfere with it—5992.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—5997.

Asks if the provisions as to the appointment of commissioners are the same as in the Hamilton Bill—5997. There is a provision that if the Common Council do not appoint within a month the government does—5998.

German, W. M. (Welland)—5990.

Asks how many ships entered and cleared from Winnipeg during the last season of navigation—5990. Will the tolls pay the interest on the money the commissioners are likely to borrow?—5991. At present there is nothing that indicates anything in the nature of a harbour—5992.

Graham, Hon. Geo. P. (Renfrew)—5997.

All these by-laws to control navigation must be in harmony with the statutes as to navigation—5997.

Hazen, Hon. J. D. (Minister of Marine)—5989.

To create a harbour commission for these two cities. The Bill contains the usual clauses of such Bills—5989. Three commissioners to be appointed by each city.

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Hazen, Hon. J. D.—*Con.*

Believed that there will be a great development of trade—5990. There is no power given to dam the river or interfere with navigation—5991. No matter what this Bill said there would be no interference with navigation by the Winnipeg Commission—5992. The powers are exactly the same as in the Hamilton Bill. The Bill asked for by the two cities—5993. There are precedents in the cases of many of the harbour commissions. Amends section 16—5995. They can take no proceedings for expropriation of land without the consent of the Governor in Council. Section 18 an exact copy of the Hamilton Act—5996. Winnipeg appoints three, St. Boniface two, the government none—5997. Introduced as a government measure principally to expedite its passage—5998. Not customary to include a clause that no money should be borrowed without the consent of the Governor in Council—5999.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—5994.

Asks by way of information, what is the nature of the trade?—5994. Is there any freight being carried by boats?—5995. Advisable to put in some caveat, that they should have the authority of the Governor in Council before borrowing—5996.

McKenzie, D. D. (Cape Breton North)—5989.

The tendency now is to do away with these commissioners and make a free port—5989. Absolutely objects to this sort of a shipping Bill. It is adverse to the principles which have governed us—5990. Their harbour with its great tonnage does not provide tolls that will build the necessary wharfs—5991. Is there any precedent for the appointment of such commissioners by the town council?—5995. Before they have powers to expropriate they should submit their plans to the department—5996. Did he understand the minister that there was a description of the harbour—5997. It seems strange it does not say what kind the penalty is, whether a fine or imprisonment—5999.

Oliver, Hon. F. (Edmonton)—5989.

No objection to appointing a board, but great care should be taken as to the provisions—5989. Cannot expect shipping enough to pay tolls that would make any serious improvements—5990. The establishment of a harbour and board of commissioners at a certain point on a navigable river is unique—5991. The government should be represented on the board—5992. In the case of Hamilton or any lake city there is a well defined frontage—5993. Here the amount of frontage is very great and the amount of shipping is not very great—5994.

Rogers, Hon. R. (Minister of the Interior)—5989.

The Bill contains no extraordinary provisions. The object is to have some body