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Canada—5444. The British Empire Company was the only one that did not tender on its own design—5445.

## SUPPLY—RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES.

Remarks on the motion to go into Supply—*Mr. J. G. Turriff*—3194.

*Ames, H. B.* (Montreal, St. Antoine)—3225.

Even in the face of the declarations of the Winnipeg Board of Trade one cannot be expected to set aside his common sense—3225. Does not think anybody will admit that 160,000,000 bushels of the grain of the west does move—3226.

*Cochrane, Hon. F.* (Minister of Railways)—3217.

The letter is not to me but to the Board of Trade—3217. Need not charge me with not producing it—3218.

*Hepburn, B. B.* (Prince Edward Island)—3231.

Asks if Mr. Oliver contends that the Railway Commission has not jurisdiction over freights—3231. Immediately he was notified the minister took up the matter with the Commission—3232.

*Lancaster, E. A.* (Lincoln)—3227.

Then it is all a part of a case before the Railway Commission all complaint, rejoinder and reply—3227.

*McKay, Jas.* (Prince Albert)—3233.

Asks if in the case heard the public were represented by counsel. Reasons for not supporting the amendment—3233. If the case is not dealt with in a proper manner then it can be dealt with by the House—3234.

*Oliver, Hon. F.* (Edmonton)—3216.

The question is as to whether the House should make a declaration as to the powers of the commission in regard to the rates—3216. The Winnipeg resolution was forwarded. Reads the acknowledgment of Mr. Justice Mabee—3217. Letter of the Board of Trade to the minister. That is their view—3218. The minister's reply—3219. Cannot understand how Mr. Rogers can justify the position he has taken to-night—3220. It is the business of Parliament to see that the commission does justice now, or that justice is done—3221. Answer of the shippers' section of the Winnipeg Board of Trade addressed to A. D. Cartwright—3222. Their statement as to rates—3223-4. It is a question between the common sense of Mr. Ames and the statement of the Board of Trade of Winnipeg—3225. This is a rejoinder to the statements made by the representatives of the two railway companies—3226. The commission has authority, but it has not exercised that authority—3227. The Board of Trade's answer to the rejoinder of the companies—3228-9. The conditions which exist in the prairie provinces make this a question of more than ordinary importance—3230. The government

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and this parliament are responsible. The people of the west ask them to act without delay—3231.

*Rogers, Hon. B.* (Minister of the Interior)—3212.

Mr. Turriff cannot expect the House or the people to take any statement re freight rates, coming from him, seriously—3212. As a result of the incompetency of the late administration have a most deplorable condition existing in railway affairs—3213. The National Transcontinental. His humbugging policy was not productive of any good results to the country—3214. Quotes Hon. G. P. Graham, on rates—3215. The resolution, if it means anything, means a vote of want of confidence in the Railway Commission—3216.

*Stevens, H. H.* (Vancouver)—3232.

British Columbia has been fighting this grievance before the Railway Commission for a number of years—3232. Should leave it with the commission to deal with and give them all the assistance possible—3233.

*Turriff, J. G.* (Assiniboia)—3194.

Personally made complaint to the Railway Commissioners. It was pointed out that it was a very large question—3194. Brought the matter before Mr. Graham and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The latter promised to take action in Parliament—3195. The editor of the Manitoba *Free Press* in charge of this work has done more than the ex-minister or the Railway Commission—3196. They have not given the time or attention that should be given to the subject of freight rates—3197. Thinks the time has come when the railways should not be allowed to charge more in the west than in the east for the same service. Reads his amendment—3198. This resolution was adopted by the Winnipeg Board of Trade practically in its entirety—3199. One of the things the Railway Commission should look into and settle without waiting for anyone to take the initiative—3200. The C.P.R. statement of the comparative cost of handling freight in the east and west—3201. It was not until the Manitoba *Free Press* expert got to work that either he or anybody understood the matter—3202. There has not been any railway man able to show that the *Free Press* is wrong in one item. They cannot do it. Table of freights and rates—3203-4. Table contrasting rates for different classes of goods on Canadian and American lines—3205-6. Comparative statement of rates in cents per 100 lbs. car-load shipments. The late government knew of it and did not remedy it—3207-8. Some of the C.P.R. rates for the long and short haul—3209. Freights levied on a car load of oats—3210. We have suffered long enough and the time has come when this state of affairs ought to