

ALBERTA NATURAL GAS.

Reference to.—Mr. Buchanan, 6419.

Bennett, R. B. (Calgary)—6428.

Make a few observations which vitally affect interest in southern Alberta. Question is whether those who have obtained licenses from Department of Interior to sell natural gas, should be permitted to export it into neighbouring provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, 6428. Dealing with matter of this character we in western Canada are surrounded with difficulties. When provinces were created we were denied equality with other provinces, 6429. Medicine Hat has grown up entirely because of cheap natural gas and facilities which it affords for industrial enterprises, 6430.

Buchanan, W. A. (Medicine Hat)—6419.

Questioned ministry some time ago as to exportation of natural gas from Alberta, and government in answer assumed responsibility for exportation, 6419. Quotes from 'Hansard' of February 24th. Wish to impress upon government the importance of protecting natural gas fields in Alberta and of limiting its exploitation as much as possible to its present area, 6420. No certainty as to extent of supply of natural gas in southern Alberta, 6421. Striking example of exhaustion of a gas field in that of Essexfield, Ontario, 6422. Quotes paragraphs of Dr. Chas. R. Van Hise on, 6423-4. Feel government ought to Act and appoint inspectors to look over gas area to see that there is no unnecessary waste, 6425.

Clark, M. (Red Deer)—6433.

Never oppressed with fear about exhaustion of natural resources. As a free trader will be prepared to sell gas from Alberta to another province, 6433. Surely if a political party has any proper business in the world it is to fulfil its pledges, 6434. Hon. friend says he is repelled in this case by the extreme difficulties of it; if the cap fits he must put it on, 6435.

Crothers, Hon. T. W. (Elgin W. Riding)—6425.

Feel indebted to friend, but regret that he did not intimate to me about bringing up matter, in order that I might have been familiarized with it, 6425.

German, W. M. (Welland)—6425.

Along north shore of lake Erie there is a natural gas plant, 6425. Natural gas is an exhaustible commodity. Should be kept entirely for use of Canadians and not exported. Another serious matter is the manufacture and export of electric current, which is being developed on Canadian border at Niagara Falls, 6426.

Martin, W. M. (Regina)—6431.

Listened with interest to remarks made with regard to exportation of natural gas, up to present we have been unable to obtain any supply within limits of Saskatchewan. In interest of western

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provinces' administration of land should be retained by Dominion Government, 6431. Prime Minister when out west in summer was reported to have stated that instead of giving people wider markets he would give them their natural resources, 6432. Nothing further heard of promise, 6432-3.

ALBERTA INTER-URBAN RAILWAY COMPANY.

House in Committee on Bill No. 158.—Mr. Aikins, 8586.

Aikins, J. A. M. (Brandon)—6586.

Purpose of Bill is to correct technical error, 6586.

ALLEGED ERRONEOUS ANSWER.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Edmonton)—698.

In the answer given by the Minister of the Interior to a question by member for Regina, I think the minister will find that in the list of homestead inspectors holding office on September 21, those holding office in Alberta have been included as holding office in Saskatchewan. A correction may be necessary, 698.

ALLEGED INFRACTION OF IMMIGRATION LAW—STRIKE OF PHOTOENGRAVERS.

Attention called to breach of law.—Mr. Carroll, 7772.

Carroll, W. F. (Cape Breton South)—7725.

The law provides that an immigrant must have \$50 over and above his ticket and for other months not less than \$25. Drafts were sent from Toronto and Montreal and given to immigrants to evade that section of the law. A direct violation of the law, 7726. Correspondence read, 7727-39. The grievance is that the Act was not enforced, 7739.

Crothers, Hon. T. W. (Minister of Labour)—7741.

Immigrants not allowed to pass unless requirement of law were complied with. Some held for deportation, 7742. Correspondence read, 7743, 47. Judgment of Justice Graham, 7748-50. Everything within reasonable limits done by Immigration Department to carry out the Act, 7751.

Guthrie, Hugh (Wellington South)—7751.

Departments very careless in the matter, 7752. No action taken which gave labour men justice demanded, 7753. The charge is one of laxity against the Minister of Labour. Minister's first duty is to look after the interests of labour, 7755.

Verville, A. (Maisonneuve)—7756.

Money handed to an immigrant before coming in order that he may qualify under the law is assisted immigration. This should not be permitted, 7756.