

Great Lakes Disarmament

Ethier,	McMaster,
Euler,	McMurray,
Fafard,	McQuarrie,
Finn,	Martell,
Fontaine,	Maybee,
Forrester,	Meighen,
Fortier,	Michaud,
Fournier,	Motherwell,
Gauvreau,	Munro,
Gendron,	Murdock,
Gouin (Sir Lomer),	Ouimet,
Graham,	Papineau,
Grimmer,	Pelletier,
Hammell,	Power,
Hanson,	Preston,
Hughes,	Putnam,
Hunt,	Rankin,
Jacobs,	Raymond,
Johnston (Last Mountain),	Robb,
Jones,	Roberge,
Kay,	Robichaud,
King (Kootenay),	Robitaille,
King, Mackenzie (York),	Ross (Kingston),
Kyte,	Ryckman,
Ladner,	Savard,
Lanctôt,	Séguin,
Lapointe,	Sinclair (Queens, P.E.I.),
Léger,	Spence,
Lovett,	Stevens,
Macdonald (Pictou),	Stewart (Argenteuil),
MacKelvie,	Stewart (Leeds),
Mackinnon,	Stork,
MacLaren,	Sutherland,
Maclean (Halifax),	Thompson,
MacLean (Prince, P.E.I.),	Tobin,
McIsaac,	Trahan,
McKay,	White,
McKenzie,	Wilson—103.
McKillop,	

GREAT LAKES DISARMAMENT

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Leader of the Opposition) moved:

For a copy of all papers, letters, writings, correspondence, documents, etc., of any kind, passing between the government of Canada and the government of the United States relative to the Great Lakes Disarmament question.

Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): The government would have no possible objection whatever to bringing down the papers asked for were the negotiations completed. But I think my right hon. friend will hardly press for the papers when I tell him that some of the matters contained in them are at present being considered by the United States authorities and that it would not be in the public interest to have them laid on the Table at present.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I gathered from a statement, apparently given to the press on the 30th December, that famous anniversary paean of praise, that the treaty was already negotiated. If the statement given the press was wrong, or if the Canadian Press got it wrong from the government, I am ready of course to accept my right hon. friend's statement. Certainly, I do not think the papers should be brought down in the course of the negotiations.

[Mr. Irvine.]

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am glad to hear my right hon. friend use the word "apparently". There was no such statement given to the press.

Mr. MEIGHEN: It is somewhat late to have the press corrected, but better late than never.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING CANADIAN RAILWAYS

Sir HENRY DRAYTON (West York) moved:

1. For a copy of all papers, correspondence, letters, documents, or other writings of any kind since December 31st, 1921, passing between (a) members of the government or officials of the departments of the government and the Canadian National Railway Company or Canadian Northern Railway Company or any other railway company owned by Canada or any of their officials; (b) members of parliament and the Canadian National Railway Company or Canadian Northern Railway Company or any other railway owned by Canada or any of their officials.

2. A copy of all papers, correspondence, letters, documents, or writings of any kind between members of the government or officials of the government and the late directors of the Canadian National Railway Company relative to the resignation of such directors.

3. A copy of all papers, correspondence, letters, documents, or writings of any kind between members of the government or officials of the government and the late directors of the Grand Trunk Railway Company relative to the resignation of such directors.

Hon. G. P. GRAHAM (Acting Minister of Railways): It would take considerable time to get the returns asked for, the details of which, perhaps, my hon. friend has not fully considered. With regard to paragraphs 2 and 3 there would be no objection, but to get the information asked for in sub-section "b" of paragraph 1 would mean going into the files from every road master up to the highest official. It would take a good many weeks to do this and would cost a good deal of money. My hon. friend might confine his question to something more definite.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: We certainly do not want the government to go to road-masters or do anything of that kind. From our experience the return would not be very long.

Mr. GRAHAM: I cannot agree with that.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: So far as I know, there was very little correspondence before the date referred to. It is only for the year. I do not want my friend, of course, to refer to the section men and similar grades; his officers are quite sufficient.

Mr. GRAHAM: I understand my hon. friend will allow the use of the word "offi-