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were brought from Great Britain to this country, and that this fact tended to increase freight rates on Canadian-eastward-bound traffic over what would be the case if a fair amount of traffic were coming westward as well as going eastward. Thus any policy which diminishes the volume of trade coming from Europe to Canada, tends to increase the cost of transportation from Canada to Europe. The attention of the House is respectfully invited to this fact, and the attention of the government directed to the situation so created.

The whole is respectfully submitted.

INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT: I beg to present several petitions containing about 15,000 names, urging the government to increase the exemption for every child allowed in the Income Tax Act from \$300 to \$500, to totally exempt the father of five children who has an income less than \$5,000, and also urging the government to differentiate between the earned and unearned income. These petitions are signed by members of the Societe St. Jean Baptiste, employees of Dupuis freres, Hudon and Orsali, P. P. Martin and Co., Laporte Martin, Daoust Lalonde & Cie, Hudon Hebert & Co., l'Association Catholique des Voyageurs de Commerce du Canada, the citizens of St. Cesaire, of St. Antoine sur Richelieu, of Waterloo, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Montreal, Farnham, Ste. Therese, Longueuil and a number of other places in the province of Quebec.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Bill No. 132 (from the Senate), for the relief of John Darton.—Mr. Church.

Bill No. 133 (from the Senate), for the relief of Minnie Eileen Biggs.—Mr. Sheard.

Bill No. 134 (from the Senate) for the relief of Thomas Henry Bottomley.—Mr. Sheard.

Bill No. 135 (from the Senate), for the relief of William Ritchie Dowd.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

THE BUDGET

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Can the Minister of Finance tell us what day the budget will be delivered?

Mr. FIELDING: I have considered the matter several times but I am sorry to say I cannot make any definite statement at present.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Can the minister say whether it will be next week or not?

[Mr. McMaster.]

Mr. FIELDING: I am hopeful but I cannot make any definite statement now. However, I will give my hon. friend reasonable notice.

PENSIONS COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. ARTHURS: Does the government intend printing the interim report of the Pensions committee now sitting?

Mr. BELAND: A motion has already been made to have 1,000 copies printed in English and 1,000 in French.

THE FRENCH TREATY

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. FIELDING: It had been arranged, as announced last night, that we would take up to-day the further consideration of the French treaty, but I understand that the leader of the Opposition (Mr. Meighen) desires that it be postponed, and we acquiesce in that request. I therefore suggest that we take up Order No. 27.

PATENTS OF INVENTION

House again in committee on Bill No. 20, to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to Patents of Invention, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

On section 40—Powers of commissioner:

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Trade and Commerce): This section was allowed to stand for conference between the commissioner and the hon. member for South Simcoe (Mr. Boys). I now move, seconded by that hon. member, that section 40 be amended by striking out paragraphs (c) and (d) of sub-clause 1 thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

The commissioner shall then consider the petition, and if the parties do not come to an arrangement between themselves shall proceed to hear and determine the matter, and if it is proved to his satisfaction that the reasonable requirements of the public with respect to the patented invention have not been satisfied, the patentee may be ordered by him to supply the patented article within reasonable limits at such price as may be fixed by him and in accordance with the custom of the trade to which the invention relates as to payment and delivery, or to grant licenses for the use of the patented invention as may be fixed by him, in either case within and after such time as may be fixed by him and on pain of forfeiture of the patent.

Provided that such an order shall not be made before the expiration of three years from the date of the patent and not less than one year after the passing of this act, or if the patentee gives satisfactory reasons for his default. And provided further, that having regard to the nature of the case, the commis-