

ALIEN LABOUR ACT.—*Con.*

*Fowler, George W. (King's, N.B.)*—8573.

Bill going to restrict work of immigration agents—8573. Law will not apply to Italians—8574. Section 9 remaining Act must be same as American—8578. Not surprised at anything Mr. Cowan does—8583. Reads report of committee on Mr. Taylor's Bill—8584-5. Working men being gold-bricked—8591-2. Trades and Labour Council would not accept Bill in present condition—8592. Does not see why he is not answered—8593. Bill contains a lie on its face—8597. Foreign competition used to coerce the workingmen—8598. Understood agreement for general discussion—8600. If section is dropped what is left, 8632. Mr. Talbot's statement an utter falsehood—8633. Perfectly willing to accept Mr. Talbot's statement—8634. Man enough to say things anywhere concerning Mr. Talbot—8635. Very important not to interfere with farm labour—8636. Bill made a perfect laughing stock—8637. Engineers should be deported—8638. Wants to add 'deter' as well as 'induce' to Bill—8639. Injury to nation in preventing men from coming here—8640.

*Gallagher, W. A. (Yale and Cariboo)*—8603.

Law as it is would meet every requirement—8603. Wants to reach the man in Canada who causes misrepresentation—8606. Mr. Clancy's plan would merely invite retaliatory legislation—8615. Must not prevent men coming of their own free will, but can prevent their coming under contract—8616. Bill extends law to prevent undesirable immigration—8617. Cannot legislate for one class—8639.

*Gervais, Honore (St. James, Montreal)*—8590.

Protests against Bill being dubbed 'a fraud'; reads endorsement of Trades and Labour Congress; approves the Bill entirely—8591. Working classes will congratulate the government on the Bill—8592.

*Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)*—8579.

Asks Mr. Cowan for report of the division—8579. He cannot produce it—8582. Mr. Cowan took Mr. Taylor's Bill and introduced it himself—8583. Quotes the record from 'Votes and Proceedings'—8587. Mr. Taylor's common sense told him it was waste of time to protest against his leader's action—8588. Could not get sufficient support to demand a division—8589. Records disprove Cowan's statement—8590.

*Johnston, Alex. (Cape Breton)*—8643.

Matter was fully discussed during Grand Trunk Pacific debate; general law instead of particular law—8643.

*Kendall, A. S. (Cape Breton)*—8622.

Congratulates Mr. Mulock on not withdrawing the Bill—8622. Treatment of workmen in Cape Breton; capital and labour both organizing—8623. Labour element has not realized its potentiality; quotes Mather on trade combinations—8624. Conditions are rapidly developing in Canada—8625. Government wages advanced; quotes John Rae on short hours—8626.

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Great bulk of government workmen have ten-hour days—8627. The British Workmen's Compensation Act; eight-hour days in many provinces—8628. Advice to workingmen electors; Canadian legislative labour league; essence of Toryism, distrust of the people—8629. Essence of Liberalism, confidence in their ultimate good judgment; labour element bound to make itself felt—8630.

*Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)*—8615.

Act applies to men coming in under contract—8615-6. Does not United States Act treat Canadians in the same way?—8620.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)*—8593.

Act will apply to countries having an Act similar to this—8593. Law is one of which no country need be proud; no limit to clause—8594. Gave Mr. Borden list of measures to be dropped, no other understanding—8599. If he is not a British subject he is an alien—8604. United States only country from which contract labour is imported—8605.

*Lennox, Houghton (West Simcoe)*—8648.

Deprecates frequent introduction of politics—8648. Old contract safeguards Canadian workmen; majority of Conservative contracts contained them—8649.

*Leonard, J. E. Emile (Laval)*—8630.

Bill should contain a provision for permitting importation of old country French farm labourers—8630. Government should give this favour to Quebec—8631.

*Logan, Hance J. (Cumberland)*—8617.

Can you prevent contractor bringing Assyrians from Montreal?—8617. Would prefer five million good Canadians to ten million hoodlums—8621. Law should prevent bringing in of such people under contract—8622. Quotes clauses in recent Public Works contracts—8647. Interpretation of 'resident'—8648. Can Mr. Lennox quote an old contract with same safeguard?—8649.

*Mulock, Hon. Sir William (Postmaster General)*—8565.

Three salient points in Bill; first endeavours to reach cases of false representations; Italians at Montreal—8565. Second regards railways aided by public moneys; Canada did not begin alien labour laws; quotes law of Illinois—8566. Essential that engineers who will have control of millions in building Grand Trunk Pacific should be in touch with Canadian sentiment; contractors must be British subjects, important in connection with purchase of supplies—8567. Grand Trunk Pacific will not only be means of transportation but, during construction, of immigration; hence permissive importation of workmen. Last feature is exclusion of undesirable immigrants; present laws quite inoperative—8568. Evil not dealt with by mere pecuniary penalty on those bringing them. Laying national foundation, now is the time