

TARIFF COMMISSION—*Con.*

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid*—*Con.*

open court to select evidence that can be digested, the two cases are not parallel. 3575. Would not compel any man to give evidence that ought not to be made public—3576. That commission has for its object the collection of evidence that will be available to every member of parliament—3577. This is a new departure. The old system—3578. If it be so the information it obtains should be public—3579.

*Lennox, H. (Simcoe)*—3594.

Mr. McKenzie waiting an opportunity to speak—3594. Wants a ruling—3616. Mr. Maclean refuses to bow to the chair and the ruling—3618. We are on section 7, he is referring to section 62—3619.

*Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)*—3552.

It is documents that are requisite and not the evidence—3552. Does the minister say that the information shall not be brought down to parliament?—3569. Within the well understood parliamentary practice—3570. That distinguishes between evidence sworn and information given otherwise—3571. Who are they to be?—3585. The minister not looking very well—3589. The language is not sufficient to provide for the payment of witness fees—3620. Whoever drafted this must have taken clauses from other statutes and put them in whether apropos or not—3621. To say it shall be disposed of in a summary manner is very poor drafting—3622.

*Maclean, A. K. (Halifax)*—2997.

Sure the Deputy Speaker is anxiously waiting for some one to call his attention to Mr. Edwards not speaking to the clause—2997-8. Thinks Mr. Oliver Was perfectly in order, it would be fair to allow him to resume his remarks—3002. The House is entitled to some logical reason for subsection 3 of section 4 being in the Bill. Clause 12 of the Customs Act—3043. That is a serious matter and those powers should not be delegated to the members of this commission—3044. It does not give a procedure to enable anybody to get before that commission—3548. No clause in the Bill to give anybody the right to appear before the commission—3549. Asks if Mr. White heard Mr. Pugsley's suggestion—3551. Asks an explanation to section 5, subsection 4—3555. Suggests that Mr. Sharpe draft an amendment and submit it to the committee—3561. I know that is your intention but it does not say so—3562. Under subsection 4, they would obtain evidence in any way they pleased—3563-3565. Asks what authority there is for them to disclose confidential information to anybody at all—3566. There must be many occasions when such a commission would receive information considered as confidential—3604. Better to leave in the hands of the commission power to determine how they shall treat it—3605.

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*Maclean, A. K.*—*Con.*

Wishes to refer to section 63 of the Railway Act—3617. Denies the right of Mr. Lennox to say he has disobeyed the ruling of the Chair—3618. Does not believe he was out of order—3619. Suggests that the commission only have power to compel the attendance of witnesses in the province in which they reside—3620. Asks the meaning of 'summary manner,'—3621.

*Maclean, W. F. (South York)*—2959.

Are taking the wrong method. The Bills creating these commissions should not go into details—2959. There will be more and more government by commission, but with it will go more and more government responsibility—2960. No one did so much to take away responsibility of government and the rights of parliament as Sir Wilfrid himself—2961. There must be some direction of a commission of this kind and some choice of the topics to be taken up—2962. As they affected the farmers too—2974.

*McCurdy, F. B. (Shelburne and Queens)*—2932.

Asks if Mr. Turriff says no cash was paid into the Dominion Steel Co. Treasury for that common stock—2932. A certain part of the issued common stock was paid for in cash—2933.

*McKenzie, D. D. (Cape Breton North)*—2873.

When the minister says he would take the report, does he mean the comments, or conclusion, or the evidence?—2873. An ambiguity in subsection 1 of section 5. Suggests an amendment—3551. Objects most thoroughly to this subsection which breaks up this court of inquiry—3552. If this commission is to be forced on us, let us have the best possible commission—3553. So far we have got along with ministerial tariff inquiries. They went as a body—3554. In case of contempt of court the minister should have more extended powers to enable him to inquire—3560. Mr. Foster told them that whatever evidence would be obtained would be fully reported to the House. Moves an amendment—3562. Has no objection if the intention is to apply this section only to foreign countries—3563. He gives the procedure of a court, but under this section deprives them of that procedure—3565. Why should we want information of that kind?—3566. Would Mr. Meighen put the report in the same position as a private letter?—3572. Lawyers will never agree that evidence in writing means an affidavit—3591. Ordinarily that is not evidence, but if it is what the minister means, it is all right—3592. There seems to be a conflict of opinion in the government on this question—3594. Quotes Mr. Foster's opinion—3595. No information should be used by the government that should not become public property—3596. 'Privileged' does not mean private—3601. Calls attention to the scope of subsection 6—3610. Would like the minister to square what he says