

CHARGES AGAINST MEMBERS—*Con.*

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—5509.

I would prefer that he say Wednesday instead of Thursday—5509.

CHRISTMAS RECESS.

Motion of adjournment from December 20 to January 9—*Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier*—991.

Johnston, Alex. (Cape Breton)—992.

The 9th of January would suit better than the 8th for re-assembling—992.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister).

Moves the Christmas recess, and amends the motion by changing 8th to 9th of January—991-2.

COAL LANDS IN THE WESTERN PROVINCES—743.

Motion: That in the opinion of this House, the coal lands owned by the government of Canada should only be alienated under such conditions, and subject to such control and regulations, as will provide for an immediate supply of coal adequate at all times to the requirements of the people, and at a reasonable price to the consumer; and that in respect of coal lands already alienated, legislative provision should be made for such control and regulation, in case of emergencies, as will in the future prevent loss and suffering to the people of the western provinces, through lack of fuel supply—*Mr. John Herron*—743.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—751.

Are any of the mines now under operation subject to royalty?—751-2. Would there have been a shortage if the Lethbridge mines had been in operation?—776. Difference between *Turrieff* and *Knowles*—778. No suggestion whatever has been made from the other side for a solution of the difficulty—779. These honourable gentlemen condemn themselves by the very terms of the resolution—780. What the government of Germany did—781. Does not admit that this government and parliament are helpless to deal with the situation—782. Will *Mr. McIntyre* produce the record?—786. Asked why he was not sent earlier—789.

Herron, John (Alberta)—743.

Moves a resolution—743. Need only refer to the present situation for justification—744. Have been disposing of coal lands from the earliest days without any conditions—745. The Lethbridge mines produce domestic coal almost exclusively—746. It should not be left to the corporations to decide what is right and what is wrong—747. Compulsory arbitration would be acceptable to the miners in my locality—764.

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Knowles, W. E. (West Assiniboia)—761.

Source of interest and gratification that the members from the Northwest have brought this up for discussion—761. The opposition have no solution to offer—762. If in all our difficulties we can find a solution as easy as this so-called humiliation we shall have much to be thankful for—763. Very easy to have legislation, but that of itself will not give the result we desire—764. One of the great difficulties in this matter is the transportation problem—765. Moves an amendment—766.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—754.

Great disappointment to the House that *Oliver* is unable to accept the resolution—754. The people have a right to demand that parliament shall take such action as will render such a thing impossible in the future—755. Quotes an abstract of the situation from the *Manitoba 'Free Press'*—756. Reads correspondence between *Wm. L. Ramsey*, chairman of the committee, and the Prime Minister—757-8. What are governments for if not to take hold of such matters and protect lives—759. There are vast supplies of minerals in that country and I hold that they belong to the people—760. There is a grave situation in the Northwest at the present time—761. The country had been placed in a humiliating position—765.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Minister of Labour)—795.

Tribute to *Mackenzie King*. It was only when the strike became acute that his services were required—795. It is the duty of parliament to study this question; to place it above politics—796. Parliament must deal with it whether by compulsory arbitration or compulsory investigation—797.

McIntyre, Wilbert (Strathcona)—782.

The conditions prevailed only over a small portion of Saskatchewan—782. The coal famine in one locality came somewhat as a surprise to the people there—783. Coal cannot be shipped to these points at an advantage, therefore you have not the preparations for shipping—784. If the existing transportation facilities are not adequate there should be better facilities—785. The conditions of labour and lack of transportation to blame—786. How much further is it from Lethbridge to Saskatoon than from Strathcona to Saskatoon—799.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior) 750.

The terms of the resolution do not agree with the remarks made—750. To place restrictions would be to prevent development—751. There are millions of acres available for operation without the royalty—752. To meet transportation the government is using reasonable efforts—