

TAXATION AND TRADE RELATIONS.

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 43,

MARCH 29, 1912.

The Select Committee on Taxation and Trade Relations beg leave to make their Second report as follows:—

Your committee was appointed at a late date in the session, and has consequently not been able to pursue the subjects of their investigation very far. Nevertheless several meetings of the committee have been held. Several witnesses have been examined, principally from the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and a large amount of valuable information has been secured.

With the short time at their disposal the committee have not been able to digest the information thus obtained, and it would be premature to draw any final conclusions therefrom.

The committee submit the evidence so far taken and they recommend that the same or a similar committee be appointed at as early a date as possible during the next session of Parliament to continue the investigations thus begun, which, in the opinion of your committee, promise valuable results.

As at this late date of the session it will be impossible to obtain the authority of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament for the printing and distribution in the usual manner of this report and the evidence so far obtained, your committee recommend that 3,200 copies thereof be printed as an appendix to the Journals of the Senate, to be distributed as follows:—

1. Two copies to each senator and member of parliament.
2. 200 copies to the Department of Trade and Commerce.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. EDWARDS,
Chairman.