

TARIFF COMMISSION—*Con.*

*Ames, H. B.* (Montreal, St. Antoine)—2643.

If one thing was demonstrated by the late election it was that the people of Canada still support the National Policy—2643. The Bill a long step in the right direction. The first instalment of the fulfilment of the deliberate promises in opposition—2644. To say that this measure violates constitutional practice is to indulge in sophistry. It will be commended by all classes—2645. It will commend itself to the consumer, to the industrial worker, to the man who wishes to invest money—2646. Qualifications requisite in members of the commission. Technical experts are not wanted—2647. Should be men who have fought and bled for the Conservative party: big broad minded Canadians. They will win the confidence of the country—2648. How the commission will work; the duties of the commissioners—2649. The point of view of the purchaser; the consumer's standpoint—2650. If the price is found to be artificially enhanced the claim to protection would to that extent be violated—2651. Objection considered. Quotes H. C. Emery—2652. The report of the commissioners. The desire to make the body as far as possible a permanent one—2653. A customs museum. Conditions in Canada in 1912 vastly different from those in 1896—2654. Every prerogative of ministers and members will remain unchanged—2655.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L.* (Prime Minister)—2615.

Who are they to believe, Mr. Guthrie in the first part of his speech, or Mr. Guthrie in the latter part?—2615. The Bill from beginning to end a means of obtaining information in a scientific, thorough and efficient manner—2616. The Tariff Commission will bring in no tariff, but the government of the country will bring in the tariff as in the past—2617. Why would obtaining information in one way create a barrier, whilst obtaining it in another would not?—2618. No man of the Manufacturer's Association ever spoke to him on this subject. A commission in France, may be one in Germany—2619. The Bill simply adds a new tribunal and in that regard is a step in the right direction—2620. Gladly welcomes the challenge of the amendment. No desire to limit the discussion—2621.

*Carvell, F. B.* (Carleton, N.B.)—2710.

The origin and history of the scheme which has resulted in the bringing down this Bill—2710. Tariff inquiries, 1897 and 1907. The viciousness which has sprung from the tariff had not commenced to show itself in 1907—2711. Conditions in U. S. and Canada. We find the same outcry going up from the people against the high cost of living—2712. Resolution passed at the Manufacturer's Conference of 1909. One aim of the association is to procure as much protection as possible. Quotes President

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Rowley—2713. Are not the men who are behind the Manufacturer's Association the men who are pushing this legislation. Quotes Mr. Russell—2714. No matter how you work it out, indirectly this commission is to make the tariff law of Canada—2715. Mr. Ames told the whole story. The commission will not have any trouble in getting evidence! we will furnish the evidence—2816. We shall have findings by this commission, but we shall not have the evidence on which those findings are based—2717. Do not want evidence for a Tariff Commission as to the duties on agricultural instruments—2718. The view of 13 members in 1907 on this point. This is the logical conclusion of this Bill, forced on the government by the Manufacturer's Association—2719. The appointees muzzled so that they will not be able to do anything but what they are directed to do—2720. Is it necessary to have a Tariff Commission to tell us what to do with the duty on cement?—2721. The only logical conclusion will be to foist upon the people of Canada a higher protection—2722.

*Edwards, J. W.* (Frontenac)—2720.

Asks how much did the Liberal party propose to reduce that duty by the reciprocity agreement?—2720. I beg your pardon, it did not—2721. Refers to Mr. Fielding's speech on reciprocity to show the proposed reduction on cement—2727. I was not talking about coal. I was talking about cement—2728.

*Goodeve, A. S.* (Kootenay)—2702.

The opposition based on suspicion of some sinister motive. Quotes the Premier—2702. A clear cut statement of principle in regard to the protection of all the labouring classes of the country. Special pleadings and lobbyists—2703. This independent commission will very largely check this practice. We should have a thoroughly scientific tariff—2704. Railways and financial institutions have information bureaus which collect statistics. Quotes Sir E. B. Walker—2705. All the Tariff Commissioners will be appointed to do is to collect and collate facts. The Bill is a step in advance legislation—2706. British Columbia coal areas; the operators and reciprocity; J. J. Hill the father of the reciprocity movement—2707. An illustration of some of the necessities of looking carefully into all the relations of the tariff—2708. The Bill will bring the consumer and producer together and will thus be in the interest of the worker and the labouring man—2709. Appeals to the House, to both sides of the House, to support this Bill—2710.

*Guthrie, Hugh* (South Wellington)—2601.

Objects to the form in which the government has brought down this measure. The Bill a new departure—2601. The Bill raises a barrier between the government