

THE PANAMA CANAL—*Con.*

*Sinclair, J. H.* (Guysboro)—965.

Our interest in this matter is very great as the Panama canal will affect the trade of Canada both in the east and the west. The point he wished especially to discuss was the freeing of the coasting trade of the United States from tolls and the imposing of those tolls upon foreign shipping, 965. Draws attention to the action taken by the United States. No one in Canada objects to the people of the United States subsidizing their own ships. What we do object to is that this should be done at our expense, 966. The Clayton-Balwer treaty, stood in the way of the United States when the Panama Canal Company fell through, and they resolved to undertake the construction of this important work themselves. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty gives the United States authority to construct the canal and maintain it, but under the very specific and clear condition that it shall be free and open to the vessels of commerce of all nations, on entire equality, 967. Contended that the United States are now failing to keep that condition. Quotes from statute passed by congress of the United States. Submits that the terms of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty have been violated by the action of Congress, 968. Canada may hold the key to this matter as ships of the United States are using the St. Lawrence route. We might be able to impose some terms upon the shipping of the United States passing through our waters that would have the effect of securing fair play and respect for our treaty rights, 969.

## THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES.

Introduction of Bill No 240—Mr. Borden—11460.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L.* (Prime Minister)—11460.

Arrangement now proposed will be attended with considerable advantage, 11461.

House in committee on Bill No 240—Mr. Coderre, 11939.

*Carvell, F. B.* (Carleton, N.B.)—11940.

The minister will not say that it will reduce the cost in his own department, 11941.

*Coderre, Hon. L.* (Secretary of State)—11939.

Under the amendment all these duties will now be assumed by the Archives, 11939.

*Lemieux, Hon. R.* (Rouville)—11940.

It is in order to avoid red tape that this power is given him to administer the affairs of his branch, 11940.

## THE POSTMASTER GENERAL AND PARCEL POST.

Inquiry—Mr. Lemieux, 11206.

*Lemieux, Hon. R.* (Rouville)—11206.

The rumour is still persistent that the Postmaster General has resigned. I de-

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sire to ask when the funeral of the Parcel Post Bill is expected, 11206.

*Rogers, Hon. Robert* (Minister of Public Works)—11206.

Statement regarding resignation of Postmaster General perfect nonsense, 11206.

## THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Inquiry—Mr. Lemieux, 11199.

*Lemieux, Hon. R.* (Rouville)—11199.

Is it the intention of the government to proceed with the Parcel Post Bill, the Wireless Telegraph and Letter Carriers Salaries Bills? 11199.

*Rogers, Hon. Robert* (Minister of Public Works)—11199.

The Postmaster General has been indisposed. As soon as he is in his seat information will be supplied, 11199.

## THE ROYAL NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE.

House in Committee on the resolution that it is expedient to amend the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Act.—Mr. Borden, 717.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L.* (Prime Minister)—717.

The proposed resolution recommends certain increases in the pay of officers and men of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. Last year the pay of the force was increased within the limits of the present statute; and there can be no additional increase without statutory authority. Explains nature of the Bill. The Controller has recommended that the force be brought up to its full strength, 718-19.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Quebec East)—719.

The House will view with great favour the present increases. If there is any body of men in the country who are deserving of all the encouragement which the country can give them it is certainly the Northwest Mounted Police, 719.

Second reading of Bill No. 24—Mr. Borden, 886. House in committee on Bill No. 24, 886.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. R. L.* (Prime Minister)—886.

Said matter had not been brought to his attention. Would discuss it with permanent head of the force, 886. Informed that the subject has been under consideration by the acting permanent head of the department. Section 2 really for the purpose of making the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Act conform with the existing practice, 887. Sec. 4—At the beginning of September was 654. Acting permanent head recommended that authority should be given to increase the force to 760. Concurred in that recommendation. Explains changes in the Act, 888.