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evidence of lack of care in the preparation, of having been hastily drawn—6665. There is not one word in section 4 in regard to increasing or reducing duties. The Commission does report in favour of changing duties—6666. It seems to him irrelevant with regard to the scope of the Bill—6667. Would Mr. Pugsley seriously consider putting that in a statute—6669. So far from challenging the right of the Senate to amend, the government has accepted three of the four amendments—6670. They will have enough to do carrying out their duties under the Bill—6671. Knows nothing about Mr. Turritt's delegation or the company to which he refers—6673. Has the honour of knowing Mr. Flavell, but knows nothing of his companies—6674. The extent to which he is prepared to accept the amendment—6678.

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Consideration of a message from the Senate—Hon. W. T. White—6808.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (Minister of Trade and Commerce)—6821.

Doubts if within the recollection of the oldest member there has been a parallel of this action—6821. This Tariff Commission was amongst the issues of the election. If ever there was a mandate the result of the elections was that mandate—6822. Sir Wilfrid, now that he has met his doom, uses the Senate to defeat the will of the people and says I will share the responsibility with the Senate 6823. We are very glad to let him claim the responsibility, if he wishes. Let him take it as he must, and suffer by it as he will—6824.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (East Quebec)—6818.

Three-fourths of the Finance Minister's arguments consisted of verbal criticisms of the Senate amendment. He can ask for a conference, but he has refused—6818. The case of the Sunday Observance Bill passed in 1909 in which we had a conference. The plea that he does not know what 'increase' means—6819. He believes that there is no necessity for knowing the dividends of a company applying for an increase of tariff—6820. If the result of this motion is that the Bill is killed it will not be an unmixed misfortune, but will be an unmixed blessing—6821.

Speaker, His Honour the—6808.

Communicates a message from the Senate to the effect that they adhere to the third as well as the other amendments—6808.

White, Hon. W. T. (Finance Minister)—6808.

Moves that the message be considered. Expresses surprise at the action of the Senate. The first amendment—6808. That the House concurred in. The second amendment and the fourth amendment were concurred in—6809. The rejected

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amendment. There is not in the section one word in regard to tariff duties. The sole object of the commission—6810. Hoped the Senate would have concurred in the decision of the House. The amendment unintelligible. Its scope—6811. This provision is entirely inconsistent with the purposes of the Bill. It is entirely unnecessary and purely irrelevant—6812. It simply means that this amendment is to be used for purposes other than those in any way germane to the inquiry—6813. It is covered, so far as it could be covered by subsections (f) and (g) of the section which it purports to amend—6814. His position on this very important matter that the Senate should reject the opinion of this House with respect to their third amendment—6815. The Senate has a right to reject this Bill, but this House has a right to stand by its own opinion as to the scope of the Bill—6816. The Senate must take the full responsibility. The Tariff Commission was a pledge given by the Premier to the people—6817. Moves a resolution that the House adheres to the message already sent—6818. Asks if Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not know that according to constitutional usage messages have now practically superseded conferences—6819. Said that the question of dividends had an important bearing on the cost of production—6820.

TELEPHONES IN RURAL POST OFFICES.

Motion, That in the opinion of this House, wherever a telephone system exists, or is hereafter established, in any rural section of Canada, a telephone should be placed in each post office, in such sections by the Post Office Department—Mr. R. Blain—2247.

Blain, R. (Peel)—2247.

His resolution provides that wherever a telephone system is operated, the post office shall be connected with it—2247. Government should aim to increase the salaries of postmasters in rural districts. Not much loss of time to the postmaster to have a telephone—2248. Farmers do not complain of loss of time when there is mail, but they do of the loss of time when there is none—2249. If the House will adopt this motion they will receive the approval of the rural districts—2250. Asks that the resolution be allowed to stand—2251.

Pelletier, Hon. L. P. (Postmaster General)—2250.

This is a matter of public interest. Debate might be allowed to go on by consent—2250. Wants to make it clear that he raised no objection—2251.

Speaker, His Honour the—2250.

The resolution is out of order. It involves the outlay of public monies—2250. As the resolution is ruled out of order, there is nothing before the Chair—2251.