

GEODETTIC SURVEY OF CANADA—Con.

Maclean, A. K.—Con.

of the War Office—3058. Major Hills on independent and disconnected surveys—3059-60-1. Representations of the Canadian Society of Engineers—3062. Continues to quote from the report—3063-4-5-6. Quotes President Van Hise of the University of Michigan—3067. Letter from Dr. C. D. Walcott. This work should be carried on by a new departmental branch—3068.

Magrath, C. A. (Medicine Hat)—3075.

Such a survey started in 1876, carried a little way and then dropped—3075. Would like to see a commission on the methods in use in other countries—3076. The sooner we set to work to get better measurements of our streams the better—3077.

Oliver, Hon. F. (Minister of the Interior)—3068.

No question of the importance of the survey work carried in this country—3068. Would cost a sum beyond what he thinks the country could afford to make a geodetic survey—3069. A geodetic survey that would follow these requirements is another matter—3070. The main point is that the need of the country as it exists at present is met—3071.

GEORGIAN BAY CANAL.

Inquiry as to government knowledge of a round robbin—Mr. J. A. Currie—6415.

Currie, J. A. (North Simcoe)—6415.

Inquires as to government knowledge of a round robbin promulgated by lobbyists for a guarantee of the companies bonds—6415.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—6415.

This is the first intimation he has had of the existence of such a document—6415.

GERMANY—NEGOTIATIONS WITH.

Attention called to despatch in London *Standard*—Mr. F. D. Monk—4125.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—4125.

There are not, nor have there been any such negotiations—4125.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—4125.

Calls attention to a despatch and asks if there have been any negotiations for a commercial treaty—4125.

GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES ACT—AMENDMENT.

Motion for second reading of Bill 109—Hon. W. S. Fielding—6773.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—6773.

The Bill assigned to amend some not important particulars of the Annuities Act—6773. If there be no agreement the Act will give the benefit to the man's heirs—6774.

GOVERNMENT HARBOURS AND PIERS ACT.

Bill No. 89 introduced—Hon. L. P. Brodeur—1972.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—1972.

To provide for the leasing of wharfs and piers to municipal corporations, or railway or shipping companies—1973.

GOVERNMENT HARBOURS AND PIERS BILL.

House in Committee on Bill 89—Hon. L. P. Brodeur—4414.

Blain, R. (Peel)—4421.

This is rather dangerous legislation; the question of rates—4421. Did not ask the continuance of the present system, it is a very bad one—4422. Would it be better to have a steamship company deal with the public in an arbitrary way—4423. Asks a suggestion that will improve matters—4424. If the Bill becomes law the minister will have to select the company—4433.

Boyce, A. C. (West Algoma)—4424.

The minister says there is no change of the principle; but there is a change in the persons—4424. This is an entire alteration of the principle with regard to dealing with such piers—4425. Sees no necessity for departing from the principle laid down in 1886—4426. Simply points out the dangers of abuse under the proposed legislation—4427.

Bradbury, G. H. (Selkirk)—4433.

This proposition may be very serious to Manitoba; dangerous monopoly might be created—4433. There is nothing in the Blue-book to indicate who pays this man—4434. Would this legislation affect the wharf at Selkirk? Should be managed in the interest of the public—5908.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4414.

Proposed to give government right to lease wharfs to shipping and railway companies—4414. Care will of course be taken that the provision is put in the lease—4415. When more than one company wished to lease a wharf, suitable provision would be made—4416. Will be an advantage to the government not to have to collect these wharfage rates—4417. That legislation has been in existence for years but has not been taken advantage of—4418. It will be provided that rates must be approved by order in council—4420. Municipalities not ready to lease these wharfs, but shipping and railway companies are—4422. Many wharfingers have resigned because of the disagreeable duty of collecting—4423. Quotes the existing law—4424. This legislation only taken advantage of in two cases—4425. In some cases we cannot get a man to act as wharfinger—4427. Should not go to the length of giving private