

BANKING AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE
—*Con.*

Wilson, C. A. (Laval)—3603.

Two ways of bringing the 130 members of that Committee to the sense of their duty, persuasion, 3603. The best way would be for each member of the Committee to perform his duty, 3604.

BEAUHARNOIS CANAL.

Motion: For a copy of all correspondence concerning the lease or alienation of the Beauharnois canal, of all reports called for by the government and made concerning the said alienation, by experts, officers of the departments or others, of all orders in council respecting said alienation, and of the deed or deeds between the Crown and the concessionaires embodying the said lease or alienation and respecting also any transfers of their rights and privileges by the original grantees.—*Mr. F. D. Monk, 2214.*

Martin, Mederic (Montreal, St. Mary's)—2215.

Specific charges were made, but they were refused investigation, 2215.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2214.

Substantially the same as the last motion, 2214. The citizens of St. Mary's very ungrateful to Mr. Martin, 2215.

BEAUHARNOIS CANAL.

Motion: A return showing in detail:—

1. All sums paid by the concessionaries of grantees of the Beauharnois canal as rental or royalties upon the rights conveyed to them by the Crown on the Beauharnois canal, or paid by their assigns in the enjoyment of the said rights, since the concession.
2. Of all sums paid or expended by the government upon the said canal since the date of the said concession.
3. Of all sums actually due the Crown by the grantees or assigns for the use of said canal or in connection therewith—*Mr. F. D. Monk, 2194.*

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—2196.

About five years ago, 2196. The contract was brought down three or four days ago, 2199.

Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe (Postmaster General)—2197.

The granting of the lease the result of a long standing fight between Montreal and the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co. The deputation, 2197. Monk's presence all to his credit. Why tenders were not called for. Reduction in prices

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in Montreal, 2198. What has been done was done in the interests of the taxpayers of Montreal. Amalgamation prohibited, 2199. Rates controlled, 2206. Claimed no personal credit, 2210.

Martin, Mederic (Montreal, St. Mary's)—2200.

Had the honour to accompany the delegation urging the granting of the lease, 2200. The consumers in Montreal will greatly benefit by the transaction, 2201. Wishes to reply to the insinuation, 2212. The investigation into the affairs of the city of Montreal held at his own request, 2213. Challenges anyone to show that he failed in his duty, 2214.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2194.

Motion, 2194. The purpose is to put the House in possession of all the facts connected with the alienation of the canal, 2195. None of the principles which it is claimed should apply to such alienation were observed, 2196. Can of course only speak fully of the facts when the return is brought down, 2197. Surely if the government has so much influence over the Company, it can get a list of shareholders, 2208. Until we have examined the deed it is difficult to see how far it extends, 2209. There are so many devices by which clauses of that kind may be calmly set at naught, 2210. There is a rumour of an arrangement practically amounting to a merger or amalgamation, 2211. A possibility of the city of Montreal establishing a lighting and heating plant, 2212. The alienation is for more than half a century, 2213.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Public Works)—2201.

Very little for him to say, beyond giving a summary of the lease, 2201. The proper way to conserve water powers is not to lock them up but to develop them. What would result from Monk's policy, 2202. The lease fulfils every condition. The lease for 21 years renewable, annual rent, \$12,000, 2203. Government relieved of several burdens. Other lessees interests guarded. Rates under Railway Commissioners, 2204. Plans here now and under consideration of the government, 2205. The papers brought down. The nation should receive a certain rental, 2206. Summary of the important provision of the lease, 2207. No provision by which a list of shareholders is to be submitted, 2208. Objects to any important amendments, 2214.

Robb, J. A. (Huntingdon)—2199.

Report of an engineer that the Beauharnois canal could not be deepened, 2199. The lease contains a clause placing rates under the Railway Commission, 2200.