

TARIFF COMMISSION—*Con.**Guthrie, Hugh*—*Con.*

Tariff Commission would be very loth to submit to judges appointed under the Anti-Combines Act—3021. It is no part of the duty of this parliament to investigate mergers, we have a law, why not put it in force at any time?—2022. When you talk of protection, of higher protection, or highest protection, then cheers from the government supporters ring through the Chamber—3023. Moves to strike out 'to the minister' in section 4—3024.

*Henderson, D. (Halton)*—2881.

The real intention to secure information so that they can frame a tariff measure suited to their needs—2881. There is no excuse for that increased duty on sugar. Amused at some of the statements made on the other side—2882. Tax on gums and rifles. They increased the duty on clocks. They said the British preference would regulate that—2883. We are paying an increased duty price on all our Canadian grey cottons. People buy American—2884. His hope is that when the New Tariff Commission when appointed will do away with a great many of these anomalies—2885. The Minister of Finance is a mighty good Liberal; is going to give them more liberal government than they have had for many years—2886. Where are you going to find men to put on a commission of this kind if you do not take partisans?—2887. Sir Charles Tupper's remarks had reference to Mr. Fielding's first tariff of that year, not to the second, a very different tariff—2888.

*Knowles, W. E. (Moosejaw)*—2872.

Would the minister be justified in closing a matter by roughly stating that the commissioners had found certain facts to exist?—2872.

*Kyte, G. W. (Richmond, N.S.)*—2879.

The minister said if consumers had more information they would be more reasonable in their attitude towards protection—2879. The object of the commission is to persuade consumers that they are wrong and that more protection is needed—2880. This institution is simply created to lead people to believe that protection and protection alone is the proper policy—2881. Objects to partisans from one party alone being elected—2887. A defect in the machinery for the purpose of obtaining information. Proposes to amend section 5—3540. The commissioners would see that no undue advantage was taken of them—3544. If the amendment is not carried, people may not appear as a right before the commission—3545. The commission will have power to prevent any unnecessary interference with business—3546. Desires to enable the commission to have all the facts brought before it, especially when more protection is asked—3623.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)*—2862.

Asks if the qualifications of the commissioners have been considered. Have some

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of the statistics already. Clause 4—2862. Some of this information is already in our statistics. More collected in United States through the Labour Bureau. Protectionists always moderate—2863. Know the character of the information, it will not be impartial information, but it will be information with an object. Mr. Ames the power behind the throne—2864. This is absolutely repugnant to our system of constitutional government. Governments are not immortal—2865. Statistics should not be enacted for political purposes, but simply for the obtaining of information—2866. Mr. White has not made his ideas of moderate protection much clearer. Never knew a protectionist who was not moderate—2873. The United States collected their facts without a tariff commission, but with a simple statistical bureau. Such a thing as an ulterior motive to an Act—2874. Mr. Ames said they must be in sympathy with the well known sentiment of the present government. Those words are not disavowed—2875. You are taking this Yankee device intended to promote the views of the dominating party in the United States—2876. I am disqualified from sitting on this commission—2887. They are sorry for it now—2896. Some of the Conservative candidates were in favour of reciprocity but against the navy—2906. The more we proceed with this Bill the more it is evident that we are moving in a vicious circle—2947. Mr. Ames wants these men, the biggest the country can produce, to be put under the control of the minister like clerks—2948. It must collect that information, put it in book form and report to parliament—2949. It should be under the control of parliament and of parliament alone primarily—2950. The commission ought to be either an auxiliary commission, or rather a statistical bureau, such as we have designed, or else a parliamentary commission primarily responsible to parliament. What is the objection?—2958-9. That sort of doctrine will have suited Charles I.—2961. No reason has yet been given why this second tribunal should be added to what we have already—3024. This is a very good reason why we should adhere to the present law, and not adopt this amendment—3025. Time come to adjourn—3047. Knows it is wearisome, but has been listening to just such arguments for fifteen years—3048. Section 4 provides that the commission shall inquire. Subsection 3 of section 5 allows one commissioner to exercise all the power—3555. In regard to combines two commissioners are to inquire. Will not have the benefit of three commissioners in these cases—3556. The suggestion of Mr. Sharpe should be included in the Bill—3559. The object set forth by Mr. Sharpe is not served by this Bill—3564. It was stated that what came before the commission would be brought down to parliament—3572. Anything that is given to the commission ought to be given to parliament—3573. This is an