

Some enterprising gentlemen in the city of St. John loaded their vessels with farm produce, but in consequence of the delay in crossing the Atlantic they had some loss, so that the experiment was not likely to be repeated unless by other means than sailing vessels.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY said communications on this subject had been received from the Mayor and Corporation of St. John, and, since the Estimates were brought down, from the Agricultural Societies of New Brunswick, and the matter was now before Council.

MR. JONES said he was very glad to see a vote for a line of steamers to Brazil. Within the last few years a large quantity of lumber had been shipped from Montreal to Brazil, and also a quantity of manufactured goods. The trade in the latter might be small at first, but he was satisfied it would increase every year.

*Vote agreed to.*

137 For steam communication between Halifax, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island.....	\$4,000
138 For steam communication between Nova Scotia and St. Pierre.....	4,000

MR. ANGLIN said the Government should enquire whether there was any justification for this expenditure. St. Pierre was a French Island, with a very small population, and a very large amount of smuggling was done thence into the Dominion.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD said this small boat had existed for some years. He did not suppose this steam communication increased the smuggling, but there must be a good deal of interchange of French goods and Canadian goods by its means.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY said there was a large trade with St. Pierre, and, instead of the smuggling being increased by the steamer, the latter afforded some facilities by which the Department was enabled to check it.

*Vote agreed to.*

139 To provide for the examination of masters and mates.....	\$4,250
140 For purchase of life boats, life preservers, and rewards for saving life.....	3,000

MR. ANGLIN enquired what had been done during the past year, and what the hon. Minister's intentions were for the next year.

MR. POPE (Queen's, P.E.I.) said the hon. gentleman would see what had been done if he looked for the Returns for the past year. The sum of \$2,823 was expended last year in this service. The cost of the service included not only what appeared, but the freight and charges on watches brought from England, as rewards, and so on, the amount could not be estimated exactly.

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT : Are there any actual stations as there are in England?

MR. POPE : No. In Ontario there are some stations in which life-boats are kept, and, though I do not know whether they are necessary there more than anywhere else, they are still continued.

MR. ANGLIN : Then the grant is for the purpose of maintaining life-boats in the Life-boat Service?

MR. POPE : A large amount is paid for rescuing crews, although there is no organisation.

*Vote agreed to.*

141 To provide for investigations into wrecks and casualties, and collection of information relating to disasters to shipping.....	\$1,500
142 Expenses in connection with Canadian registration of shipping.....	500
143 { Montreal Water Police. .... } { River Police, Quebec..... } {	35,000

In reply to Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT,

MR. POPE (Queen's, P.E.I.) : This item was reduced \$2,500 last year. This year we thought it better to put the items for both cities together, as we may want a few more water policemen in Montreal. The water police in those cities is a losing service. We lost last year about \$15,000 by it.

In reply to Mr. DESJARDINS,

MR. POPE : We found the present officers of the Montreal Police Force in charge when we came into office. As soon as some of these fall out of the force they will not be replaced. Every economy will be practised, but it cannot be done in a day. A great deal has been said about the dismissal of one or two old men of the Force. I think the country will say that if you have a Police Force it ought to be an efficient one. You do not want a man seventy years of age and upwards, who may easily be knocked over by a man he is trying to arrest, or who may not be able to overtake in a run a man he