

ince of Prince Edward Island and the Dominion.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member inasmuch as he is making his first speech in the House, but I must direct his attention to the fact that the motion before the House is for papers in connection with the steamship service between Montreal, Quebec, and the various harbours of Gaspé.

Mr. BUREAU: I understood the hon. member for Maisonneuve (Mr. Lemieux) to say that he was discussing both resolutions, No. 14 and No. 16, at the same time.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The discussion could not properly include the terms of union between Prince Edward Island and the rest of the Dominion in any case.

Mr. READ: I have no intention of discussing the question of Confederation. I was simply leading up to the question of the transportation difficulties as between the port of Montreal and the Maritime Provinces, and I was going to point out to the minister that some boat probably could be secured that might be used between Montreal, the Magdalen islands and possibly the north shore. I simply wanted to know what was going to be done with the steamer *Northumberland*. And it occurred to me that if they were going to take her off the Prince Edward Island route between Charlottetown and Pictou, or Summerside and Point du Chene, she might be available.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I am very much obliged, indeed, and I appreciate to the fullest extent the kind words of the hon. member for Maisonneuve (Mr. Lemieux) with regard to the action of my department in sending the steamer *Stanley* to the Magdalen islands. I wish to assure my hon. friend that we were only doing our duty and nothing more. I am grateful to him for bringing so important a matter so promptly to my attention as he did at the time. I have not as yet received the telegram that my hon. friend read to the House a moment ago, but no doubt it is at my office. I cannot at the moment state whether or not it will be possible to send the *Stanley* to the Magdalen islands for another trip, but I wish to assure my hon. friend that I shall take the matter up the first thing tomorrow morning, and if it is at all possible to send the *Stanley* to the Magdalen islands again that will be done with the very greatest of pleasure.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Hear, hear.

[Mr. Read.]

Mr. BALLANTYNE: I will be very glad to let my hon. friend know as early as possible to-morrow what I can do in that regard. My colleague, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, has fully gone into the matter, that comes more under his department than mine, with regard to the other services.

Mr. LEMIEUX: I thank the hon. minister—

Mr. SPEAKER: I call to the attention of the House, that if the mover of the resolution exercises his right to close the debate, it will not be competent for any other hon. member to speak.

Mr. HENRY E. LAVIGUEUR (Quebec County): Mr. Speaker, I have heard the hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce, and also the Minister of Marine, state that everything would be done to provide for a freight steamer service for the south and north shores of the St. Lawrence. Some weeks ago resolutions were passed by the Quebec Board of Trade and the City Council of Quebec requesting the Government to provide for a service for the north shore and for Seven islands. It is of my personal knowledge that no service at all has been given on the north shore to Seven islands although there are large industries there which have had to close down, and some interested people from Seven islands are now on their way to Quebec to organize a delegation of the Quebec Board of Trade and City Council to wait upon the Government to ask if a reasonable service can be given. Thousands of pounds of fish which were all ready to ship to Montreal and Quebec last fall were left over as there was no transportation. I am pleased to know that the matter will have the serious consideration of the Government in order that these deserving people may have proper facilities to carry on their industry.

Motion agreed to.

CLAIM OF MRS. WINEAS ZWINGLE.

Hon. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX moved:

For a copy of all letters, telegrams and other documents exchanged between Mr. Henry Tucker, K.C., and the Right Hon. Sir Robert L. Borden, K.C.M.G., P.C., the Department of Militia, the officers of the Patriotic Fund, concerning the claim of Mrs. Wineas Zwingle.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am glad to see my hon. friend, the Minister of Militia and Defence (Major-General Mewburn) in his seat, because although the name of the Prime Minister is mentioned in the motion