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It does not appear from latest advices that the negotiations for peace between Russia and Japan are making very rapid advances.

In the House of Commons on the 14th inst., the expenditure on Government railways was under discussion in committee of supply.

MONTREAL advices of a recent date state that the contract just closed by the governments of Canada and Mexico for the new monthly steamship line between these countries, comes into effect on July 20th.

Dominion Parliament.

In Committee of supply in the House of Commons, on June 9th, the following resolution was under consideration:

Steamship subventions—for a line or lines of steamers to run between St. John and Halifax or either, and the West Indies and South America, \$80,700.

During the discussion of the item the members for Queen's County pointed out the Island's rights and claims in the matter, as the following from Hansard shows:

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treat calling at Prince Edward Island, would be of some service; but I am afraid, from what I learn it is not likely to eventuate for some time, and if any of those boats at present running from Halifax and St. John to the West Indies could not conveniently call at a port of Prince Edward Island, I would suggest that a steamer might be subsidized for two or three trips a year from the province.

Mr. Fielding.—Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. A. McLean) mean special railway rates?

Mr. A. McLean.—Railway and steamer rates. As there is a subsidy given to the steamer, the Minister of Trade and Commerce could regulate that. It is a recognized practice with the railways to grant a cheaper rate on goods intended for exportation than on goods intended for consumption in Canada.

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Mr. A. Martin.—Why not start from Charlottetown?

Mr. Fielding.—The hon. gentleman is so anxious to be a martyr that he forgets the good things his province already enjoys.

Mr. A. Martin.—I did not suggest that there was.

Mr. Fielding.—I thought the hon. gentleman suggested that we were subsidizing steamers to compete with existing lines.

time of which we boast; now that Canada's property is advancing by leaps and bounds, will the government, by parsimoniousness, allow this important trade to be lost?

Mr. A. A. McLean.—A good deal might be done to develop a trade in horses from Prince Edward Island to the West Indies.

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the antipathy does not show itself to such an extent as it does in the case of my own province.

Mr. A. Johnston.—I would ask my hon. friend (Mr. Alex. Martin) whether the cars of the Intercolonial Railway run over the Prince Edward Island as they do to Cape Breton and whether in his opinion that does not make a difference.

Mr. A. Martin.—Our complaint is that they do not. We hope they are going to do that very soon.

Whereas, shippers on the Intercolonial Railway from points on the mainland to stations in Cape Breton, notwithstanding the ferry service at the straits or Gut of Canso, are only charged a continuous railway haul, the resulting overcharge on shipments to and from the island on fifteen-ton carloads of eighth-class produce on an eighty-mile haul is equal to the difference between \$45 and \$28.

There is quite a difference on a 15-ton car; you pay \$45 in Prince Edward Island and it goes to the island of Cape Breton which is attached to the province of the Finance Minister and it gets there for \$29.

Mr. A. Martin.—This includes the ferry charge because the resolution says so.

That is what I suggested before; put it on the basis of a continuous rail haul in place of three short hauls.

Resolved, that the same principle apply to shipments originating at Prince Edward Island points and transferred to the Intercolonial Railway.

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Railways and our maritime representative at Ottawa.

I suppose that that was sent to the Minister of Finance, and I am not astonished he has overlooked it in the multitude of business he has to attend to.

Rev. Father Mehan of Moncton died very suddenly at his home yesterday afternoon.

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