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Borden, E. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—*Con.*

new boilers?—2467. Préfontaine is the Department of Public Works, so far as this matter is concerned—2468. Préfontaine has a very different idea of his responsibility from that which I entertain—2469. Now I want to serve notice on Préfontaine that we are to have that report brought down—2471. The officers of that Department should be at his elbow for the purpose of assisting him in giving that information—2472.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles (Minister of Justice)—2477.

Ingram is not stating the facts correctly, no doubt due to mistake or lack of memory—2477. Let us get at the facts first and we will deal with the impressions afterwards—2479. The only issue to me is, the justification of the subsidy paid to Mr. George T. Davie—2480. I said that the Leslies wrecking plant went below Quebec only once—2480. In the case of the 'Scottish King' the Davie Company would not take the job at the price—2481. In 1901—2482.

Henderson, David (Halton)—2488.

Then we are to understand that all those merchants in Montreal whose names are on the list are dishonest—2488.

Hyman, Hon. Chas. S. (Acting Minister of Public Works)—2472.

When the Department was divided all the papers relating to the ship channel were supposed to have been sent over from the Public Works Department—2472-3.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—2476.

A statement was made that Captain Leslie had not done any wrecking east of Montreal—2476. I want to put the statement on record to show that this is a superior plant—2477. These gentlemen are responsible for the statement they made in their letter—2478. I have no interest in the Kingston Wrecking Company any more than in any other company—2481. I understood Préfontaine to say that he has been any settlement—only pourparseven now—2489.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—2488.

I understood Préfontaine to say that he found a list in the department, and had since added names to it—2488. The government is being imposed upon by private contractors, and are losing a great deal of money—2489.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Solicitor General)—2470.

There are claims filed in the Department of Justice, and two petitions of right have been granted—2470. I do not think there has been any settlement—only pourparlers—2471.

Monk, F. D. (Jacques Cartier)—2450.

What has been the record of the SS. 'Mont-calm' as an ice-breaker in the vicinity of Quebec?—2450. I would like to know

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whether there is in the possession of the government a detailed report—2451. Who does the ordering for the department and is prepared to be responsible for the prices charged for these articles?—2457. What I wanted to elicit from Préfontaine was the name of the party responsible for these purchases—2458. I desire to know what has been the result of last year's dredging. We expended \$276,000—2459. What deepening has the channel had with this \$300,000 that we have expended?—2460. Did the same men who had charge of the boilers before remain in charge afterwards?—2467. I cannot agree with Préfontaine that we have to wait until we are called upon to vote an indemnity to the parties aggrieved—2474. How long have they been in use and what is the ordinary life of these boilers?—2475. We have proof, too, that the Davie Company began to get this subsidy the moment the other company arrived on the field of action—2481. Why should we bonus one company and deprive the other of the advantage of being on the field of action at all?—2482. I do not complain of the names, but wished to know if there was a regular list—2487. Then we will be able to get a separate account for each construction?—2488.

Préfontaine, Hon. R. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—2448.

Gives itemized explanation—2448-9. It is a plan which was laid before the House in 1899 by a former Minister of Public Works—2450. Reads detailed report from the master—2451-2. Read report from R. W. St. George—2453. Read a letter from H. W. Weller—2454. I hope that despite this very vigorous winter the work done by her will be fully up to expectations—2455. That explains itself. There was an investigation to show who was responsible for the accident—2456. Mr. George E. Desbarats is engineer in charge of the shipyard in Sorel—2457. I am quite convinced that Mr. Desbarats would never order anything which was not needed—2458. I have here a full statement in detail of every sum that has been expended for the year ending June 30, 1904—2459. There have been completed 42 miles of the channel between Montreal and Quebec—2460. The work will not be completed to tide-water till some time in the season of 1906—2461. One explanation is that the dredge 'J. I. Tarte' met with an accident and worked only a part of that year—2462. This is for the year 1904, and, as I have said, there is an increase on account of the increased wages paid—2463. I am informed by the superintendent of the ship channel that it was Mr. Howden who did make the report—2464. There was an investigation, as I have stated, by the Department of Public Works—2465. I cannot say. It was not made to the Department of Marine and Fisheries—2466. They were built under the supervision of Mr. Robinson, who had designed them—2467. It did not happen under my