

SUPPLY—TRADE AND COMMERCE—*Con.*

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture) 868.

Twenty degrees is a cold enough temperature in which to carry butter from Canada to England in a steamship—868. The subsidy contracts made by the Department of Trade and Commerce have been continuous, and vessels operating under these contracts are still controlled by the government—870. In any discussion of the temperature in a compartment it is absolutely necessary to know what the contents are before you can judge the temperature—871. Would not have brought up Mr. Smith's remarks if the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) had not quoted these statements of Mr. Smith's on this occasion—874. We have not power to force people to keep their butter at a low temperature, nor have we power to prevent this butter from being put in the cold storage chambers—880. I have not been able to solve these difficulties completely—881. Explains difficulties of cold storage shipping—881-2. The thermographs have to be made especially, and we did not have enough of them last year—886.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—885.

Will the minister have his clerk make out a list of the actual sailings of last year of each one of these vessels?—885. How do you know that each one of these boats keeps the temperature at the required point during the whole voyage?—886.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—884.

What is the average speed of these vessels we have been paying for?—884. Has the Allan Company performed the provisions of their contract?—891.

Henderson, David (Halton)—865.

Will any of the vessels subsidized under this item be fitted up with cold storage accommodation for the carriage of perishable products?—865. The Department of Trade and Commerce should see that all requirements which entitles these companies to this subsidy are fulfilled—867. Has hon. minister (Mr. Fisher) any system of providing refrigerator cars for the purpose of forwarding certain goods to the point of shipment?—868. If Mr. Smith was led astray at all, it was owing to the fact that he had used information obtained from the Minister of Agriculture himself—873. Will hon. minister (Mr. Fisher) see that thermographs are placed on decks of the vessel?—887.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—891.

In granting a subsidy you should provide that the local rate to a point in Canada should not exceed the through rate—891. What is the rule followed with regard to the sailing of all these subsidized steamers in winter time?—894.

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Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—874.

The hon. Minister of Agriculture (Hon. Sydney Fisher) was present when Mr. Smith made the statements in the House, and he did not contradict the figures given—874. Quotes questions put by Mr. Smith—879.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)—765.

What are the terms as to speed?—865. Did government pay half of that increased cost?—867.

Mulock, Hon. Sir William (Postmaster General)—893.

It is impossible for me to give the weight of the mails carried since July last—893.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—864.

There has been no change in this item. When the turbines are running faster time will be made—864. Reads letters addressed by the Allans to Mr. O'Hara, of the Department of Trade and Commerce—865-6-7. If a shipper saw fit to ship on a tramp steamer or a regular trans-Atlantic liner which were not subsidized by us, we would not be responsible—869. Reads provision for cold storage on the 'Bavarian'—876-7. The contract requires that ships should provide cold storage to the satisfaction of the minister, with adequate space and at the different temperatures required—883. Explains reasons for special cold storage chambers—889.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—868.

The fault was with the hon. Minister of Agriculture in entering into the contract without providing for a proper temperature—869. What steamers are we paying subsidies to that are operating under government contract?—869. If these vessels were not carrying out their contract, then it was the duty of the department to call them to account—872. Are the vessels to provide cold storage or not?—876. We have not got the contract or any information as to what it contains, which was made with these steamship companies—877. What is the temperature required and provided in the various chambers, and the capacity of these changes for different kinds of fruit?—883. If the cold storage proves not to be adequate or suitable, then the Minister of Agriculture must be to blame—884. To what extent do shippers avail themselves of cold storage for the transportation of their goods?—885. Have the government made no effort to get the freight rates fixed so that shippers may know where they stand?—888. Has the government made any effort in the last year to develop the chilled meat or frozen meat trade?—890.

Mail subsidies and steamship subventions—steamboat service between Canada and Mexico, \$50,000—895.