

Admiral Hopkins and others that there are no obstructions to prevent a high rate of speed being maintained in the St. Lawrence.

"Viewed as a commercial enterprise, he contends that the proposed fast line of 20-knot service between Canada and Great Britain can never prove a financial success.

"It is also understood that Commodore Wakeham, who for 20 years has been in charge of the fishery protective cruisers in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence, and whose knowledge of the navigation of these waters is greater than that of any other living man, holds the same views as the Deputy Minister of Marine."

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#### REPUDIATION BY CAPTAIN WAKEHAM.

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CAPTAIN WAKEHAM, the officer in charge of the Canadian fishery protection fleet on the St. Lawrence and in the Gulf, perhaps the highest living authority on St. Lawrence navigation, emphatically repudiates the statement attributed to him by Messrs. Allan, that a high rate of speed on the St. Lawrence is impossible, and that Mr. Huddart's scheme is impracticable.

Writing to Sir C. Tupper to-day, Captain Wakeham says:—"I beg to say that I have expressed no such opinion. You are yourself aware that I am of a contrary view, as I hold that the greater the speed the greater the safety. The fast ship will be much less likely to be affected by local currents, and, while she is better able to take every advantage of clear weather than a slower boat, she need go no faster than prudence would warrant in thick weather. These facts should be patent to any one, and cannot be open to contradiction."—OUR CORRESPONDENT.