

individual enterprise, There was just as much reason in subsidizing a tug line between Montreal and Quebec, or between Detroit and Sarnia, as a line between Kingston and Montreal. The principle was an unsound one, and the less the Government attempted to bolster up anything of this kind, and the more they left it to free competition, the surer was the commercial prosperity of the country to be advanced. He believed, and all Englishmen believed, in individual effort; and all attempts to regulate the prices of articles by Government advancing money was a great mistake. They had no more right to maintain this line than to grant a subsidy to bakers to regulate the price of bread, or to cotton mills to regulate the price of cotton fabrics. He had an interview last summer with a large number of forwarders in Kingston on this subject, and gave notice that the tug service would be discontinued on the 1st of August. They entirely agreed with him, but believed it should be continued for the season, leaving it open to competition in future. The hon. member for South Grenville was entirely mistaken if he thought the forwarding trade wanted the service continued.

Mr. YOUNG complimented the Government on having pursued the policy they advocated when in opposition.—Item 117 passed.

On the item \$5,500 to provide for the examination of masters and mates,

Mr. PLUMB wished to know why there was a reduction in this item. He hoped the Government did not intend to impair the efficiency of this service.

Hon. Mr. SMITH said the efficiency of the service would be maintained. The examinations would be continued as before, but by a new arrangement a saving of \$1,500 was effected.—The item passed.

On the item \$4,000 for the purchase of Life-Boats, Life-Preservers and Rewards for Saving Life.

Mr. PLUMB asked why there was a reduction of \$2,000 in this item.

Hon. Mr. SMITH said he found a very general desire that life boats should be provided at more places than hitherto, and the supplementary estimates would contain a larger appropriation for this service.

Mr. FARROW asked if it was the intention of the Government to place life-boats on the coast of Lake Huron.

*Hon. Mr. Mackenzie.*

It was a very dangerous coast, and many valuable lives had been lost on it. He heartily coincided with the views of the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries that the appropriation should be increased.

Hon. Mr. SMITH said it was the intention of the Government to provide life-boats at all places on our coasts where they thought they would be of service in saving life.—The item passed.

Item 120—\$2,500, to provide for investigation into wrecks and casualties and collection of information relating to disasters to shipping, was passed without discussion.

On item 121—\$6,000, expenses in connection with Canadian Register and classification of shipping,

Mr. KILLAM inquired what the policy of the Government was on this subject.

Hon. Mr. SMITH said he was not prepared to say exactly what the policy of the Government was, but his own policy was in favour of the classification. There had been some feeling on the subject for a time, which prevented the Government taking any steps to put the law into operation. He thought, however, that bye and bye the feeling would be in favor of it, and he was also of opinion that more than likely the Government would bye and bye put the Act into operation.

Mr. KILLAM said he agreed with his hon. friend on this question.

Items, 122, \$1,600 for Secretaries of Pilot Commissioners at Halifax, and St. John; 123, \$1,000 for coasting packet service, Prince Edward Island; 124, \$14,090, Montreal Water Police; 125, \$28,200, River Police, Quebec, were passed without discussion.

On item 126, \$142,024, salaries and allowances of light-house keepers,

Mr. HORTON complained of the reduction of the amount for the light-house at Goderich, and thought it was unfair that the light-house keeper at Chantry Island should be paid \$400 a year while the officer at Goderich, which was a larger and more important station, was paid only \$300.—Item passed.

Item 127, \$270,643, maintenance and repairs was passed without discussion.

On item 128, \$120,000, construction of new light-houses,