

SUPPLY—FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE—*Con.*

Maclean, A. K. (Halifax)—6496.

Wishes to remark on the necessity of the establishment of such a transatlantic service as soon as possible—6496. There has been a gradual development of popular opinion on this matter. It should equal any fast transatlantic service—6497. Our geographical position. Comparison of respective routes. Canadian shipping and railway interests want it—6498. Quebec Board of Trade presentment. The claims of Halifax to be the port. Nothing derogatory to St. John and Quebec—6499. Halifax is the natural eastern terminus of Canada's three great transcontinental railways—6500. Stated that the cost of operating a line between Halifax and Liverpool would be half that of a line between New York and Liverpool—6501. Mr. R. Reford on Halifax. Mr. Monk's report. Lord Strathcona's opinion—6502. Sir Sandford Fleming's statement. Comparative statements as to saving time—6503. One pusher grade on the N. T. R. in New Brunswick. Comparative time table—6504. The question involves the improvement of railway terminals at Halifax, and the entrance of other transcontinental lines—6505. There should be but one port for that service and that is the port of Halifax—6506.

McCurdy, F. B. (Shelburne and Queens)—6506.

A significant fact Mr. Maclean makes this suggestion for the first time to Mr. Borden, his colleague, after being many years in the House—6506. So soon as his friends have vacated the Treasury benches he concludes that better days have arrived. Going back to first principles—6507. The Cunard line mail contract in 1838. Mr. Foster in 1894. Hopes it will be taken up where it was laid down in 1896—6508. Estimate of probable earnings. Quotes Mr. Reford. The project commercially feasible without any subsidy—6509. Halifax the port par excellence—6510.

McKenzie, D. D. (Cape Breton North)—6521.

Regrets Mr. Rhodes interjection at this time. Mr. Hughes on the attitude of the Tories in the Drummond-Arthabasca election—6521. The experiment of landing mails at North Sydney. The question of a port one which the wisest statesman will find it difficult to solve—6522. His question on the 'British Mails.' The department shows lack of information on the subject—6523. A letter from Mr. Pottinger. Table of distances of the ports from Liverpool. Gentlemen who favoured the North Sydney route—6524. The Halifax 'Chronicle' on North Sydney—6525. Thinks an arrangement could be made to take off the maritime province mails—6526.

Power, W. (Quebec West)—6510.

The claims of Quebec in this connection. Claims on record in the House and in history—6510.

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Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—6510.

There has been another port discovered in Canada, that of St. John. Halifax has a splendid harbour—6510. St. John open all the year, and nearest to the important centres of the country—6511. The port of St. John should have a fair trial in connection with the mail service—6512.

Rhodes, E. N. (Cumberland)—6516.

A matter of sufficient importance to be considered. An article in the 'Evening Journal' on Liberal literature—6516. The other day there turned up in Chambly-Verchères a pamphlet in French. Quotes the 'Naval Act,' 'Schools'—6517-8. Has made no mistake in the authenticity of the document. It is being circulated in thousands through the post office in this city, and the copies are franked—6519. Those referred to us being connected with it. Being circulated in Quebec to influence the provincial elections—6520. The waves of passion are constantly being stirred in that province by appeals to race and creed—6521.

Sinclair, J. H. (Guysborough)—6514.

If Mr. Borden had had his way the N.T.R. would have stopped at North Bay. Asks him to state what his policy was—6514. We can prove from 'Hansard' his position. The port of Country Harbour is equal in every way to Halifax—6515. The route to Country Harbour would pass through a comparatively level country—6516.

Tremain, H. D. (Hants)—6512.

All hope to see the service established. Does not intend to discuss the relative merits of St. John and Halifax—6512. Everybody who has examined them has pronounced in favour of Halifax. The N.T.R. should terminate at an Atlantic port—6513. Should have a first-class steamship service with a fixed port at Halifax—6514.

SUPPLY — FRANCO-CANADIAN RELATIONS.

Remarks—Hon. R. Lemieux—5747.

Carvell, F. B. (Carleton, N.B.)—5759.

If we are going to do business in Paris, should have our offices not far from the Place de l'Opera. Not getting results on account of our location—5759.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (Minister of Trade and Commerce)—5755.

The present Franco-Canadian steam service as good as any that we have had. Has extended for five years to increase trade—5755. Competition will spur on the endeavour of each and result in increased trade. Imports and exports. Balance of trade adverse to us—5756. The tariff wall on imports to France. Hopes greater preferences between the two countries may be realized. Will not do away with the agency—5757. His