

we are giving him what we would have had and what the others have had.

To pay Captain J. B. Bélanger, of the Government steamer Eureka for handling mail matter at Father Point, from trans-Atlantic steamers, during the season of navigation 1911 and 1912, \$425.

Mr. EMMERSON: I would like to invite the attention of the minister to the mail facilities between Moncton and points east. People living along the line of the Intercolonial railway at Shediac, Dorchester, Sackville, Memramcook and College Bridge are unable to get their evening mail. This has caused a great deal of inconvenience because they cannot get an evening paper. I brought the matter to the attention of the Postmaster General and I had some hopes that it would receive some slight consideration at his hands. It certainly has not. I feel that a certain want of courtesy was shown me as representing the county in that connection. There are two papers in the city of Moncton; the Conservative newspaper is issued in the morning and the Liberal paper is published in the evening. There were no facilities for the morning paper reaching points west of Moncton and points in Albert county. To obviate that difficulty arrangements were made whereby the newspaper could go out on the morning train. That was done by a Liberal government to afford facilities for the circulation of Conservative literature. It was not for the benefit of the newspaper but for the benefit of the people. A like request was made with respect to mail going east in connection with the evening paper and in connection with other mail matter. Some people may say: Oh, well, a mail goes out at four o'clock or half-past three. That is true, but it is very irregular. Trains from the west in the winter time, both over the Intercolonial railway and Canadian Pacific railway, frequently do not run on schedule time, with the result that the people are not able to get their mail with any regularity. There is a great deal of correspondence between Moncton, which is the metropolis of the county, and points east. I ask the Postmaster General to give this his personal attention. I have not been able to get him to personally consider it and I have been told by the people in the county that it would not be done because it was a request that would inconvenience the Liberals who wanted to get their evening papers. I speak for myself as an individual; I live at Dorchester and I want to get my evening mail. I have no desire to prevent the Estimates from going through, but I feel very strongly about this, and I want to impress upon the Postmaster General, not only from the business point of view but from the point of view of what is

right and just. I will take an opportunity later, when there is more time and when I will not be trespassing upon the time of other hon. gentlemen, to bring this matter, and in the meantime I want the hon. gentleman to think it over.

Mr. PELLETIER: I would not like my hon. friend (Mr. Emmerson) to think that I had not been courteous to him in the matter. When he put it before me I told him that I thought he had a very good case. The officers of the department are absolutely opposed to it from an administrative point of view and politics has nothing to do with it whatever. The officers are indignant that any suggestion should be made that it was on account of politics. However, I will look into the matter again.

Mr. EMMERSON: It is another coincidence.

Mr. KNOWLES: I have an inquiry from a constituent as to whether there will be any amendment this session to the Act relating to the Railway Mail Service.

Mr. PELLETIER: The matter is under consideration.

Mr. KNOWLES: There is a further inquiry sent to me as to whether anything will be done to benefit the service as a result of the tour of Mr. Lake in the West?

Mr. PELLETIER: Mr. Lake was not acting for my department.

Mr. KNOWLES: He was acting for all the departments.

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Mr. LEMIEUX: How many new locks have been bought for the mail bags?

Mr. PELLETIER: 350,000.

Mr. LEMIEUX: From whom?

Mr. PELLETIER: A firm in Ottawa of which Mr. Carling is the manager; they were the lowest tenderers.

Mr. LEMIEUX: What is the price?

Mr. PELLETIER: One dollar per lock.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Is it a great improvement?

Mr. PELLETIER: Oh yes, first-class.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Does the Post Office Department, as was done in my time take from the Secretary of State the list of newspapers in which to advertise? It would seem that either the Postmaster General or the Secretary of State have very strange leanings these days. When the Postmaster General espouses a cause he becomes an ardent zealot, as when he delivered his speech on the naval question and outdid the jingoes. Now I see he is one of the