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*Monk, F. D.* (Jacques Cartier)—*Con.*

vice is better known, it will not be necessary to pay even \$2,000 for the conveyance of mails—952. Are these amounts voted purely for mail services or are they also for the encouragement of trade?—956.

*Paterson, Hon. William* (Minister of Customs)—948.

This is a service that was put on last year; the contract expired on April 30, and none has since been awarded—948. The company now want \$3,000 and refuse to take the contract for less—952.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—951.

If there is a paying business, there is no need of this subsidy—952. Why are these subsidies granted for services on the Atlantic coast and refused for service in the heart of Ontario?—956-7.

Steam service between St. John, N.B., and Glasgow, during winter of 1905-6, \$15,000—902.

*Paterson, Hon. William* (Minister of Customs)—902.

The contractors are the Donaldson Line and the Robert Reford Line; they are paid \$750 per round trip or \$15,000 per annum—902.

Steam service between St. John, N.B., Dublin and Belfast during the winter of 1905-6, \$7,500—902.

*Hughes, Sam.* (Victoria and Haliburton)—902.

Have the government taken any steps to have it made possible for these steamers to carry cattle?—902.

*Paterson, Hon. William* (Minister of Customs)—902.

The date is October 20, 1904, and the contract with the Ulster Steamship Company, and the Head Line expires with the opening of navigation, 1905—902.

Steam service between St. John, N.B., Westport and other way ports, \$1,500—966.

*Paterson, Hon. William* (Minister of Customs)—966.

Gives details—966.

Steam service during the season of 1905 between Sydney, C.B., and Bay St. Lawrence, calling at way ports, \$1,500—937.

*Paterson, Hon. William* (Minister of Customs)—937.

Explains route and service in detail—937.

Steam service between Victoria and San Francisco, \$5,000—906.

*Paterson, Hon. William* (Minister of Customs)—906.

This was the result of an agreement entered into with the province of British Columbia

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when that province entered confederation; the minister will only make a contract if he finds it necessary—906.

Steam service between Victoria, Vancouver, way ports and Skagway, \$12,500.

Steam service between Victoria and west coast of Vancouver Island, \$5,000—938.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—939.

What improvement does the minister get for this added \$2,500?—939.

*Paterson, Hon. William* (Minister of Customs)—938.

Explains route and service in detail—938. There is an increase of \$2,500, which is to improve the service—939.

Steam service between Victoria, Vancouver, way ports and Skagway, \$12,500—7091.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)—7091.

This is a somewhat important service. It is altogether performed by the C.P.R. Company—7091. Gives particulars—7092.

Steamship communication during the year 1905, between St. John and Halifax, via Yarmouth and other way ports, \$10,000—923.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—923.

What steamer performs that service?—923.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—923.

Is there any system of gathering information which could serve the department and the House in judging as to the usefulness of these subsidies?—923. We must not give subsidies simply because certain persons ask for them, but because they are in the public interest—925.

*Maclean, W. F.* (South York)—924.

Would it not be a good idea for the government, through some minister, to make a statement reviewing this whole vote?—924. We ought to have some report from the Minister of Trade and Commerce showing whether the money we are spending is developing our trade or not—925.

*Paterson, Hon. William* (Minister of Customs)—923.

This ship carries the mails; Wm. Thompson & Co., are the contractors—923. Before payment is made the customs officers and postal authorities have to sign certificates that the contract work has been performed—924. The remarks of hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) are very practical and well worthy of consideration—925.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—924.

There should be some data presented to the House to enable it to judge of the usefulness of these subsidies—924.