

SUPPLY—TRADE AND COMMERCE—*Con.*

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

upon the government, not the board of trade—7232. If there is any reason to suspect an official, information should be given to the department—7233-4. Minister felt bound to take exception to the names—7235. Will have the matter inquired into—7236.

Inspection of staples—further amount required on account of wages and contingencies, \$7,500—6901.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—6901.

The present vote \$60,000 will be sufficient to meet the expenditure of the current fiscal year—6901.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—6901.

Have any additional assistant warehouse commissioners been appointed or are they to be appointed?—6901.

A line or lines of steamers to run between St. John, Halifax and London, \$40,000—903.

Daniel J. W. (St. John City, N.B.)—903.

Would minister (Mr. Paterson) explain the present condition of this line and state the intention of the government with regard to tenders? Reads memorial addressed by St. John Board of Trade to Governor General in Council—903. The service has certainly not been satisfactory for the business men of St. John—904.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—904.

This item had better stand, because there are other matters to be discussed in connection with it—904.

Paterson, Hon. William (Minister of Customs)—904.

There are two contracts running for those ports, one by the Canadian Pacific Railway line and one by the Furness Line—904.

A line or lines of steamers to run between St. John and Halifax, or either, and the West Indies and South America, \$80,700—8691.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—8691.

For what time is it continued?—8691.

Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—8691.

The conclusion of the government was to continue the same service on the same route as before—8691.

Steam communication between St. John, and ports on Minas Basin and Cumberland Basin, \$3,000—8691.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—8691.

Why was that left over?—8691. I do not know of any particular question—8692.

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Fielding, Hon. Wm. S. (Minister of Finance)—8691.

Owing to the illness of Mr. Logan—8691-2.

Direct fortnightly steam service between Montreal, Quebec and Manchester, England, during the summer season, and between St. John, Halifax and Manchester, during the winter season, \$35,000—932.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—932.

How much are ships paid per round trip?—932.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—933.

Does this contract cover a period of years or is it an annual contract; is there any penalty for mal-performance?—933.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—933.

Is the 'Manchester Trader' the same vessel which is mentioned in connection with item 166?—933.

Johnston, A. (Cape Breton)—933.

Does this contract cover a period of years or is it an annual contract?—933.

Paterson, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Customs)—932.

This service is between Manchester and Montreal, calling at Quebec both ways, and in winter between Manchester and St. John, calling at Halifax; the steamers carry mails and have cold storage—932.

Direct monthly steam communication between Canada and South Africa, \$146,000—971.

Barker, Sam. (Hamilton, East)—981.

Will hon. gentleman (Mr. Paterson) refer us to the page of that valuable work where we will find about the return cargoes?—981.

Bergeron, J. G. H. (Beauharnois)—974.

How many vessels are engaged in that traffic?—974.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—973.

Will the minister (Mr. Paterson) tell us what information he has in regard to return cargoes?—973. Will the minister get some information from the agent in regard to the return cargoes?—974.

Fowler, G. W. (King's, N.B.)—978.

When we give this large subsidy there certainly should be no discrimination against Canadian trade—978.

Henderson, David (Halton)—974.

Are the rates charged on American goods the same as those charged on Canadian?—974. If Americans want to ship goods in our subsidized vessels, surely they should pay some premium for the privilege—975. We are subsidizing vessels to carry American products—976.