

ately very much less than you have now. Can you give an estimate of that statement?

Mr. TEAKLE: Yes. We are not living to-day on the same standard as we were then. To-day in Canada we are on a higher standard of living. I think as far as salaries are concerned we would naturally be higher in the Merchant Marine on account of present day expenses.

In the operating expenses of ships, my recollection is that we used to pay our firemen £4 10s.; to-day we pay them \$50. We used to pay our sailors £4 and now we pay them \$50.

Hon. Mr. MANION: Let us get away from salaries, and what about the overhead expenses in proportion?

Mr. TEAKLE: For instance, I know a good deal about traffic matters. I was reared up in the traffic department. Take the Liverpool service of the old Allan Company, and we did not handle one-fifth of the paper which we have on our Australian service. A lot of that work has come in as a result of the war service.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: What do you mean by paper?

Mr. TEAKLE: Bills of lading and manifests, sir.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I was not sure whether Mr. Hackett's question has been properly answered. I think we gave him the impression that if the Canadian Government Merchant Marine were abandoned it would not have a material effect upon the expenses of the West Indies service. I think it would be more than negligible.

Mr. TEAKLE: I think I said, sir, that there would be an increase.

Mr. HACKETT: My suggestion is, sir, that the cessation of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine would materially reduce the operating expenses of the West Indies service.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: That the abandonment of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine would materially reduce the West Indies expenses?

Mr. HACKETT: Let us take the instance of Mr. Teakle. His salary is borne half by one service and half by the other. Now if the volume of business done by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine is greater than the volume of business that is done by the West Indies service, the division of that expense is, I submit, out of proportion and unfair to the West Indies service.

Mr. POWER: I do not think that is a fair statement to make. The West Indies service wants a good man as manager and they are profiting by the fact that Mr. Teakle happens to be employed in an allied company.

Mr. HACKETT: Mine was a question relating to the mathematics.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I am afraid you are propounding a question in calculus to one who has an insufficient knowledge of geometry, as far as I am concerned.

Mr. GEARY: If you look at the statement of the West Indies, on page 20, you have management and office salaries and office supplies and expenses. Similarly, looking at the account of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, on page 8, we find management and office salaries and the corresponding item of office supplies and expenses are about equal. A good deal of those two items on page 8 would be transferred to the West Indies, which would increase the cost to the West Indies.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes, that is right, Colonel.

Mr. HANSON: That is the way I read it. I think if you drop the operations of the Merchant Marine, you will increase the deficit of the West Indies.