

'ARCTIC' EXPEDITION, THE—*Con.**Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—Con.*

castings is a mistake which would occur and which it would be impossible to foresee—6378. There has not been one suggestion of keeping out one witness—6379. There was only one case in which one of our witnesses was discredited and that was on a question of \$7.50 hotel account—6380. There was no attempt to whitewash the department for the Liberal members did most of the investigating—6381. Mr. Duchesnay was a man with a grievance and his evidence was contradictory—6382. It was proved by Captain Bernier and Mr. Adams that the 'Arctic' could have carried a considerable number of tons of goods more than was put on board—6383. Captain Bernier himself stored away in the compartments practically every pound of goods taken on the 'Arctic' for provisioning the men—6384. The goods that were supplied to the 'Arctic' would be of little use to any body who was not sailing in the 'Arctic'—6385. The amount of liquors and cigars taken on board the 'Arctic' was not any more than would be used by vessels, under similar circumstances, outfitted by private individuals—6386. We have the sworn testimony of Major Moodie that if the 'Arctic' had not been provisioned in the way she was, it would have been a matter of criminal neglect on the part of those responsible for her outfitting—6387. There is no better proof to be obtained of honest administration than that supplied in the outfitting of the 'Arctic'—6388.

The leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) cannot find in 'Hansard' a passage where I called anybody murderers—6522.

McCraney, G. E. (Saskatchewan)—6506.

The purpose of this expedition was to cruise in Hudson bay, through the straits, and along the coast of Greenland—6506. The Liberal members in the special investigating committee endeavoured to elicit whatever information there was—6507. We were not discussing the cubic contents of the vessel or the cubic capacity of goods; we are discussing the question whether these had been delivered—6508. A cost of approximately one dollar per day per man is not one of which this country will complain—6509.

It would have been as easy on June 4, for the hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. Northrup) to have called for these samples, for the accountant and the expert witnesses as it was a few days ago—6510. The best evidence that hon. gentlemen have failed in their charges is the allegation by the hon. member for Grenville (Mr. J. D. Reid) that the witnesses produced had been tampered with—6511.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—6380.

There was not a jot of evidence before the committee to substantiate the amount charged on October 5—6380.

Quotes majority report; is it true that the committee has examined all the witnesses

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brought before them—6471. Is it true that the committee inquired fully into the charges and expenditures? Quotes report—6472. Quotes Toronto 'Globe'—6473. Traces sittings of the committee; there was lots of time for passing certain motions and examining certain witnesses—6474. Experts could not possibly give us prices on these articles unless we gave them samples showing the kind of article we wished them to value—6475. There was plenty of opportunity for asking for tenders—6476. Everything from the beginning to the end of this expedition was as extravagantly, carelessly and stupidly done as it was possible to do it. The 'Fram,' Nansen's boat, had a total equipment account of only \$16,816—6477. Quotes reference sent the committee by the House—6478. We on this side are not complaining because clothes and furs were bought for seamen, but we are complaining of wanton extravagance; quotes purchases made for the 'Arctic'—6479. Captain Bernier is a truthful, honest man; but there is every difference between a man who is willing to tell the story and the man who is not—6480. When Major Moodie left on the 'Arctic' at Fullerton, a number of boxes and bales were shipped and similar boxes and bales were transferred from the 'Arctic' to the 'Neptune'—6481. Both Captain Bernier and Major Moodie said that it was almost impossible to climb from one end of the ship to the other because of her cargo—6482. The question in any one's mind would be whether a boat loaded in the ordinary way would have the capacity to carry such a cargo—6483. There is no evidence whatever as to whether there was \$125,000 worth of stores on that boat—6484. Weeks told us that 10 per cent of the goods were destroyed and thrown overboard; Semple said that twenty-five per cent are lying spoiled at Sorel; Quotes Semple's evidence—6485-6. Quotes Week's evidence—6487-8. Compares amount of certain goods taken with amount used—6489-90. We paid \$100,000 for a boat that was no use for the purpose for which she was bought—6491. What results are there to show for this expedition with its cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars—6492. Would any good sailor have come back for the sole reason that his windlass was not working? Quotes telegram sent to J. W. Flavelle, of Toronto—6493. Quotes declaration of L. C. Van Bever, manager of the Canadian departments of the Wm. Davis Company, Limited—6494. There is not one word of evidence by any witness from beginning to end that more than two lots of bovril reached Quebec—6495. A wholesale man buying the ordinary small quantity of bovril could buy it at \$1.23 a pound, and yet the country had to pay \$1.65 for a large quantity—6496. The country sustained an enormous loss on account of the prices paid for meat articles which prices were certainly not fair and reasonable—6497. Moves amendment—6498-9-500-1-2-3-4-5. Reads chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, section 7—6506.