

any and more deserving. I think, even at this late hour, I am justified in telling the minister the history of the service. In the old days if a man wanted to go from Sydney to Boston, Halifax or St. John, he would have to start from Sydney, take the steamer to Whycomagh, drive 35 miles to Port Hood, take the steamer from Port Hood to Pictou and there get the train. That was the route travelled from Sydney to Halifax and this is part of that old route. The steamer is doing splendid work in the Bras d'Or lakes every year and I am only sorry that it is not getting more money. It is not making any money. I see that another service in Cape Breton is getting \$14,000. If I had to give a conscientious opinion on the matter I would say that these votes should be reversed and that this steamer should get more than she is getting. I hope that in another year the subsidy will be increased.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: That is a strong bid for local support.

Sydney and Bras d'Or lake ports, and ports on the east and west coasts of Cape Breton, steam service between, \$14,000.

Mr. McKENZIE: Where does this boat call?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It starts at North Sydney, right at my hon. friend's doorstep, and goes to Baddeck, Grand Narrows, East Bay, Big Pond, Irish Cove, Johnston's Harbour, Marble Mountain, St. Peter's, Grandique, Poulamond, L'Ardoise, Arichat, Mulgrave, Hawkesbury, Hastings, Port Hood, Margaree, Grand Etang and Cheticamp, returning to Sydney and proceeding thence to Gborous, calling at Port Morien, Main-a-dieu and Louisburg. These are familiar household names to my hon. friend.

Mr. McKENZIE: How often do they call at these places?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It is a weekly service.

Mr. McKENZIE: She calls at Margaree; where is her next call coming around the northern end of Cape Breton?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: From Port Hood she goes to Margaree, from Margaree to Grand Etang and from Grand Etang to Cheticamp.

Mr. McKENZIE: And then?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: She turns around as any good boat ought to, and gets home.

Mr. McKENZIE: Let me tell the minister that in going home—he is quite

familiar with the old term—"One must needs go through Samaria" some time. This boat must necessarily traverse that section of the coast between Grand Etang and Sydney harbour. Passing along the coast she should enter the harbour of Ingonish, which is an important one, and then go up to Neil's harbour and St. Ann's harbour. It is important that she should call at all these places. Whoever made out the schedule of the ports at which the steamer should call had no regard at all to that 120 miles of coast in Victoria county. The boat puts into Grand Etang, in Inverness county and then passes along the coast without calling at any of the places which I have mentioned. I am sure that was not the purpose or intention of the minister, or of the Government in subsidizing this service. There is a lot of traffic along that coast in the summer time, and we should have the benefit of this boat calling at the ports to which I have referred.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I will look into the matter. I want to draw the attention of the committee to the fact that in the appropriations for steamship subsidies I have been able to make a saving of a little over a million dollars. Whether I have cut these Estimates too strongly or not I do not know.

On the motion of Sir George Foster progress was reported and leave granted to sit again this day.

WAR LOANS—AUTHORIZATION OF OVER-SUBSCRIPTIONS.

On the motion of Sir Henry Drayton, Bill No. 211 to confirm certain borrowings under the Demobilization Appropriation Act, 1919, was read a second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: When this Bill received its first reading the question was raised by my hon. friend from Shelburne and Queen's (Mr. Fielding) that the form of the measure was not proper, in that it left entirely blank all reference to the amendment. I have had the opportunity of discussing the matter with the hon. gentleman and now beg to move—confirming the point which he raised and with which I entirely agree—that clause one of the Bill be amended by striking out the words "any sums" in the first line thereof and inserting the words "a sum not exceeding three hundred and forty million dollars" in lieu thereof.