Interim Supply

Steamship Subventions for Coastal Services Western Local Services

squads in order to settle industrial disputes. According to this transcript, one of the gentlemen who was accused, in direct examination by his counsel, Mr. Kirk, had this to say. There is some preliminary questioning about what he was doing that night and so on but I should like to read the relevant part relating to those things which they discovered. The questions are asked by Mr. Kirk of one of the accused, Mr. Kenneth Dawson and they are as follows:

Q. Now, all these items that have been entered as exhibits, do you see them?

Yes, I see them. Α.

Q. Did you see any of them prior to that night when the police pulled them out of the car? A. Yes, I have seen some of the bats—

Meaning the baseball bats.

-not all of them, and the gun, and the jacket, of course, is mine.

Q. Now, where did you see those?

A. Well, the gun I put in the car earlier in the evening myself, because George was driving Norman David and myself out to his farm that night. We were going hunting the next day.

Q. This is the gun, is it? A. That is the gun, yes.

Q. Now, where did you get that gun? A. I got that gun from the Northland dock, I borrowed it from a Frank Terry.

Then the court intervened and asked:

Got it from whom?

A. Frank Terry.

This is the important part I wish to get to in addition to the other evidence of collusion, because Frank Terry is the son of Captain Terry, the owner of Northland Navigation Company and the person to whom we are paying this subsidy. I suggest that it is bad enough that some of the subsidy money is being channelled into Conservative campaign funds, but when and if money we are paying as a subsidy to provide services to upcoast and Vancouver island ports, where we would not get such services were it not for such a subsidy is being used by some of the people in receipt of the money in order to foment and foster gang warfare on the waterfront, or indeed anywhere else, or they are attempting to use it for the furtherance of the S.I.U.-

The Deputy Chairman: Order. I think the Chair has been very lenient with the hon. member so far, but I think the things he is discussing now are not under the jurisdiction of the government. I ask him to come back to this particular item.

Mr. Howard: The things I am discussing, I submit with deference, are under the jurisdiction of this government, the Minister of Transport and the Canadian Maritime Commission. If I may make reference to page 562 of the 1960-61 estimates, there is listed there:

79951-0-153

Service between-Vancouver and northern British Columbia

ports Vancouver and west coast of Vancouver \$194.500 island, B.C. \$100.000

That is money which parliament is being asked to approve at this session and it is being used-

The Deputy Chairman: Order. The Chair is not arguing with the hon. member about the amount to which he is referring, \$300,000 odd; but the question of crime on the waterfront is not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transport.

Mr. Howard: Then it comes under the Minister of Justice. Someone is responsible for it. We are providing money in the amount of almost \$300,000 which is paid to a particular company for the purpose-there is an agreement to this effect-of providing coastal services to certain ports on the coast of British Columbia on a regular basis, and there is a contract which says they can only make so much profit. If they make more, then we can recapture some of this \$294,500.

The question which I raise is this. Is that money being put to purposes which the agreement between Northland Navigation Company and the Canadian Maritime Commission intended? I ask that because of the record of collusiveness and arrangements between Northland Navigation, who received the money, and the seafarers international union. According to the court evidence the son of the owner of Northland Navigation had his gun involved in one of these goon squads, and therefore I ask whether this money is being put to the purpose the agreement said it should, or is it being used to foment jurisdictional disputes to eliminate legitimate unions and to bring baseball bats, tire chains and shotguns into play in an effort to bring scabs through a picket line?

If that is the case it is an illegitimate use of this money and I draw it to the attention of the Minister of Transport because it is under his jurisdiction that this payment of money is made, and under his jurisdiction that the agreement between Northland and the Canadian maritime commission was made. I ask that a thorough investigation be made of the use to which the money with which we are subsidizing this company is being put.

Mr. Chairman, if I have wandered away, as I think you have indicated I have, from the point under discussion to the question of the jurisdiction or responsibility of the minister or any member of the cabinet I apologize, but with all due respect I think I have