ST. JOHN BUSINESS MEN IN DELEGATION AT OTTAWA been made between the 1. the steamship companies?"

Cordially Received by Premier Borden, Mr. Foster, Mr. Pelletier and Mr. Hazen---Dinner Given by tense here. You, and members of de Mr. Hazen.

Mayor Frink

Senator Thorne's Statement

The delegates spent an hour in and received and certain rather in Montreal and reached Ottawa short-ly after one o'clock. Mr. Hazen had Mr. Robinson quoted Sir Thomas follows: made all arrangements for a meeting Shaughnessy's, Mr. Bosworth's and with Premier Borden, but previous to Mr. Gutelius' statements, and detailthis a conference with Mr. Hazen was ed at some length the incidents pre-held, at which information was ex-vious to Monday night's meeting, as changed tending to clarify the situa- well as giving an account of the pro- has been presented. I feel that the and extends well into Canadian terri-

sembled in the Premier's office, where very large assembly. Stress was laid they were met by Mr. Borden, Mr. on the fact that in St. John the questory and they were met by Mr. Borden, Mr. on the fact that in St. John the questory and they were met by Mr. Borden, Mr. Dawson they were met by Mr. Borden, Mr. on the fact that in St. John the questory and they were met by Mr. Borden, Mr. Dawson they were met by Mr. Daws As previously arranged during the trip one which concerned the interests of business coming to it. up, J. M. Robinson opened the pro- all classes of citizens. That meeting ceedings on behalf of the Board of requested that a delegation should be hers who desired to give or request of the word "grace" used in Sir Thominformation were affected an oppor- as Shaughnessy's message, and what from your minds,"

isters was cordial in the personal ress. sense, as a majority of the delegates were old acquaintances, and cordial interest in the matter under discuss said, and urging that some definite requiring expert knowledge we sion. While Mr. Borden alone replied information be given as promptly as that the general manager of the I. on for definite information regarding John. the mail service, and made it clear that the Victorian and Virginian are Senator Daniel pointed out that one not secondary boats but, as far as the of the main questions on which the I have not that information for which government is concerned, are two of delegates desired information concern. you ask me at hand. I have never the first class steamers under con- ed the somewhat unusual arrange-

presentation was a definite statement that the government has the interests of St. John at heart and will perests of St. John at heart and will per-mit of no action on the part of its ed to carry its business to Halifax. R. has no authority to grant to the C. mit of no action on the part of its ed to carry its business to Halifax. P. R. or to any one else any concesofficers which can be constituted into port. While the concrete results of is not our just due, but, on the other a business arrangement between two formal conference was small, yet hand we are not inclined to give up the delegates were greatly reassured to another port anything to which we by Mr. Borden's frank statement of are justly entitled. If Halifax is dethe government's attitude. The other serving of the additional business it ed as discrimination against St. John. the conference privately endorsed the fair move has been made, but we feel

One of the most important, as well advantages, she is well entitled, and as enjoyable features of the day, was tien somewhere. This we expect, and the dinner given by Mr. Hazen in the evening at Rideau Club. During to the notice of the government." the progress of the function members of the delegation without regard to the existing situation and of his ef- John had been aroused when the an-

forts in behalf of St. John. in reading a telegram of interest from been an arrangement made with the development of th be completed next summer and ly at a loss. If such an arrangement despite the increased facilities.

During the evening addresses were country to the detriment of another, you have no knowledge?" made by many members of the dele-This we believe would if true be at Mr. Borden-"I have no cognizance gation, all of which conveyed the im- once corrected. If, however, the ar- as to the terms of the contract. alone, and that the feeling of the city such as would be regarded as legi- of the t. C.R." as freely expressed by the delegates timate as between any two private Mr. Borden-"I have heard previous Hazen as St. John's representative in to say." the Federal cabinet

voicing his entire approbation of the wirth's statement that the double haul ment to revoke that contract?" attitude assumed by Mr. Hazen and system was very unsatisfactory, but Mr. Borden-"I cannot speak defihis home city. Mr. Pugsley openly door, everything would be satisfactory ceived a copy of the contract, but we expressed his personal admiration for and the Halifax call cut out. In par-will certainly see that St. John gets Mr. Hazen aside from all partisan con- liament, last session, Mr. Pugsley had honorable treatment." sideration and expressed his confi-suggested, he said, that a division of Mr. Pidgeon—"It is now five days dence in Mr. Hazen's ability to carry the service between the two ports be since we asked for information reon the fight in the interests of St. embodied in the mail contract, but garding the contract and, knowing the John. "If he succeeds" said Dr. Pugs- this was not forced by him, as he temper of St. John. I. for one, would will know that he has done his best with the principle of the open door. reception of our complaint, and such

The delegates were briefly introduc- ferent with that existing with other promptly as possible. ed by Mr. Hazen who outlined the shippers, an arrangement under which

Mr. Robinson presented the case been done to St. John, he said. "The Premier, for the kindly manner in as instructed by Monday evening's question is not whether the I C. R. is which you, and your colleagues, have "Last winter," he said, to carry C. P. R. business at a loss, or heard us." "when it was announced in parlia at even a margin of profit. If the I. ment that the steamship companies C. R. carries this business on terms would be left free in their choice of more favorable than are granted to ports, the people of St. John were any other shippers then a grave ingratified. They were still further justice has been done, and such an pleased when, late in September, the arrangement should be revoked by the sailings of the various liners were Government. If, by an arrangement announced showing that St. John with the I. C. R . these two lines of would enjoy a fair share of the mail steamers have been induced to leave the business of the country was never service. A week ago, however, the that port which, as was repeatedly more prosperous. The figures for the city was aroused by an announce-declared by them, was by far the most first six months of the fiscal year ment that both the Allan and Cana-advantageous, a grave injustice has show a really remarkable developdian Pacific mail steamers would been done. The people of St. John ment. The total was \$6,799,690, an make Halifax their terminal. During are serious in this matter. They are increase of over \$501.146 on the corthat day, in consultation with other serious in their representation to responding period of 1912, while the officers of the Board of Trade, ar the members of the Government and increase over ten y ars ago is not rangements were made for a meeting they feel that the situation is worthy less than \$4.112,000. The postal re-

ion, "Has any favorable arrangement been made between the I. C. R. and Mr. Robinson read a message jus

and the Government."

"Public opinion against proposed nange in ma.l steamers is most inegation, are backed by all citizens and you cannot urge our claims too strongly, both to our representatives

The Premier's Reply Mr. Borden replied practically as

Trade. He was followed by Mayor sent to Ottawa to demand an explananeither our Government nor any mem, and prices still rising. The R. N. Frink, Senator Daniel, Senator Thorne tion of why, after the open door have and Dr. Pugsley. Premier Borden ing been granted. St. John should be party to any arrangement where y serve law and order. The then replied and afterwards any mem- given the go-by; what is the meaning discrimination against the port of St. sists of Sergt. Dempster and six men. John could result. Dismiss that idea

in the arrangement, in detail, where- "As you know, there have been for sentenced to five years in Dorchester The reception accorded by the min- by the I. C. R. carries C. P. R. busi- years negotiations between the I. C. penitentiary by Mr. Justice White in ters was cordial in the personal ress.

R and C. P. R. for closer traffic relations. Bench division, Circuit tions. Latterly such questions have Court, St. John, having been adjudg-Mayor Frink followed very briefly, been treated by us on a purely busialso in the sense of displaying real endorsing all that Mr. Robinson had ness basis and as they involve points deal swindle. addresses of the delegates, possible as to whether there is dis. C. R. and the proper traffic officers of Mr. Pelletier was several times called crimination of any sort against St. the C. P. R. are the ones to carry on the negotiations. Whatever arrange

ment has been made is based, you seen a copy of the contract, and am, ment which, it is understood, has reat present, unable to give you its decently been made between the C. P. tailed conditions. But I can say that Borden's reply to the St. John R. and I. C. R. "It is felt that rates I believe the arrangement to be one such as would properly be made be lower than the normal must have

been granted under the arrangement tween two privately owned railways. whereby the C. P. R. has been induc-"We people of St. John, said Mr. unfair discrimination against this Daniel, "are not seeking anything that siens which could not be justified in solutely nothing which can be regard-

the government's attitude. The other now seems to have secured, then a "We will secure the fullest informa-members of the cabinet present at now seems to have secured, then a "ion relating to this at the earliest Premier's declaration of absolute fair that St. John is now losing something possible moment and will be pleased to which, by geographical, and other St. John whenever received. I trust explained, on receipt of this informa ion, will present itself to your chil hope, will be removed when brought and that you will then realize that in the whole matter there is absclutely politics, voiced their unqualified ap- Senator Thorne spoke of the man-nothing of a discriminating nature proval of Mr. Hazen's attitude toward ner in which public opinion in St. nor anything at all unfair to St. John."

nouncement of the withdrawal of the latory manner of the efforts made by Mr. Hazen's health was proposed steamers was made. "The impression the people of St. John to impro by Mr. Robinson, and, in the course prevails, though without definite their port, of their enthusiasm and of his reply. Mr. Hazen had pleasure knowledge," said he, "that there has their desire to assist in the general Mr. Rosworth. This was to the effect I. C. R. whereby the C. P. R. business ed cut that, at the rate the business that the two C. P. R. liners, larger will be handled, perhaps, not at mere, was growing all the Atlantic ports steamers than the Empresses, would ly less than normal rates, but actually will have more than they can handle would, during the following winter, exists we feel that it is very unfair Mr. Robinson asked, "Then, are

run direct to St. John. This an discrimination that a government road we to say from you that Mr. Gutelius. nouncement was received with great is being used by the government for on his own responsibility, has made a the advantage of one part of the contract with the C. P. R. of which

pression that in such a time as the rangement made with the L C R, is Mr Robinson-"Do we understand present St. John forgets political dif- a fair and proper business arrange, then, that Mr. Gutelius has an absoferences and stands for St. John ment, chowing a reasonable profit intely free hand in the management

is one of absolute confidence in Mr. railroads, then we can have nothing to this that Mr. Gute tus has 400 much freedom in I. C. R. matters." This was strikingly typified by an Mr. Pugsley briefly reviewed the under this contract the C. P. R. is to exchange of courtesies between Mr. earlier steps in planning for this sea- enjoy better terms than other ship-Hazen and Dr. Pugsick the latter sen's services. He cite Mr. Bos- pers, may we rely on your Govern-

his efforts toward the integests of that having been given the open nitely on that point until I have re-

"we will be glad. If he fails we thought it might be an interference be afraid to go back to report such a and no one will realize more than I If, however, Mr. Gutelius has made a dearth of information. It is important that he has done his best."

with the C. P. R. an arrangement different that we secure this knowledge as

Mr. Borden-"All that can be don ed by Mr. Hazen who outlined the shippers, an arrangement duet of the purpose of the visit, and called on these steamship companies were in Mr. Robinson to open the subject.

J. M. Robinson Opens Case

Mr. Borden—All that can be done under the shippers, and arrangement duet.

Mr. Borden—All that can be done to faciliate this."

Mr. Pugsley—"On behalf of my friends I desire to thank you, Mr.

This concluded the formal hearing.

POSTAL FIGURES

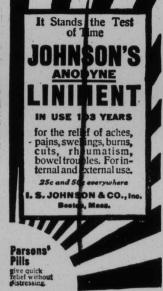
If postal figures are any criterion was aroused by an announce declared by them, was by far the most first six months of the fiscal year on Monday evening. Certain tele of most careful and favorable convenue for September was \$1,153,555, grams to and from Ottawa were sent sideration."

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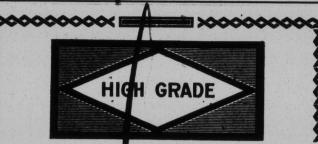
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