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Mr. TAYLOR.—We will have to check delivery on output of the vessel in England.

The CHAIRMAN.—The ship will have to do that; will not the ship have to do that in order to protect herself?

Mr. TAYLOR.—The ship, under this Act, would not have to do it in my opinion; we would have to do it—because the ship is only responsible under the Act for the pieces.

The CHAIRMAN.—Now I understand you to estimate the shortage at \$200,000 a year?

Mr. TAYLOR.—Not the shortage, but the cost of this survey on the other side; it has been estimated at \$120,000 a year for New Brunswick and \$60,000 for Nova Scotia, that is Mr. McKean's estimate, that is not the shortage but the cost of the survey.

Mr. DANIEL.—And that will come back on the manufacturer?

Mr. TAYLOR.—It is a very serious situation, and it does not do anybody any good. At least the only people who do benefit, as a matter of fact, are some Norwegian and Swedish, foreign, tramp steamers.

The CHAIRMAN.—It is a question of who is going to lose it.

Mr. TAYLOR.—It is not a question exactly of who will lose it, the ship is on the spot and checks it on delivery. The officers of the ship are there and can look after delivery of the cargo; we cannot send a man to Australia or to the Argentine to check it, we could get it checked in England but it costs a large amount of money to do it there, and in foreign ports it will be impossible to do so.

Mr. MEREDITH.—The amendment I suggested you approve of?

Mr. TAYLOR.—Yes.

Mr. MCKENZIE.—If the committee takes out Section 10 and amends Section 2. so that wood goods will not be included under the operation of the Act at all, there will be freedom of contract.

Committee adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
ROOM 32,

TUESDAY, May 9, 1911.

The Select Standing Committee on Marine and Fisheries met at 11 o'clock a.m., and proceeded to the further consideration of clause 10, Water Carriage of Goods Act.

Hon. Mr. BRODEUR.—At the last meeting of the committee, Mr. Robb, of the Shipping Federation, agreed to furnish us with a bill of lading used by Messrs. McLean, Kennedy & Co. I have received a letter from that gentleman inclosing bill of lading, together with an explanatory letter from the manager of McLean, Kennedy & Co. (Reads):—

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MONTREAL, May 8, 1911.

DEAR MR. BRODEUR,—Referring to your request at the Committee of Marine and Fisheries, to be supplied with a copy of the bill of lading used by Messrs. McLean, Kennedy & Co., I now have pleasure of inclosing you same, also letter addressed to me and signed by their manager, giving the custom before and after the Water Carriage of Goods Act was passed.

Trusting this will serve your purpose.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) THOMAS ROBB.

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