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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—Con.

completion of work. We saw in the statement attached to the original file the crossing over of the original days' work and the covering up of the raised days' labour—4122. Would ask the minister that he make the reference to a special committee and not to the Public Accounts Committee, which is now overloaded with work—4123. Is the Magnatawan Lake and Steamboat Line a joint stock company? Is this not a case for inquiry by a special committee? The days were deliberately raised by somebody—4125. Who received this \$60? Will the minister refuse an inquiry in the face of this damning evidence? I am not going to be forced to make charges against any member—4127. It is the business of the government to inquire into the ownership of the tug. Is it for me to prefer a charge or is it for the department to inquire to whom this money was paid? On the file that was produced there was a letter saying that the accounts had been tampered with and changed—4128-9. Why was a letter from the hon. member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson) suppressed from the file that was brought down?—4130. The hon. member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson) made the statement without any equivocation that when the boat was employed she was not his property. If a charge is preferred, will it go to the Committee on Privileges and Elections?—4131. This man McArthur who made the statement that this work was well performed and in accordance with the specifications told what was deliberately untrue, and work was not done according to specifications; the accounts were padded and the men were not employed for nearly the time for which the government paid them—4132. There is scandal in every department of this government—4133. Was this sum of money all paid in bulk or are the vouchers for it in the department, and to whom was it paid? Where is the cheque for the \$60?—4134. Hopes that hon. gentleman (Mr. Campbell) will be taken into the cabinet; it will not do for the hon. gentleman (Mr. Campbell) to refer to the slander suit of the member for East Elgin—4137. I have proved any charge I ever brought against any member of this House. It is a question whether a member of parliament should be dealing with the government when he is practically the owner of the concern, even if it is a joint stock company—4138. A good many government supporters agree with the 'Globe' that it is time for a change in the morality of the House—4139. Quotes items for lighthouse expenses on Georgian Bay. Are these sums expended under contract after tenders are called for? If the government is going to spend \$55,000 without tenders, the minister cannot expect that the department will be regarded without suspicion—4144. Will minister give a statement showing who did the work and who supplied the materials in each case?—4145.

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Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4117.

This vote covers all the expenditures in connection with the maintenance and repairs to lighthouses and lightships; increase is due to the larger number of lights; gives estimated expenditures by provinces—4117-8. Have never seen file since it was sent across to hon. friend (Mr. Bennett). What page of 'Hansard' did you quote from?—4119. Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) say that payments were not earned? Everything that has been done with regard to the payment to the inspector of works was absolutely correct—4125. Mortimer refused to accept less than \$3.50; by the account on file laid before parliament he was paid \$3.50 a day. I gave the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) the original file, and unfortunately the file was lost—4126. If the hon. member for Parry Sound (Mr. Watson) is charged with having received the sum of \$60 from the government that is a question that might be dealt with by some other committee—4127. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) has no right to make an insinuation against the honour of any member of this House; it is his duty to make his charge formally, put his seat in jeopardy, and then a committee will be given immediately—4128. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) never substantiates his insinuation—4134-5. All amounts were paid and all payments were made to the foreman of the Magnetawan Boat Company—4135. The officers of the department do not know who are the shareholders of the Canadian General Supply Company—4140. The oil purchased was of a special grade which can only be procured from the Standard Oil Company; it is oil for lighthouses—4141. It is the policy of the department now to ask for tenders. The department intends establishing at the entrance of Halifax harbour one of these gas buoys—4142. Had tenders been called for, it would have cost more to do the work than by day labour—4144. All these returns have been asked for and in most cases sent to the Public Accounts Committee. I am willing to give such information as it is possible to give, but I must tell the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) that I will not bring down any more official records of the department—4145. When these men go to work on our boats they are paid so much per hour according to the implement they use, and according to the kind of work they are doing—4146. Tenders were called for in regard to gasoline—4147. Tenders are called for through the public press, except where the amount is too small to justify it—4150. The vessel 'Arabian' has been engaged for three years to carry the supplies to the lighthouses between Montreal and Lake Superior—4151.

Campbell, A. (Centre York)—4135.

The hon. member for East Simcoe (Mr. Bennett) only deals in insinuations and is not the man to substantiate charges—4135. Hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett) knew the