

trade, I think the comparatively small amount which it would cost to have us adequately represented at the Jamaica Exhibition would be well spent. In fact, it seems to be consistent with the policy of the Government in subsidizing lines of vessels that that should be done. We feel that heretofore we have not had a chance to compete with the United States in those markets. What my hon. friend from Montreal has said has been my impression for a long time—that is, that our best grades of flour would not keep in the hot climate of South America. I think if we were fairly represented at the Jamaica exhibition we might get such a trade that the demand for Canadian flour would warrant our millers in manufacturing flour specially suited for that market.

HON. MR. POWER—If I said that our wheat was not as good as any in the world, I certainly did not mean to convey that impression. I am quite aware that Manitoba wheat is the best wheat in the world.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I am much gratified, and I am sure the House is gratified, to find the Senate occupying itself with subjects such as those which have been brought to our notice to-day, and that the hon. gentleman from Halifax is taking so much interest in this trade with the West Indies, which is specially important to Nova Scotia. I may say that I have great hopes of establishing a profitable trade between this country and the West Indies. There is no reason that I know of why we should not be able to supply them with manufactured goods at a more reasonable rate than those which they now buy from our neighbors to the south of us, who have to contend with a much heavier tariff and carry heavier burdens than we do; and therefore I presume, necessarily, according to the theory of all economists, more especially the free-traders, must pay much more for the production of their goods than they cost us where we live under a more beneficent system. In answer to my hon. friend's question, I may say that the Government is fully sensible of the importance of the exhibition at Jamaica, and of the opportunities which it offers for a display of the goods we can manufacture and furnish to the West Indies Islands; and this being a country differing altogether from their tropical clime, we must and do produce a large number of arti-

cles which we can exchange with advantage for those which they produce there. And with the view of taking all the advantage possible of those opportunities, we have applied for space in the buildings which are being erected for this exhibition, and have placed upon the Estimates a sum of money which the Government propose to ask Parliament to grant them for the purpose of defraying the expense of being represented there.

## THE PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to inform the House on the subject to which the hon. gentleman from Prince Edward Island (Mr. Haythorne) referred yesterday. I brought the question of our printing before my colleagues, and although I have not yet been able to discover exactly where the difficulty lies, it has not been in this instance with the Printing Bureau. The report is that the nine Bills in question were sent out in proof on Saturday the 12th instant, at 11:30 a.m., addressed to Mr. McCord and Mr. Coursolles. The proofs were returned to the printing office on the 14th instant at 10:30 o'clock p.m.—that is, last night, at half past 10 o'clock. I do not know whether these are the proper officials to whom proofs of our Bills should be sent. I only received this report a few minutes ago, and I propose to ascertain to whom the proofs ought to have been sent; and if, in point of fact, these are the officials whose duty it is to correct those proofs and return them to the printers, I shall endeavor to procure the performance of that duty with more expedition in future.

HON. MR. MACINNES (Burlington)—Perhaps some explanation is due from me to the House for the detention in the publication of some of the Senate debates. The facts are these: On Thursday I asked the official reporters for a proof of the debate which took place on the previous day. It was sent on my order, and I believe it first reached my namesake from British Columbia. It afterwards reached me, I think, on Friday, and, without reflection, I threw it into the waste paper basket. If the business of the House has been in any way interfered with by my inadvertence, or any hon. gentleman has been inconvenienced thereby, I have only