

SUPPLY—SHIPPING INTERESTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Con.*

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—Con.

cessity for a good life-saving boat manned by a life-saving crew somewhere on Pachena bay or Barclay sound—1474. Denounces action of inspector of hulls re 'Clallam' disaster—1475. Claims that Cape Beale light could easily be mistaken for Tatoosh light on account of red sector in both lights—1488.

Sloan, Wm. (Comox-Altin)—1483.

Intends touching on one or two points that have not been dealt with by previous speakers; British Columbia has an enormous coast area of some 7,000 miles, of which district Comox-Altin forms a very large portion—1483. Question of hydrographic surveys of waters of British Columbia has been neglected by present and preceding governments; utmost necessity for undertaking this work immediately. Claims of British Columbia have been overlooked to certain extent in respect to Lighthouse Board of Canada—1484. Quotes duties of Lighthouse Board as laid down in order in council of February 20, 1904; maintains that British Columbia should have voice in deliberations of board; pleads for greater salaries to lighthouse keepers—1485.

Smith, Ralph (Nanaimo).

Matter brought before House by hon. member from Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson) is of tremendous importance—1475. The supervision of the marine authorities over the operation of marine business is greater than that over any other business, and is of more importance. A royal commission investigated disaster to 'Valencia' and has just recently made a report—1476. Accident to 'Clallam' was due entirely to bad construction of vessel—1477. Quotes report of Mr. Lugin, official appointed by government to investigate 'Clallam' disaster—1478-9. It is part of duty of this government to ascertain whether or not British subjects sailing on vessels, even though vessels be American, enjoy absolute protection against accident—1480. Quotes order in council passed in 1905 re 'Clallam'—1481. Would recommend establishment and operation of a wireless telegraph service; would recommend improvement of light on point on Cape Beale—1482. Case in favour of compulsory pilotage seems very strong. Hopes hon. minister will effect necessary improvements this very season and not run risk of further disasters next winter—1483. Minister will find marine authorities in British Columbia are particularly strong in recommending strengthening of light and establishment of fog horn at Cape Beale—1489. Does government intend to own and operate wireless service on Pacific coast—1490.

Templeman, Hon. William (Minister of Inland Revenue)—1503.

Hon. members for Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson), Nanaimo (Mr. Smith), and Comox (Mr. Sloan) have advanced many and

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cogent reasons in favour of improving aids to navigation on Pacific Coast—1503. Sorry to see leader of Conservative party attempting to build up a political platform on calamities and misfortunes—1504. Quotes report of 'Valencia' investigation—1505-6. Calls attention of House expressly to opinion of nautical men that it would have been absolutely impossible to rescue people from direction of sea. Attempt of hon. friend (Mr. R. L. Borden) to fasten on government responsibility for loss of life will be absolutely unsuccessful—1506. Is absolutely impossible to maintain a life saving station at any point between Carmanah and Cape Beale—1507. Portion of report to which hon. friend (Mr. R. L. Borden) refers consists of recommendations of commission regarding improvements made at speaker's request—1508.

SUPPLY—WAGNER, PHILIP.

Motion that House go into Committee of Supply—Mr. Fielding—5570.

Mr. Fowler moves in amendment that in the opinion of this House the said Philip Wagner should be forthwith dismissed—5571. Amendment negatived: Yeas, 41; Nays, 38. Motion agreed to and House went into Committee of Supply—5614.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—5606.

Would ask my right hon. friend (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) whether a man who has been guilty of fraud towards persons placed under his charge is entitled on that account to special consideration and promotion by the government?—5606. Any interference is enough to justify an investigation and to justify a dismissal; there is no justification for the conduct of the government with regard to this man—5607. Instances cases of Nixon, Dobie, Jackson and Leitch; this case can only be justified by the absolute repudiation of every word that the Prime Minister has said on the subject from 1896 down to the present day—5608. The motion is not a motion to dismiss Mr. Wagner; it is a motion to give him an investigation, an investigation which has been denied to Conservative officials by the hundred—5609-10.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—5594.

If the principle, outlined by the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) in this case, were adopted, where would parliamentary investigation begin, here or anywhere else?—5594. The Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) stated in 1905, that employees of the government ought not to take an active part in partisan politics yet the Minister of the Interior violates that in propria persona—5596. The men we choose to do official work and represent Canada ought at least to be honest men and to have decently fair reputations—