

select the proper personnel. I quite agree with the suggestion that the class mentioned by the hon. member should be represented.

Mr. FOURNIER: The druggists, who number about 5,000 or 6,000 in this country, are respectable citizens and are entitled to consideration. It is no more trouble to include druggists actively engaged in pharmacy than it is to insert the Dominion Analyst.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: The statute does not designate any particular class for the board. We simply state that the chairman of the board shall be the Dominion Analyst, and he is the official of the department administering this and similar Acts. When the department constitute the board they will have in mind, of course the particular interests of the pharmaceutical profession in Canada. Personally, if I were asked to give an opinion, I would say that they are entitled to representation on a board of five, but if you say that one particular class shall be represented, you must stipulate in the Bill what other four classes shall have representation. The statute framed in that way would be unsound and too restrictive.

Mr. FOURNIER: I think that men actively engaged in the drug business should be represented. After all, we copy the United States in many ways, and there you will find that pharmacists are represented on boards of similar character, being represented even on the Board of Health.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: I do not mind saying that they will be represented.

Mr. McKENZIE: What Act is repealed?

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: There was an Act known as the Doherty Act which contained a clause that had reference to patent medicines, and that should not have been in that Act. The amending Bill at page 3 in the second last paragraph contains an amendment by inserting immediately after section 16 a provision to the effect that any penalty incurred under the provisions of this Act shall be deemed an addition to and not in substitution for any penalty incurred under the law of any province. That is the section which we are repealing and which is in chapter 19 of the statutes of 1916. We are taking it out of one Act and putting it into this, because it has relation to patent medicines.

Bill as amended reported.

## SUPPLY.

The House again in Committee of Supply, Mr. Steele in the Chair.

Mail Subsidies and Steamship Subventions—Steam service between Quebec and ports on the north and, or south shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and, or between the ports in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and the Magdalen Islands, \$70,000.

Mr. CHISHOLM: What are the subsidies under this item, and what trips will be made, and so forth? I should like some information in this respect.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: This is a combination of services that were performed last year under separate services and separate votes. It means no increase whatever. It is a re-arrangement of old services. It does not mean an additional vote of money. The contractors have not been able so far to perform the Newfoundland end of the service. They were to call at Prince Edward Island, Pictou, Mulgrave or Hawkesbury proceed through the lakes and on to Newfoundland. The company have been unable to obtain a steamer suitable for the service but we are hopeful that they will be able to do so any day now. At the time the contract was entered into last year it was thought that the steamer leaving Quebec and calling at ports of the south shore of the St. Lawrence would proceed:—en route to Newfoundland but the company have been unable to do that. Later, they asked to be allowed to take a portion of this subsidy and apply it to a direct service between Quebec and Newfoundland via Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton ports. While, up to the present time they have been unable to get a steamer to go on the service, we are hopeful that they may get one any day now.

Mr. J. H. SINCLAIR: Will the minister name the ports that they call at in Nova Scotia?

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: I find I was in error in saying that there were several ports in Cape Breton that the boat would call at. Apparently there is only Sydney.

Mr. McKENZIE: What is the name of the boat that used to perform that service?

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: It has not been performed for several years. It is a revival of an old service that was performed by some of the Dominion Coal Company boats.

Mr. McKENZIE: The Black Diamond line?

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: The Black Diamond line. Very strong representations have been