

Mr. ARMSTRONG: We could not get those figures in time; but if it is convenient to you we will endeavour to supply them for the record. We could not get them yesterday.

Mr. KINLEY: I submitted a question yesterday.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: What was that?

Mr. KINLEY: It was in regard to the purchase of ties.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: What was the question you asked yesterday?

Mr. KINLEY: My question was: what price was paid for ties in my riding, and from whom were they bought.

Mr. VAUGHAN: I would prefer to give the information to Mr. Kinley privately. It is not that there is anything confidential about it, but I doubt whether it is wise—pardon me for saying so—to give the full particulars of all our contracts. I would be very glad to give Mr. Kinley that information.

Mr. KINLEY: I quite agree that it is not wise to make public the details of the contracts, but, as a matter of fact, I wrote for them and I was refused them. I would rather have them privately. I can quite see why you would not like to give them before the contracts were let, but I do not see any reason why they should not be given after the contracts are awarded.

Mr. VAUGHAN: I have no recollection of the details being asked for.

Mr. KINLEY: I have a letter here which I will show you. I showed it to the committee yesterday.

Mr. VAUGHAN: I think we can dispose of this question all right.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: That concludes that section of the report. Now, we have the report of the Merchant Marine. Mr. Armstrong, would you just read that general statement on pages 4 and 5 concerning the Canadian Government Merchant Marine.

Mr. ARMSTRONG: (Reads):—

MONTREAL, March 10, 1937.

THE HONOURABLE C. D. HOWE, M.P.,  
Minister of Transport,  
Ottawa.

Sir,

On behalf of the Directors I beg to submit the last annual report of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Limited, this covering the year ended December 31st, 1936.

The comparative operating results were as under:—

	1936	1935	Decrease
Grosse revenues .....	\$2,216,441 54	\$2,764,549 09	\$ 548,107 55
Operating expenses.....	1,912,936 41	2,452,726 83	539,790 42
Operating profit .....	\$ 303,505 13	\$ 311,822 26	\$ 8,317 13

There were only 17 completed voyages to Australia and/or New Zealand as against 24 in 1935, due to the sale of the fleet as referred to later in this report, and therefore the decreases shown above must be reviewed with this in mind. The operating ratio in 1936 was 86·30 compared with 88·72 in 1935.

Under authority of Order in Council approved April 27th, 1936 an agreement was executed for the sale of the remaining ten vessels of the fleet. The new Company which will continue the services formerly operated by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine is known as the Montreal Australia New Zealand Line, Limited. Nine vessels were turned over to the new Company as each of them arrived in Montreal after the date of the agreement, June 8th, 1936, and had discharged cargo. The tenth vessel, "Canadian Planter", was in collision with the "City of Auckland" on