

Mr. HEAPS: We have three steamers.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: We have three steamers on the service, plus one of the new Lady boats which is on summer cruise.

Mr. HEAPS: What has happened to these boats on the Vancouver-Victoria route?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: These are the Prince boats we have been having trouble with. We have abandoned that service, and since then these three boats have been in various waters. One of them is used on the Pacific coast to take summer cruises to Alaska; the other two are on the Atlantic. They were leased to Cruises Limited. I think one has been leased to the Clarke Steamship Company for use along the Gaspé coast on the St. Lawrence river.

Mr. WALSH: Before we adjourn, I would like to make a statement this morning relative to the debate yesterday in the house. I do not want the members of this committee to consider that I was an offensive member intruding certain suggestions that should not be intruded into the deliberations of a committee such as this, but I did intrude them, and I intruded them in good faith. However, I certainly had no personal reference to any person connected with this committee and certainly not to the Minister of Transport whom I hold in the highest esteem as he knows himself. The only point I wanted to make was that I differed with him on principle. Personally I am glad to see a man like Mr. Howe in public life in Canada, even if he happens to be on the Liberal side.

Mr. HEAPS: The apology is accepted.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: This has been a very gentlemanly committee, and no apology is necessary from anybody.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: Speaking for myself as pinch hitter for Sir Eugene who, unfortunately, has been ill, I thank the members of the committee for their kind assistance and help during the meetings we have held without our regular chairman. Every member of the committee has done his best to bring to view those things which should be brought to our notice, and we have had very fair discussion on all the matters.

The Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.