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*Brodeur, Hon. L. P.* (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—*Con.*

their lives, \$39,000. The four men who lost their lives were W. H. Allison, F. Mullen, A. Couillard, and E. Gillard—4870. The Pintsch gas does not give the same illuminative power and that is one of the reasons why the department has made the change—4871. Last year we purchased 160 tons from the Ottawa Carbide Company, at \$65 a ton—4872. Advertised in public newspapers for tenders for carbide; three tenders were received, and the contract was awarded to the lowest tender—4874. Is it true or not that acetylene gas is giving five times more illuminative power than the other?—4875. In regard to Mr. Creelman it was not a question of reports, but a question of plans—4876. Distribution of damages to victims of accident at Kingston will be determined according to salary formerly paid these officers—4877. The engineers of the department do not know of any claim made on government in connection with the Parry Sound accident—4878. Quotes advertisement for tenders for carbide—4881. Mr. Creelman made some plans in connection with the change in the system that was to be made and received \$1,200 for his plans—4882. The danger lies in compression, not in extinction of light; have always thought welded buoys the most preferable—4883. This vote of \$40,000 will cover the rebuilding of the 'Scout'—4884. The present commissioner of lights, Mr. Fraser, recommended the change to the present system—4886. Sums offered to victims of Kingston accident were offered more as a compassionate allowance than as compensation for damages; department do not intend using any more high pressure gas buoys—4888. The department never bought buoys direct from the Pintsch Gas Company of Germany—4891. Since the department has decided to use the automatic gas buoys we have never purchased any of these high pressure gas buoys. There was no manufacturer of gas buoys in this country until it began last year with the automatic gas buoys—4892. The Pintsch firm had its head office in England, and these buoys were brought from Germany—4896.

*Bureau, Jacques* (Three Rivers)—4872.

The Shawenigan Carbide Company are not the same people as the Ottawa or St. Catharines Carbide Company—4872-3. Experts state that acetylene gas gives seven per cent more light—4875. Why did the Canadian Pacific Railway adopt the acetylene instead of the Pintsch system?—4875.

*Cockshutt, W. F.* (Brantford)—4878.

Was the gas buoy that exploded at Kingston purchased from Merwin?—4878.

*Derbyshire, D.* (Brockville)—4886.

The lighting system inaugurated within the last few years is really first-class and the best possible—4886.

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*Lennox, Haughton* (South Simcoe)—4879.

Was the invitation for carbide supplies confined to Canadian manufacturers? What length of time did you give companies to tender? The time was insufficient for proper tendering and competition was practically confined to the three favoured companies—4879-80. Is it so that Colonel Anderson, engineer of the department, reported against system of lighting?—4894. Was commission of light appointed at the same time as the change of system?—4895.

*Monk, F. D.* (Jacques Cartier)—4869.

How many accidents were there? Who are the parties to whom this \$40,000 is to be paid?—4869. Who were the four men killed? By whom were they represented?—4870. Did hon. minister ever get a report in due form on acetylene gas?—4875. Would like to know if the government had a report on gas and from whom that report emanated? Was there a demand made to government in due form by the shipping federation for a change in the system of lighting? Has this sum of \$40,000 for damages been distributed?—4876. Was there an inquiry made into the accident at Kingston. Has there been any claim made upon department in connection with the accident at Parry Sound?—4877. Asks minister to bring down report upon this change from Pintsch gas to acetylene—4878.

*Reid, J. D.* (Grenville)—4881.

Frank Creelman never was in the government service and is not now; he is an employee of Willson, the carbide man—4881. Did the department ever taken into consideration the probable cost if they had adopted the Pintsch gas system instead of acetylene?—4882. Using Pintsch gas there is no danger of explosion from a welded buoy—4883. How much was the cost of rebuilding the 'Scout'?—4884. The minister should continue between Montreal and Kingston, the system that we had before, the system the Americans still have—4885. Does ten atmospheres mean extra pressure and was extra pressure the cause of the accident?—4890. Could minister explain why these buoys were bought from Merwin?—4891-2. Is 'The Pintsch Patent Lighting Company, Limited, Montreal,' in existence?—4896.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—4870.

Can the same buoys be used that were used twenty years ago notwithstanding the change to acetylene?—4870. If the buoys used are exactly the same, why this heavy expense in making the change?—4811. How many tons of carbide were purchased last year, from whom, and what price? Was it purchased by tender or competition? The three carbide companies are practically under one control—4872. In reality there is no competition, because the article is sold by the same parties, and the lowest tenderer gets it, and they divide it up amongst them—4874.