

where telegraph wires are subject to the spray of salt water, knows that the galvanization rusts off in a very few months; and this boat has no galvanization on it at all. You can imagine therefore what the effect of the salt water has been on it during these years. Some day it will run against a floating log or one of our British Columbia salmon and crumple up like last year's snow.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question being put, pursuant to rule.

Thursday, March 12, 1925

The House met at three o'clock.

CANADA—UNITED STATES SMUGGLING TREATY

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate acquainting this House that the Senate doth unite with the House of Commons, in the approval of the treaty for the suppression of smuggling operations along the international boundary between the Dominion of Canada and the United States, and assisting in the arrest and prosecution of persons violating the narcotic laws of either government and for kindred purposes, which was signed at Washington on the sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and which was signed on behalf of His Majesty in respect of Canada by the plenipotentiary therein named, by filling in the blank space therein with the words "Senate and".

REPORT

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Penitentiaries for the year ending December 31, 1924.—Hon. Mr. Lapointe.

CORRESPONDENCE ON OCEAN SHIPPING RATES

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I beg to lay on the table such correspondence as has come to my office relating to representations on ocean rates requested by the right hon. leader of the opposition. I might say that there is a great deal of correspondence, I find, in the different departments, and it will take some days to get a copy of all the correspondence from the Department of Trade and Commerce. Some of the other departments have correspondence relating to this subject ready

to table to-day. When the right hon. gentleman made his request I immediately asked each department to expedite the return.

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): I beg to lay on the table correspondence of the Department of Marine and Fisheries in regard to ocean freight rates.

Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals): I wish to lay on the table of the House, following the suggestion to the right hon. leader of the opposition, certain correspondence received by the Department of Railways concerning ocean rates. Considerable of this is inter-departmental correspondence, and I suppose some of these letters and memoranda will probably appear in the returns brought down from other departments. However, there may be some things here that are not included in the others.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Leader of the Opposition): I did not quite catch what that was.

Mr. GRAHAM: This is following along the line of tabling all the correspondence in reference to ocean rates. These are letters received complaining of ocean rates, and a good many of them, I think, complaining of the rates on the merchant marine; that is the way they got to the Railway department. The unimportant part of the file is merely interdepartmental correspondence transferring correspondence from other departments to the Railway department.

Mr. MEIGHEN: In this relation the government must be under a misapprehension as to what I asked for. I am sure Hansard will confirm what I say, when I give this confirmation of my request. What I asked was not the correspondence of individuals with the department, nor of companies nor anything else, nor with any department. I asked only for correspondence of the government, first of all between the previous government in 1920 and 1921 with the British government, or with the Imperial Shipping committee, in relation to ocean rates. Then yesterday I asked for similar correspondence between this government and the British government, or the Imperial Shipping committee, in relation to ocean rates. The return filed yesterday, or the day before, of a lot of correspondence with the Trade and Commerce department on the subject from individuals in Canada, as far as I could see, was in no way a compliance with my request. Similarly this that is filed to-day has nothing to do with my request. I have no objection to it being filed; it may be