

life to the service of the people of my native province, to the service of the people of the city and county of Halifax, and now for the last year or so to the service of the people of Canada. In that work I have sacrificed my profession and to-day, were I not in public life, I would have to start all over again. At present I have not the time to practise my profession because it takes all my time to look after the interests of the people I have undertaken to represent. For seventeen years I have represented them successfully and continuously in the province of Nova Scotia, and I never received from any government, directly or indirectly, one dollar for any services of mine except what I was entitled to receive by statute. I do want to say to my hon. friend, however, that during those seventeen years during which I have been working in the interest of the people he has been paying attention to his own business. I do not blame him for that, but when he wants to hold himself out as a martyr on a political cross in this country I want to tell him that he is not entitled to wear any medal. I want to say that while I am entitled to wear medals for public service he has a portion or "what jingles in the pocket" because the firm of Pickford and Black, of which he is a member, received money from the government of this country during a period of thirty years. The subsidies paid to Pickford and Black by the respective governments of Canada since 1893 are as follows:

Canada, West Indies, South America.. . . .	\$1,577,602
St. John and Demarara.. . . .	536,083
Halifax and Jamaica.. . . .	90,000
Halifax and Bermuda.. . . .	30,000
Halifax and Cuba.. . . .	41,666

Mr. DOUCET: Any service given?

Mr. FINN I will come to that. My hon friend had better not be too particular about the service. I have travelled on some of these boats myself.

Mr. BAXTER: Did it hurt them?

Mr. FINN: I will come to that. My hon. me. The total of the subsidies I have given is \$2,275,352. As to the steamers my hon. friend from Kent refers to, I went down some years ago to Bermuda in the old Alpha, I think she was about thirty years old then. The next time I saw her she was in British Columbia; she was sold in Victoria. Then there was the Beta. She had to be reconditioned and was built up like Noah's Ark. The government of Canada decided she had not the proper accommodation and that a change would have to be made.

Mr. BAXTER: I should like to know when my hon. friend was in Noah's Ark, what particulars he has of his experience?

Mr. FINN: My knowledge of Noah's Ark is what I have read in the Bible. If my hon. friend has not read that Book lately, or has forgotten what he has read I would ask him to again read that portion of the Scriptures dealing with the Ark along with the lamentations of Jeremiah to which my hon. friend's remarks bear a resemblance.

Mr. BAXTER: I know the Ark was pitched within and without. I do not know how long it took to do the work but I should like my hon. friend to tell us how to do it efficiently.

Mr. FINN: It might have been pitched within and without but the only thing my hon. friend needs to look after is that at the next election he is not pitched out.

Mr. BAXTER: There is no danger.

Mr. BLACK: I should like to ask my hon. friend if he is aware that the subsidies to which he refers were paid to joint stock companies composed of patriotic citizens of Halifax who subscribed capital for the purchase of these boats and who included some of his Liberal friends. The money was received by these joint stock companies and not by Pickford and Black.

Mr. FINN: I am satisfied with the statement of my hon. friend. I do not want to do him any injustice but I must say this: He participated in these profits and he could not possibly have what he has around him to-day in the way of luxuries in the city of Halifax if he had been in business for patriotic reasons or for his health. When the subsidies were withdrawn from the Pickford and Black steamships, the Royal Mail Packet Steamship Company was subsidized to run its boats to the West Indies, the subsidies were paid to Pickford and Black Limited as attorneys and agents of the Royal Mail Packet Steamship Company. Pickford and Black did the business for these steamers and looked after their freight. Pickford and Black stevedores were employed. The Royal Mail Packet Steamship Company received for services, through Pickford and Black, the sum of \$3,175,601.77, making in all a complete subsidy of \$5,450,954.49.

I would not have mentioned these things, Mr. Speaker, had I not carefully read the speech of the hon. junior member for Halifax and, which I do not think he could have read himself before delivering. I would not have made these remarks, but I think his personal allusion to that splendid financier, the