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(Mr. Pardee) alludes to—6414. What was the value of the goods brought back, at invoice prices?—6418. Were the goods which were left plus those requisitioned equal to the amount originally shipped and yet ten per cent thrown overboard and ten per cent decayed—6485. It was merely a question of delay—6510. The statement of the Minister of Marine (Mr. Brodeur) has not the slightest foundation in fact—6518. What was the total cost of the 'Arctic' expedition?—6519. I say to the hon. gentleman (Mr. Brodeur) that his statement is not correct, that I used it in quotation from one of his own followers, the hon. member from Vancouver—6522. Reads 'Hansard' of April 10. last; asks for apology from Minister of Marine (Mr. Brodeur)—6524. Any minister of the Crown who will seek to shield himself from his political responsibility behind the name of a dead colleague is unworthy of the position he occupies—6528. Compliments the member for West Lambton (Mr. Pardee) on his presentation of the government side of the case—6529. It behooves the Minister of Marine (Mr. Brodeur) to give some explanation as to why this scandalous misuse of money has taken place—6530. The government could have purchased 8,000 pounds of pemmican for \$2,800, but they paid \$10,000 for it, leaving a net loss to the country of \$7,200—6531. The majority of the members of the committee saw fit, in their wisdom or unwisdom, to vote down the only reasonable proposition that an inventory should be taken, and absolutely essential information laid before the committee—6532. Which was the most important—that this inquiry should be closed before the close of the session, or that the truth should be completely brought out—6533. The present government estimated in 1903 for a similar expedition that the maintenance of crew and staff would cost \$700 per month, or \$8,400 per annum—6534. The expenditure for supplies per annum in 1904 amounted to about \$28,000 or nearly four times as much as that of 1903—6535.

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Rises to a point of order; the hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) is referring to something that took place in the Public Accounts Committee, whose report is not now before the House—6411. Will my hon. friend (Mr. Northrup) be kind enough to quote the law of 1886 to which he referred with regard to the deck load?—6505. The leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) attacked not only the circumstances attending the outfitting of the 'Arctic', but also called for an investigation into the administration of the department back to 1903; he had not the courage to assail Mr. Préfontaine as he assails him now—6517. If the scope of the investigation was not wide enough hon. gentleman opposite have the same responsibility for it as we have; contrasts provisioning of other expeditions with that of the

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'Arctic'—6518. Gives the whole cost of the 'Arctic' expedition—6519. I am not an apostle of temperance, but I always see that there is no liquor on the vessels. The leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) some time ago said that the Ministers of Marine and Fisheries were murderers—6521-2. Quotes the Toronto 'Mail and Empire' of Aug. 22, 1904—6523. Reads report sent to Major Moodie on Sept. 21, 1905—6524. There were two kinds of biscuits in the provisions furnished—pilot biscuits and fancy biscuits; the pilot biscuits taken amounted to 30,000—6525. There were forty-two gallons of whiskey bought, and we have forty-two gallons on hand; quote statute of 1903, chap 63—6526. The hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. Northrup) quoted the law of 1886, when all cargoes were prohibited, but under the new law it is only timber that is prohibited—6527. Rises to point of order—6530.

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Does the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bergeron) say that Mr. Semple did not see the goods on the 'Arctic' after the boat returned?—6397. The hon. member for Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson) said that Duchesnay sought members of the opposition before giving his evidence—6420.

It was necessary that an expedition should go to the northern waters around Hudson Bay, Baffin's Bay, Davis strait and other waters adjacent to the northern portion of the American continent; gives reasons—6441. How would it be possible to advertise for tenders for supplies, to get them economically and to get that vessel away on August 15, 1904. Captain is a man who possesses a greater amount of knowledge than any other man in the world as to the requirements of a voyage to the Arctic and Antarctic oceans—6442. In exhibit No. 61 in the case we have actually the original draft of the list sent to the government on June 24 by Captain Bernier—6443. Quotes letter addressed to Christie, Brown and Co. of Montreal by the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries; sorry that hon. member for Grenville (Mr. J. D. Reid) did not persist in the manly course he took at the beginning—6444. The burden of proof was on hon. gentlemen opposite to show that goods did not go on board the vessel—6445. The hon. member for Beauharnois (Mr. Bergeron) and the hon. member for East Simcoe (Mr. Bennett) only exploited certain hobbies in the committee—6446. Every time a witness was placed on the stand my hon. friend (Mr. Northrup) would ask questions on bovril—6447. If the clerks had the invoices in their possession, they checked the goods from them as they went over the ship's side; if they had not the invoices they entered the goods on a sheet of paper as they went along—6448. When this vessel returned the next year the government had an inventory taken of every article contained on the vessel—