

in consequence of suggestions which were offered the previous session, the Minister of Trade and Commerce has published a supplement to his report which gives particulars of each one of these services and full explanations. This supplement has been in possession of hon. gentleman for some time, and those who feel an interest in the matter have given it their consideration. Information concerning each one of these services is fully set forth in this blue-book entitled 'Supplement to the Report of the Department of Trade and Commerce.'

Mr. BLAIN. Are these subsidies all the same as last year?

Mr. FIELDING. Except in one case—the British ocean mail service—where there is an increase. That is due to the fact that the contract fixes a price that each vessel gets, and as we get more trips from the better vessels we necessarily have to pay them more. With the exception of that item, I think they are all the same as last year.

Mr. TAYLOR. I would suggest that one item be reserved for discussion by the leader of the opposition or any other member.

Mr. FIELDING. That is a reasonable proposition.

Mr. NORTHRUP. Will the minister agree that some time shall be fixed when the various supplementaries will come up?

Mr. FIELDING. I hope to bring the supplementary estimates down to-morrow or the following day, at the latest, and from then to the end of the session I fancy that all business will receive expeditious treatment, so that it will hardly be necessary to fix a day.

Mr. NORTHRUP. A great many items are allowed to slip through on which there would naturally be some discussion if the members interested in them were present. But we do not want to sit here all the time waiting for some particular estimate to come up, and we would like to know when the supplementaries will be taken up.

Mr. FIELDING. After the supplementaries come down, if any particular subject interests the hon. gentleman and he will notify us, we will either take up that item or fix a time for doing so.

Mr. DANIEL. Will the minister look at item 190: 'Steam communication between St. John and ports in Cumberland basin, \$3,000.' Is that subsidy paid to a steamer called the 'Harbinger?'

Mr. FIELDING. No contract has been entered into for this service. The subsidy was offered, but not taken up.

Mr. TAYLOR. I beg to suggest that item 153 be reserved for discussion.

Mr. FIELDING.

Mr. FIELDING. Very well. I wish to strike out item 169: 'Steam communication between a port or ports in Prince Edward Island and a port or ports in Great Britain, \$7,000. A quarter of this sum has been voted, but we have no expectation that the service will be required, and practically the sum already voted will lapse. I move that we strike out the remainder, and in the supplementaries we will utilize the money for some other service suitable for Prince Edward Island.

Mr. TAYLOR. Item 153: Ocean and mail service between Great Britain and Canada, \$550,000, will stand, and any member of the opposition who wants to discuss any of the subsidies will have an opportunity of doing so under this item?

Mr. FIELDING. I quite agree with what my hon. friend suggests.

Department of Trade and Commerce, \$91,600.

Mr. BLAIN. How much money was paid to each of the provinces under the Chinese Immigration Act?

Mr. FIELDING. It is practically all paid to British Columbia, but I will be able, when the matter comes up again, to give my hon. friend a more exact statement.

Mr. TAYLOR. I think we had better let item 276 stand, as I see that it includes bounties on steel and iron.

Mr. FIELDING. It does not take in the bounties, but only covers the administrative expenses.

Mr. TAYLOR. I know.

Mr. FIELDING. All right. Let 276 stand.

Item allowed to stand.

Inspection of staples, \$130,000.

Mr. LAKE. Is it expected that other inspectors will be required in consequence of the amendments to the Grain and Inspection Acts; and, if so, will provision for these be made in the supplementary estimates?

Mr. FIELDING. The officer of the department says that the supplementaries will have to contain a further sum to cover that.

Mr. TAYLOR. Will there be an item in the supplementary estimates for this?

Mr. FIELDING. There will be some items, although I do not remember for what particular purpose.

Mr. TAYLOR. And if we want to discuss anything in connection with the Department of Justice it may be discussed upon the supplementary estimates?