

IMPERIAL SUBSIDY OF \$125,000

Asked for the Canada-Australian Steamship Line—If Granted, Another Boat To Be Built... LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Marquis of Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, yesterday received a deputation consisting of Sir Charles Tupper, Canada's High Commissioner, Mr. James Huddart of the Canadian-Australian Steamship Line and the agents-general of Tasmania, New Zealand and Victoria.

The company would undertake to build another steamship which would be available as an armored cruiser in time of war. The company would also undertake that all future steamships would be similarly built. It was urged that the Government would save by granting this subsidy, as the cost of the new route would be less than that of the Canadian-Australian Steamship Line.

The Marquis of Ripon promised the deputation that he would give the matter his consideration and bring it before the Cabinet. The British Postmaster-General, Sir John Lubbock, has recognized the new route as a great advantage to the British Empire.

THE LIFEBOAT SERVICE. Editor World: Replying to Mr. George L. Stephen, who asks in your issue of 10/24 whether a proper lifeboat can venture into sea where a vessel is stranded and breaking up, I would point out that a vessel may be stranded in 10 or 15 feet of water or more, according to her draft, and if so distant from the shore it would not only be impossible to reach, but a lifeboat to rescue the crew. Your correspondent was quite right in pointing out that it might be better to have a vessel before the vessel stranded if possible and that the rockets apparatus would be more reliable afterwards.

THE ANTIQUES. The "Antiques" subscribers list is now a very interesting one. It stamps the production of the Greek play, which the University students will give in the Academy of Music next month, a most fashionable success. In order to make this representation as interesting as possible, Prof. Hutton and the Academy of Music, Messrs. Ginn & Co., for a special edition of the play, have had the text of the play printed and on the opposite page a beautiful translation of the play into English.

THE ACADEMY TONIGHT. Grotto-Grotto will be presented as a change of program by the California Opera Company at the Academy of Music this evening. The company is drawing immense house nightly, as it deserves to do, and the probabilities are that even increased patronage will be received the balance of the week.

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