

Sir Henry Thornton was questioned. Comparisons were drawn of Canadian—United Kingdom and South American—United Kingdom steamer services in the matters of refrigerator facilities, railway hauls, steamship rates and distances, with special reference to the building up of a chilled meat industry in Canada.

Sir Henry Thornton referred to the great possibilities in the Canadian-West Indian service.

The Committee adjourned at 12.55 p.m. until to-morrow at 10.30 a.m.

ROOM 231, HOUSE OF COMMONS,

WEDNESDAY, 18th June, 1924.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., Mr. Euler, the Chairman, presiding.

*Present:* Messrs. Drayton, Euler, Gauvreau, Graham, Harris, Jelliff, Kyte, Mackinnon, Milne, Stewart (Humboldt), Stork.—11.

On motion of Mr. Graham,—

Ordered,—That 25 typewritten copies of yesterday's stenographic report be procured, and that 25 typewritten copies of all future stenographic reports of the proceedings be struck off for the use of the Committee, and for distribution as they think fit.

Sir Henry Thornton answered questions asked yesterday regarding the Canadian Merchant Marine.

Sir Henry stated that the lack of westbound traffic on the Canadian-United Kingdom steamship service crippled that line. The Pacific Coastal service was alluded to as being a paying one and worthy of development, while the route from Vancouver through the Panama Canal to Eastern Canadian ports was favourably commented upon. Sir Henry thought that the West Indian trade should be cultivated, and that four ships might well be added to that service.

By permission of the Committee, Mr. Logan made some observations respecting the West Indian service, in the course of which he referred to the agents for the Canadian Merchant Marine throughout the West Indies being actually competitors for the business sought by Canada; to the bad coal used on boats; and to the lack, so far as passengers were concerned, of daily information by wireless telegraphy on these boats. Mr. Logan suggested that trading possibilities with Argentine and Brazil should be investigated.

The Committee adjourned at 12.40 p.m. until to-morrow at 10.30 a.m.