

ence. Personally, I could not; but a difference undoubtedly does exist outside of the prejudice against chilled and frozen meat.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: There is a very large business done in it, all the same. Argentine does a large business there.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: For the life of me, I could never see why it was not a good proposition.

Mr. HEAPS: I have been over there on two occasions since the war, and I have seen Canadian frozen fish there, and you could not give it away. It was fine Gaspé salmon too.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: There is a tremendous amount of frozen salmon goes across the ocean.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: That fish business beats me altogether. How it is there is a demand for Prince Rupert halibut in Boston, I do not understand, and never will. Just the same, there is a very considerable movement of frozen halibut from Prince Rupert to Boston.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Because you are carrying it probably at a very low rate.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: We are getting a fair rate for it.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: They are getting a better service from Vancouver—

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Why anybody should want to eat frozen halibut in Boston where they can get all the fresh fish they want is beyond me.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Look at your rate, Sir Henry (Thornton).

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, have you finished the general discussion?

Mr. POWER: I would like to ask a question with reference to passenger business. Is there any passenger trade worth while, on any of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine ships?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: No.

Mr. POWER: You have a service to the West Indies?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes.

Mr. POWER: Does it pay?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: No.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: There are only about two dozen cabins in the whole thing—

Mr. POWER: Some of these cattle boats have excellent cabins. I was on the "Mariner" last Sunday and the two cabins there were fitted up very nicely.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: We are not equipped to go into the passenger business.

Mr. POWER: Even the vessels which do carry the business, do not do it at a profit?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Even they are not equipped, from the modern point of view. There is passenger space, but it is not attractive.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: The boats are too small for that?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes.

Mr. CLARK: Has the service to Montreal in the summer and to Halifax in the winter been a success?

Mr. TEAKLE: That comes in under the same heading, which Sir Henry (Thornton) has asked to keep privately.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Not too bad, gentlemen, not too bad.

Mr. CLARK: May I see that, sir?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes, any time you like.

Mr. CLARK: There are five vessels—

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I wonder if this would not cover the whole point. Would it not serve the needs of the committee sufficiently if we give each member of the committee a copy?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I would give out no copies at all.

Mr. HEAPS: Give one to the Chairman.