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convention, but under such conditions as to safeguard Canadian interests, which might otherwise suffer materially, but which we would not desire to sacrifice if the convention were absolutely adhered to, 203.

*Doherty, Hon. C. J.* (Minister of Justice)—201.

If I followed the hon. gentleman correctly, he does not complain of the insufficiency of our law as it stands as recognizing the existence of the right, but he complains simply that we have no effective sanction, 201-2.

It seems to me that that right ought to be available and ought to operate to obviate some of the things of which the hon. gentleman spoke in discussing the position of these foreign authors, and I think it is a remedy of which they might avail themselves, 203.

*Lemieux, Hon. R.* (Rouville)—196.

Review of the copyright law with reference to Quebec, 196-201.

## PURCHASE OF SUBMARINES.

## Motion:

For a copy of all correspondence relating to the purchase of, and payment by the Government for two submarines authorized by Order in Council dated the 7th August, 1914, and of any other Order or Orders in Council relating thereto; and also of all reports received by the Government or any Department thereof referring to said Submarines.—Mr. Pugsley, 94.

*Barnard, G. H.* (Victoria, B.C.)—107.

The burden of Mr. Pugsley's complaint is that the submarines are no good; that they were rejected by the Chilian Government because they were obsolete; that one of them has been in dry dock ever since it was purchased and has been absolutely useless. In both particulars his information is absolutely wrong, 107-8. Facts given as to purchase of submarines, 108-9.

*Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert* (Prime Minister)—105.

As far as the Government are concerned, I entirely concur in what has been said by my hon. friend the Minister of Naval Defence (Mr. Hazen), that if the hon. member for St. John has any charge to make with regard to this matter, we shall welcome him to make it, and give him the investigation he desires, 105.

I may tell the hon. member for St. John that two British ships, one of them the *Rainbow*, another a cruiser, I think the *Newcastle*, and a Japanese cruiser which happened to come to our Pacific coast at that time, together with those two submarines for which my hon. friend has such a contempt, were prepared and were ready and made their preparation to go

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out and fight that German fleet if they did come off the coast of British Columbia.—106.

We are perfectly prepared to conduct this session on the lines laid down by my hon. friend from Red Deer the other day, but if there is going to be an attack upon us from the other side of the House, we are quite ready and prepared to carry the war into the enemy's camp, 107.

*Hazen, Hon. J. D.* (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)...100.

Papers promised at an early date, 100.

His remarks, if they mean anything at all, mean that Sir Richard McBride was a party to putting up a scheme on the Federal Government for the purpose of getting money through the purchase of these submarines which was not warranted, and that some of that money was diverted to other purposes. Facts given as to purchase of submarines, 101-2.

My hon. friend has been listening to a lot of idle talk. Some one told him that one of these submarines had been kept in the drydock ever since it was purchased and that the other is so badly damaged that it is now laid up for repairs with its side torn out. That cannot be the case. I will simply read to the House the report which on the 9th of February, two days ago, was received from the Esquimalt dockyard with regard to these submarines, concerning which we have been receiving daily reports. It is as follows:

Naval, Ottawa, Ontario.

Night report. Both submarines of our own exercised and returned to harbour, 103.

Order in Council quoted, 105.

*Pugsley, Hon. Wm.* (St. John City)—94.

Order in Council quoted, 94.

Seattle "Sunday Times" quoted, 95-6.

It is important that the Government should examine into all the facts in connection with this purchase. It is stated by many people and believed by many people on the Pacific coast that this company was not paid either \$1,050,000 or \$1,150,000 for these submarines. My information is that two cheques were passed, one of which, for the sum of \$900,000, was issued to the company which built the boats. The other cheque may have been issued bona fide to a proper party, but the feeling in the public mind—among many people in British Columbia, at all events—is that somebody got a commission on the purchase of these submarines, 97.

I am entirely in favour, as I have said, of increasing the Canadian navy by the addition of a number of submarines for the protection of our coasts, 99.