

Hon. Mr. WEBSTER: We will get all the facts as we go along. It should not make a great deal of difference to the shipper of grain at Winnipeg as to how his grain is carried provided he can get it to Liverpool just as cheaply one way as another. Once the shipper puts his bill of lading into the bank, he gets cash from the bank. I see no reason why the grain should not go from Winnipeg to Liverpool just as quickly via Montreal and Quebec as by American ports. Steamships can be secured at Liverpool if that is the only trouble we have to face. It is a shorter distance from Montreal and Quebec to Liverpool than it is from New York.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: Wheat is generally carried in passenger boats, because it is taken as ballast.

Hon. Mr. WEBSTER: I think the tramp steamers carry a great deal of wheat from our ports to Liverpool.