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The St. John Board of Trade has adopted a memorial to the Governor-General setting forth their opinions as to the proposed subsidy of \$750,000 per annum towards maintaining a fast line of service between Canada and England. The Board regards the subsidy as not justified by any prospects of benefit to this country that are probable to result. They believe that

any line steamers of 20-knot speed, such as are proposed, could not successfully compete for through mails and passengers with the ocean greyhounds running from New York, which have attained 22 knots. The great distance between the chief centres in Canada whence passenger traffic is drawn and our seaports is a serious drawback to the prospects of any fast line

during winter, and the steamers could not safely maintain their high speed in the St. Lawrence in summer. Thus the new line would be merely a fast freight line, carrying a portion of the Canadian mails, with incidental passenger accommodation. Such a service the St. John merchants regard as attainable for a much lower expenditure than \$750,000. Having these views, the Board asks that the Dominion be not committed to such a subsidy. There is no likelihood of the Government subsidizing a line of steamers that would be practically freighters. The main object is to secure quicker transmission of mails, and the diversion of the large Canadian passenger traffic from U. S. ports to our own. Unless these objects are certain to be secured, there will be no such subsidy given as named.

Horse shoe nails have been one of a few staple articles in the hardware trade which have not heretofore been controlled by an association; but it is no longer, manufacturers having met at Toronto a few days ago and formed themselves into an organization. The first fruit of the formation of the association is an advance of about 20 per cent. in the price.

The fruit trees in Westminster district are more backward than in many years, but orchardists are pleased with the appearance of the buds, and look forward to an unusually heavy yield.