

SUPPLY—TRADE AND COMMERCE—*Con.*

Currie, J. A. (North Simcoe)—5697.

The potato trade last year amounted to \$57,000, and he is giving \$25,000 to increase it, 5697. That was the amount sent to all the West Indies, 5699.

Edwards, J. W. (Frontenac)—5696.

The total amount granted this year to these two lines is something like \$65,000 more than last year, 5696. A larger amount of potatoes exported to Cuba last year than for several years, gives it, 5700. Anxious to do anything possible to increase the trade of Canada, but should keep within reasonable limits, 5701.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—5692.

Services of this kind are placed under contract with the qualifying condition. It is not an unusual proceeding, 5692. This contract requires a monthly service. There is a service subsidized from Halifax to Cuba, 5694. Does not see why the St. John people should not have a line subsidized to Cuba, 5695. The line to which this item refers does not go to Mexico, 5696. The subject of trade relations with the West Indies at present occupying the attention of a royal commission, 5697. Parliament is going to vote it I hope, 5700. The commission is not inquiring into anything beyond the British West Indies, 5701. Understands on being notified of freight the line will call at Charlottetown, 5707. The best way to help Halifax is to do justice to it and to other ports, 5708.

Fraser, A. L. (King's, P.E.I.)—5705.

The government should have settled policy in regard to these subsidies to steamships, 5705. Cannot ship potatoes, because of the I. C. R. Want to go into the manufacture of denatured alcohol, 5706. Is informed that this line does not call at Charlottetown, 5707.

Haggart, Hon. John G. (South Lanark)—5692.

The government has not power to enter into a contract without the leave of the House, 5692. Should be some reason shown for the extraordinary contract into which the government have entered, 5697. Protests against the government entering into so important a contract without any authority, 5698. It is the government doing it that we object to. Parliament has the authority, 5700. Have we sent any more potatoes to Cuba this year, 5702. There is a monthly statement issued by the department down to March, 1910, 5703. A good deal of starch sent from Canada to England, 5705. There is an item for this in the main estimates, 5707.

Macleay, W. F. (South York)—5709.

Importance of the question of manufacturing denatured alcohol. The coming use as motive power, 5709.

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Michaud, Pius, (Victoria, N.B.)—5704.

Importance of the potato industry. No reason why we should not supply the Cuban, and British West Indies markets, 5704.

Pugsley, Hon. William (Minister of Public Works)—5692.

They get large subsidies for the West Indies service, 5692. This service has been very successful in the way of developing trade, 5693. In one month they gave three sailings instead of one, 5694. We have always thought that Halifax was treated better than St. John, 5695. Development of the potato industry, and of trade with Cuba, 5698. The United States tariff forced the farmers to turn to Cuba for trade, 5699. This line will be a great benefit to an important section of the country, 5700.

Sproule T. S. (East Grey)—5703.

Objects to the principle of the government making a contract before it informs parliament, 5703.

Templeman, Hon. Wm. (Minister of Inland Revenue)—5709.

The easiest thing in the world to manufacture alcohol out of potatoes, 5709. Poorer potatoes wanted for this purpose. The system in Germany, 5710. It is not a question of legislation but of manufacture, 5711.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—5703.

Asks if the subsidy is confined to one company, and does the government control rates, 5703. Does not seem the best method to give a subsidy to one particular steamship company, 5704.

Steam service between Canada and Cuba, \$25,000—8810.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Finance Minister)—8810.

This subsidy provided with special reference to the development of the potato trade between New Brunswick and Cuba, 8810.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—8810.

Asks as to prospects of a reasonable trade arising between Canada and Cuba, 8810.

Steam service between Halifax and Newfoundland by Cape Breton ports, \$4,000—8809.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)—8809.

Sproule will find all the information he desires in the report of the department, 8809.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—8809.

Desires details in regard to trade done by these boats between Newfoundland and Cape Breton, 8809.

Steam service between Halifax, St. Johns, Newfoundland, Liverpool, \$20,000—8809.