

of getting rid of the charge of being "flies on the wheel." Only let them exclude American competition, and say that none but British, or better still, Canadian, ship-owners shall be at liberty to receive contracts from the Canadian Government—and it would be very unpatriotic for hon. gentlemen on the Treasury Benches to take any other view of the subject—many persons will be induced to engage in this business, people who are out of employment will get employment, and the poor man will receive an honest day's wages for an honest day's work. Why should the hon. gentleman withdraw his motion, and why should the hon. the Postmaster-General retire from the position he has taken with his party on the principle of protection to home industry? Let them be consistent and apply their principles to this particular branch of Canadian industry; let them awaken a hum on the Pacific coast.

MR. BARNARD: I trust that in this matter the Government is acting consistently with the National Policy. It has stated its policy is to protect Canadians from a slaughter market. Unfortunately for us, we have had our slaughter market on the shores of the Pacific, when that terrible accident occurred, by which nearly three hundred persons were slaughtered in an old American vessel. Perhaps the hon. member for Bothwell wants a repetition of that kind of slaughter business. The object of the motion, I take it, was to draw the attention of the Government to the necessity of getting a better class of ships into the service. I believe, if the contract was awarded to British ships, we should have a better service. Steamers belonging to Americans on that coast, running north from San Francisco, are of a very inferior character indeed, and I think that any effort in the direction of subsidising safe vessels for the people of British Columbia to travel in should meet with approval.

MR. BUNSTER: After the remarks of the last speaker, I will ask that the motion stand. I hope that the hon. the Postmaster-General will see that we have good vessels for that service in future. If the hon. the Prime Minister could visit our Province, he will meet with a reception that will make him feel proud. With the consent of the House I will ask that

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this motion should stand for further consideration.

Motion *negatived* on a division.

It being Six o'clock, the Speaker left the Chair.

### After Recess.

#### FREIGHT RATES FROM THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

##### MOTION FOR STATEMENT.

MR. SNOWBALL moved for an Order of the House for statement showing the rates charged on freight from all principal points from Chicago and eastward to all points in the Maritime Provinces, to which freight is billed through; showing the different rates charged during the year, from 1st of January, 1879, to 1st of January, 1880; also, the rate charged for fish from all points in the Maritime Provinces to Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago, Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

MR. MASSON: We can only give what information we possess.

MR. SNOWBALL: There has been a great deal of complaint lately that the rates of freight are in excess of what they have previously been since the Intercolonial was opened. There must be some reason for this, and I desire to ascertain what that reason is. Another complaint is that goods are carried at through rates for less than the rates to intermediate stations. There is nothing asked for in the motion that the Government is not capable of doing.

MR. MASSON: Whatever information can be given will be given.

Motion *agreed to*.

#### SHELburne HARBOUR, N.S., FOG WHISTLE.

##### MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. ROBERTSON (Shelburne), in moving for an Order of the House for copies of correspondence and petitions asking for the erection of a fog-whistle at the entrance to Shelburne Harbour, Nova Scotia, said: I enquired of the Government to-day if it was their intention to make any provision for this work during the coming year, and was told it was not their intention. I may say in this connection that some two years ago petitions were forwarded to the Marine and Fisheries Department, signed by the representatives of the various insurance