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Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—4103.

Is the letter read by the hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) from Goldie & McCullough? Is the quotation given by hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) f.o.b. Prescott or f.o.b. Galt?—4103. The letter the hon. gentleman has read and which purports to come from Goldie & McCullough is not from Goldie & McCullough—4104. Would the hon. member state what pressure per square inch that boiler carried?—4106. Does my hon. friend say that the boiler he asked a price for was a stationary or a marine boiler?—4107. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) did not state he received these two quotations for the boilers from Goldie & McCullough. I refuse to accept the suggestion of my hon. friend from Charlotte (Mr. Ganong) that because I am a back bencher, I shall not take part in the proceedings of the House—4108.

Osler, E. B. (West Toronto)—4113.

The Prime Minister promised a committee to investigate the charges made in this House some time ago; he referred to charges made by the hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Taylor) the hon. member for Grenville (Mr. J. D. Reid) the leader of the opposition (Mr. E. L. Borden) and the hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. Northrup). The accusation now made is that the Prime Minister has not kept his word, but has confined the investigation of the committee to one charge; the evident intention is to throw the blame upon subordinate officers of the government—4113-4.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—4098.

Draws attention of minister to accounts in connection with steamship 'King Edward' on page P—102 of Auditor General's Report—4098.

Had the right hon. the First Minister carried out the promise he made we would prove, by bringing Goldie & McCullough on the stand, that they would have sold those boilers direct to the government for \$625; quotes telegram from Henry R. Worthington, New York pump manufacturer—4109. The First Minister the other night absolutely refused to give us a committee of investigation, and in addition the Minister of Finance refused to allow a witness to answer questions in the Public Accounts Committee. Did the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fielding) not refuse to allow the witness to answer such questions?—4110. Quotes figures for maintenance of ships. We are entitled to an explanation of the reason why these steamers are costing so much more now to maintain and operate, as compared with previous years—4114. Suggests that item be allowed to stand—4117.

Savoie, F. T. (Megantic)—4104.

If the government had gone to Messrs. Goldie & McCullough to buy a boiler they would have to pay the retail instead of the wholesale price—4105. My com-

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pany before making boilers was buying from boiler-makers at twenty per cent to thirty per cent cheaper than the ordinary retail price; it is the same with all articles manufactured in Canada—4107.

Taylor, Geo. (Leeds)—4098.

Why does minister require as much this year as he did last year? Quotes 'Hansard,' p. 3380; discussion took place on the item; quotes item, page 60 of estimates; quotes 'Hansard'—4099. Is not asking why \$5,000 worth of files were bought, but did make certain charges which the right hon. Prime Minister replied to; quotes 'Hansard'—4100-1. Wants Prime Minister to redeem the pledge he made that all charges would be referred to a committee; quotes Auditor General's Report, page P—55; quotes letter—4101. Department paid \$1,950 for two boilers, while Goldie & McCullough sold them for \$1,225, so that there was a rake-off of \$725; the government want us to pass estimates without giving us any explanation of why the Department of Marine should take the people's money—4102. The government paid \$975 for each of these boilers to Brooks when the government could have bought the two for \$1,225 thereby leaving a clear margin that some one got; the member for South Grey (Mr. Miller) will corroborate my statement—4103. There is no jobber in the country who buys boilers; the manufacturer of boilers sells each boiler separately to the consumer; quotes letter to Goldie & McCullough—4105. Quotes letter from Goldie & McCullough—4106. If Prime Minister will grant a committee I will risk my seat in this House if I do not prove every word I stated—4107.

Maintenance and repairs to government steamers and ice-breakers, including steamer 'Arctic,' \$375,000—4760.

Brodeur, Hon. L. P. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—4764.

Lord Strathcona was asked by Mr. Préfontaine to find out somebody who had a great deal of experience in the designing of ice-breakers, and Mr. Charles Duguid was sent here for the purpose of making a report upon this very important question; there is nothing in that report sufficient to justify the government in building the boat of which he speaks; quotes page 3 of report—4764-5. If hon. gentleman (Mr. Lefurgey) reads the report of the superintending engineer of the dredging of the St. Lawrence he will find that the conditions of that river are such that it does not refill. After Mr. Duguid had made his report he had an opportunity to visit the 'Montcalm,' and he reported verbally to the deputy minister that had he seen her before he would have reported that the 'Montcalm' was strong enough to run in the Straits of Northumberland—4766. Does hon. gentleman (Mr. Martin) think it would be advisable to build a half a million dollar