

penditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. The United States lake shipping is getting the best of it in our coastwise trade and is flourishing at the expense of the Canadian people. Has not the time arrived when the Government and the Parliament of Canada should endeavour to meet the situation by affording such generous assistance to the steel shipbuilding industry in the Dominion, as will enable it to face existing competition, and furnish employment at good wages to thousands of skilled Canadian artisans? A bounty on steel shipbuilding would aid the struggling plants on the great lakes, and might lead to the establishment of new yards at Sydney or Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Vancouver or Victoria.

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