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SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

SEA CARRIAGE.

SECOND INTERIM REPORT

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The Select Committee appointed on the 15th April, 1920, to inquire into and report upon—

- (1) The organization and control of Inter-State shipping ;
- (2) Oversea shipping in relation to Australian products for oversea markets and imports generally ;
- (3) Methods to improve mail cargo and passenger service with oversea countries,

have the honour to submit their Second Interim Report as follows :—

In order to relieve the critical shortage of coal in several of the States, your Committee recommend—

- (a) That the coal belonging to the Commonwealth Government, which is now stacked on the dyke at Newcastle, should be immediately made available for shipment to Inter-State ports by steamers that would otherwise be kept waiting for coal loading ;
- (b) That efforts be made by the Commonwealth Government to provide as many additional steamers of the Commonwealth Government Line as possible for the purpose of assisting to carry to Inter-State ports the aforementioned coal now stacked on the dyke at Newcastle.

W. J. McWILLIAMS,
Chairman.

19th August, 1920.