



PROJECTS PLAN OF INDEPENDENT STEAMSHIP LINE

H. S. Bates Issues Report on Eastern Negotiations for Enterprize
Local Co-operation Needed to Establish San Francisco-Panama Traffic
Secretary of War Eager to Assist Movement Beneficial to California

Bates Discusses Project
After consultation with numerous ship owners and freight forwarders and others with a knowledge of the business I am of the opinion that, provided interest in the new line could be divided throughout the community...

It is estimated by Bates that an average rate of something over \$11.70 a ton must be paid on cargo from San Francisco to New York in order to allow the government to meet expenses on its part of the haul. For carrying the cargo by rail across the isthmus and from Colon by boat to New York the government would receive 50 per cent of the through rate. This rate is below the present steamship tariff and a big cut under the rail schedule.

Assistance Offered
Bates opens his report by telling of the assistance rendered him in Washington by William R. Wheeler. He mentions also that he found Secretary of War Wright, who has control of canal affairs, willing and eager to assist the California shippers.

Fact and Figures
After speaking of the high port charges of \$1.25 per ton at La Boca and the general cost of service, Bates proceeds:
'I am assured that the cost to the government of hauling cargo from Colon to New York is not over \$2.50 per ton, which, added to the railroad cost, would mean that an average rate of something over \$11.70 must be paid on cargo from San Francisco to New York in order to allow the government, through its 50 per cent equity, to come out even.

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