

I right? Mr. D. F. Maxwell is also an engineer of repute.

Mr. CARVELL: I did not say that.

Mr. McLEOD: I say so; do you deny it?

Mr. CARVELL: I have not said so yet.

Mr. McLEOD: I know that, too. Mr. D. F. Maxwell has no connection with the St. John Railway Company; no connection with the St. John and Quebec Railway Company; no connection with the Quebec and St. John Railway Company; he is employed by the province of New Brunswick. I observed, in the discussion this afternoon, that the hon. member for Carleton, in one of his wild moments, said that \$1,700,000 had been sent away to New York to the Yankee boodlers.

Mr. CARVELL: It is \$2,700,000.

Mr. McLEOD: You said \$1,700,000.

Mr. CARVELL: I was wrong if I did; it was two millions.

Mr. McLEOD: I took your word for it that it was \$1,700,000, and that was an error of judgment on my part. The hon. member stated, then, taking what he says now, that \$2,700,000 had been sent to these Yankee boodlers and carried away to the city of New York. Am I right?

Mr. CARVELL: You are not very far from the truth.

Mr. McLEOD: Well, I was only one million dollars out, taking the hon. gentleman's own statement. Does my hon. friend seriously propound that proposition to this House, or does he not?

He observed also that the St. John and Quebec Railway Company had floated the bonds guaranteed by the province of New Brunswick at 95 in the city of London in 1912. He is a little in error; they floated them at 96 and a fraction, which price in 1912 was pretty good for guaranteed bonds. If my hon. friend knows anything about finance, he must know that guaranteed bonds sell at from three to four points lower than straight bonds of a province. Every one knows that. When they got 96 and a fraction for these bonds, not 95, which is a minor error on the part of my hon. friend, they sold them at a mighty good price and were mighty lucky to sell them then. Any man who has to do with finance knows that he could not sell those bonds now; that he could not have sold them six months after-

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wards. The depression of the money market in all parts of the world had come, and tightness of money had made it impossible that any bonds, no matter how good they were, could be sold at a profit in the markets of the world. My hon. friend knows that; yet he went into hysterics this afternoon because, as he said, they sold the bonds at 95. Then he said that they took \$2,700,000 to New York to these Yankee boodlers. As a matter of fact they did nothing of the kind. Before those bonds were given, before a single dollar went into the hands of the men who had the contract to build that road, arrangements were made with the Prudential Trust Company of the city of Montreal, which I think is a reputable concern, by which all the proceeds of the sale of those bonds, which, as he says truthfully, were guaranteed en bloc, were to be paid into the Prudential Trust Company and to be paid out on the certificate of an engineer of the province of New Brunswick and on the authority of an Order in Council of that province. Therefore not a single dollar of the \$2,000,000, or the \$1,000,000, whichever he likes, went to the city of New York or to any other place in the United States, but remained in the city of Montreal in the Dominion of Canada in the hands of the Prudential Trust Company to be paid out only on the authority of an Order in Council. Does my hon. friend deny that?

Mr. CARVELL: I certainly do. My hon. friend surely knows that the company got \$2,700,000, which was handed over to the Quebec and St. John Valley Railway Company and taken to New York.

Mr. McLEOD: The St. John and Quebec railway had a contract from the province of New Brunswick, which they let to the Quebec and St. John Construction Company. This company also had their office in the city of Fredericton, and they also could not draw a single dollar from the treasury except by an Order in Council of the province of New Brunswick. My hon.

friend need not attempt to draw
9 p.m. a red herring across the trail or to speak about sending the money to Yankees. When my hon. friend referred to Arthur R. Gould as a down-east Yankee, a man who could twist myself, the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the present Prime Minister around his finger, I wonder what created the animosity in his mind against that gentleman.