

Atlantic Development Board Act

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): I have read what the Secretary of State said and I submit that the implication is that nothing had been done to fulfil the promises which were made. I have them all here, and may I say that there are seven promises in all and the two hon. gentlemen behind me were co-authors of them. They have been fulfilled to the letter.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): They have been fulfilled to the letter and I can prove it to the satisfaction of anyone whose eyes are not clouded by political bias. Let us go back and see what took place in that period. In the last year during which the government of which the Secretary of State (Mr. Pickersgill) was a member was in office, the province of Newfoundland received in unconditional, conditional and other grants, as found on page 3089 of *Hansard* of 1962—

Mr. Pickersgill: What does the hon. gentleman consider the last year? Perhaps he would identify the year.

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): 1962.

Mr. Pickersgill: No, the year about which he is going to give figures.

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): I have not got to it yet. If the minister will possess his soul in patience I will be glad to give it to him. This is 1956-1957, the last year in which the government of which he was a member was in office.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, that was not the last year we were in office. We were in office part of the year 1957-58. The hon. gentleman knows well that these payments were very substantially increased in 1957-58 by Mr. Harris' amendments of 1956 and that the figures he is about to give are not the final figures for the Liberal government at all. They are Tory misrepresentations that have been made over and over again, and I protest.

Mr. MacEwan: Make your own speech.

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I hope you are taking note of the time consumed by these interruptions. That was the last full year his government was in office.

Mr. Pickersgill: It was not the last year the government was in office.

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): The last full year.

Mr. Pickersgill: May I ask a question?

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): I say that 1956-57 was the last full year your government was in office.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the hon. gentleman a question. I am sure he does not wish to misrepresent the facts. Is it not a fact that the act of 1956, which the hon. gentleman remembers well because he said it was not enough, only came into operation on April 1, 1957, that the Liberal government was responsible for it and that the proper year to give figures for what the Liberals were responsible for is 1957-58 and not 1956-57? There is a difference of about \$100 million in the payments to the provinces between those two years.

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): All right, let us take the facts. All I am trying to do—

Mr. Pickersgill: Let us take the facts.

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): Let us take the facts.

Mr. Pickersgill: But not the facts for another year.

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): The year for which the minister wants to have credit is a year in which his government was only in office from the 1st of April until June 20 or thereabouts. I am prepared, Mr. Speaker, to give the figures for both of these periods if it will make him feel any better.

Mr. Pickersgill: It would make me feel a lot better because it would be honest.

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): I have that kind of nature that is anxious to please, so I will give the figures for both years and see how we make out. First of all, let us take Newfoundland. I was not here in that period when he implied that our members had done so little. Perhaps it was a good thing that I was not here. I am quite prepared to admit that there was a better man representing my constituency. Nevertheless, here is what the Liberal government did. In the year 1956-57 the province of Newfoundland received \$24,826,000. In 1957-58 Newfoundland received \$25,707,000. The figure for the year 1962-63 is estimated because it had to be estimated at the time these figures were prepared, but I think it is substantially correct. In that year Newfoundland received \$68,205,000. That is Newfoundland alone.

An hon. Member: He would not know anything about Newfoundland. He does not live there.

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): Well, the people there sent him to parliament to represent them. Taking Prince Edward Island: