

make out that we on this side, and myself in particular, were against the west. What did he say?

Now are these gentlemen going to raise this cry against the west in its time of peril, its time of difficulty, its time of stress; are they going to appeal to sectional and other prejudice for the purpose of carrying out any such policy?

And again:

It is little credit to any hon. member to raise that issue in the way in which they have endeavoured to raise it in this case.

Then finally he gets a little softer in his mood, and says:

All I can say is that the sentiment expressed by some of the members of this house is not the sentiment of the people of the communities from whence they come,—

That is referring, Mr. Chairman, to the very intelligent people who elected me to represent them in this house.

—for last year not ten, not fifteen, not twenty, but I believe it went up to something between one and two hundred carloads of produce went from eastern Canada to the west to help them in their need.

That last statement is quite true, Mr. Chairman, and I think my constituency and the county which is represented by the hon. member for Queens-Lunenburg (Mr. Ernst) in which I reside, the county of my adoption, of my home, as well as other counties in the maritime provinces, did what they could to help the distress not only in western Canada but also in other parts of this great country. My right hon. friend can write his cheque for a larger amount than I can—where I give my mite I have no objection to my right hon. friend giving the larger amount that he can give—but it does not lie in his mouth to say that I or any other hon. member is against the western provinces. Let me say to my right hon. friend that I am just as much interested in the welfare and prosperity of the west as he is. And, Mr. Chairman, from an economic standpoint I have proved it. Not only in this house, not only in the country, but in connection with manufacturing plants in which I have shares in certain cities I have never failed to demonstrate my belief in the policy which in my opinion is best for the western provinces, the policy of low tariffs and if possible free trade. I have always said that. It is true of course that my right hon. friend in the last general election went up and down the prairies and the west telling the people that he was going to make tariffs fight for them, was going to blast his way into the markets of the world. And what is the result as far as the western

provinces are concerned? Look at the money that this country has had to spend for relief in the west as well as in the industrial centres in the maritimes and elsewhere. My hon. friend from Cape Breton South (Mr. Macdonald), who looks very stern, will remember what the right hon. Prime Minister said in his city, that he was going to end unemployment; no dole, no conferences, but he was going to end unemployment. What has been the result in the last three or four years?

Mr. MACDONALD (Cape Breton): He did as much as any man living could do.

Mr. DUFF: That is quite true. But what I am complaining about is that the Prime Minister went up and down this country saying he was going to end unemployment. He did not tell the people of Sydney and Glace Bay that he would do as much as any other man. Oh, no. He was going to be a superman. I will take no second place to the Prime Minister or anyone else in this country as far as my goodwill concerning the western provinces is concerned. Let me go a little further. Of course I do not want to delay the committee. My right hon. friend rather objected to my demand—no I should not use that word—my request—on behalf of some of my constituents that certain relief should be given to them in the form of a small advance of \$15,000 to buy fishing gear and equip their boats. I am glad to see in the house this afternoon my good friend the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis (Mr. Short), a gentleman who for years gave of his substance, of his time, of his ability, trying to do something for the fishermen of Nova Scotia and for the town of Canso. My hon. friend knows as well as I do exactly the condition of Canso. If I am an unhappy medium—and I am sorry for it of course in a way—perhaps my good friend the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis would be a happy medium to place before the Prime Minister and the government the needs of the people of Canso as to this \$15,000.

The Prime Minister took several stands on the matter I brought before him. First he said the mayor of Canso should not have communicated with me. I think perhaps there are as many Conservatives on the Canso town council as there are Liberals, or perhaps more; if I am not mistaken a very prominent Conservative in Canso is a member of that council and no doubt had something to do with sending this telegram. Then the Prime Minister stated that the mayor of Canso did not really expect to get this money under the relief bill which we are now discussing. Well,