

But to understand the situation thoroughly, we should know what impelled Mr. Taschereau to make the statement he did at that time and those who are in a position to know what they are talking about declare that it was because Mr. Taschereau and his friends were at that time very much interested in the Ross Rifle Factory at Quebec. It is common knowledge among those who followed events at the time the Ross Rifle Factory was incorporated that many friends and relatives of Mr. Taschereau were interested in that concern, and it was through their influence that the Ross Rifle Factory was located on the Plains of Abraham. Perhaps Mr. Taschereau will be good enough to enlighten the public in regard to that affair and what connection it had with the changes incorporated in the Militia Act by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. These changes embodied conscription in a more stringent form than the law enacted during the war which the Hon'l Mr. Taschereau now denounces so loudly.

Let me quote further regarding the above statement made at Toronto by Mr. Taschereau. On the 2nd of June, 1910, the late Hon'l Jean Prevost introduced a resolution in the Legislative Assembly of Quebec censuring the statement made at Toronto by the Hon'l Mr. Taschereau and this motion of censure was voted down by the Liberal Members of the House by a vote of 44 to 16. Mr. Taschereau is quoted in "Le Soleil" of June 3rd, 1910, as having made the following declaration: - "What I said on that occasion I had a right to say, and I again will repeat it if desired in every county of the Province. The naval policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier certainly had the success it merited, and if I had had to vote at Ottawa, I would have voted for the project with all my heart."

Hon'l Mr. Taschereau owes it to the public, if not to the Rt. Hon'l Mr. Meighen, to explain his change of front, and perhaps at the same time he will be good enough to give us some information regarding the inner workings of the Ross Rifle Factory, which he must have in his possession, since it is well known that no one could be employed in that factory, in its early days at least, without a recommendation from the law firm of which he was a partner. Let Mr. Taschereau speak at once and not wait until after the Provincial By-Elections, and perhaps this reminder of his Toronto speech may the better enable him to give an honest and correct reply to the recent statement of the Rt. Hon'l Mr. Borden.

I enclose my card and sign it

"Old Time Conservative."