

Commissioner Sir Charles Davidson he remarked:

"The price paid for the horses did not equal the amounts placed in the hands of the horse buyers."

So outrageous was the conduct of the parties entrusted with the purchase of horses in King's County that the Premier was compelled to state in the House of Commons on April 15th, 1915, that:

"Mr. Foster was appointed as purchasing agent without the knowledge or consent or approval of any member of the Government. I knew nothing of it or I should certainly have absolutely prevented his undertaking any such duties. The Minister of Militia knew nothing of it."

Here the Prime Minister of Canada admits that a Conservative member of Parliament was enabled to take \$72,000 out of a Department to squander, in the pretence of buying horses, and that neither he (the Prime Minister) nor any of his colleagues knew anything about it. Not only was this unheard of liberty permitted, but to this day the Prime Minister has not compelled Mr. Dewitt Foster to file a statement as to how this money was spent. He simply went through the form of reading Mr. Foster out of the House after the glaring exposure could not be overlooked.

The Purchase of Horses in Ontario.

The purchase of horses in Peel County was little better. Mr. R. J. Fallis M.P.P. by some means, probably Mr. Richard Blain, M.P. for Peel can say, was placed in a position by the Government whereby all horses for sale in that locality had to pass through his hands. The evidence is convincing that poor horses in this case were also accepted, but evidence just as strong establishes that the middleman, Mr. Fallis, demanded his pound of flesh for every horse purchased. So much in fact was this the case that Sir Charles Davidson was constrained to remark **"So the farmer got less and the Government paid more for horses as a result of your intervention."** Fallis admitted that such was correct. When the electors of Peel County had an opportunity shortly after to deal with Mr. Fallis they lost no time in rejecting him.

Quebec Horses.

The only other horse transaction, investigated was in connection with the purchase of horses at Sherbrooke, Quebec where Major Fletcher, one of the horse buyers, purchased three splendidly bred Clydesdale mares in foal, for \$250, \$225, and \$190 respectively and when he had brought these mares to his farm he exchanged them and gave to the Government three