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## Conservative Attitude **Towards Preston** Report Justified

The Ocean Rates Committee of the House of Commons position has all along taken Valuation List of the Town of was not long in session perore the position that if there is a Newcastle is now posted at the there was given a striking combine unduly levying toll vindication of the attitude on Canadian industry it taken by the Conservative should be abolished. But the opposition to the Preston re-Opposition has said "before port When it was placed before the House they charged should first have the facts." that its allegations were too sweeping, that they were not supported by proofs, and that for those and other manifest reasons it could be not that it was industry. The accepted as authoritative.

When the committee tot down to work it, was naturally thought that the Government counsel, H. J. Symington, K. C. would at failure that has accompanied once call W. T. R. Preston the Government's general and proceed to establish the policy. Government's case in support of the Peterson contract. Did he do so? Certainly not that he be called to the stand, but Mr. Symington said that he did not regard the Preston report as a factor. It might be light, or it might be wrong. As to iss general value, Government counsel said that this was a matter of opinion. So Mr. Preston was not called.

Mr. Symington made the additional important statement that he proposed to get at the facts. In other words, nere was an admission that in his opinion, the Preston report was not to be relied upon. In so far as Government counsel was concerned he began with no information, no facts whatever. He proposed to get the facts by calling the representatives of the steamship companies. Could any confession have been more humiliating?

Official figures produced in the House recently show that during the past year Mr. Preston has been conducting an enquiry into the subject of ocean rates and shipping, and that in salary and exp. nses he has recei ed over \$10,-000, and he is still on the pay roll. His report was published as an official document. and until its unreliability was discovered it was the basic on which the Government's policy rested. Ard yet when the Government counsel is confronted with it he virtually throws it into the waste paper as of no account municipal jail farm, at Lang, staff, near this city, on the expiry of his sentence of six months' imprisonment imposed upon him by Chief Justice Meredith, last October. Late yesterday afternoon Jarvis fulfilled an additional penalty imposed upon him by the law when he paid into the court

The plain fact is that the public has been misled with respect to this very important matter. Upon the Government rests the responsibility

for having misled the public. Starve The Fly When a government report Is New S'ogan is made on a subject it is posed to be authoritative.

de statement of the facts; a relation to he subject cated. The public being slogan of the Cleviland heath de vitally affected by ocean rates partment, announced by Dr. H. L. it is most unfair that it should Rockwood; commissioner.

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