

definite statement. I made that statement here.

Then what took place? The elections took place. The result was not as favourable, so far as the Maritime Provinces were concerned, as I had hoped it would be, but, I ask you, did it make any difference in the position of the Government? I ask you, did I waver in any particular in regard to the pledge that I had given to the people of Canada at the time, or did my colleagues waver in any particular? All that was said in Council as to the basis on which we were to proceed---and my friend Mr. Ralston will bear me out---was that there was an honourable obligation to the Maritime Provinces and that honourable obligation must be carried out. (Applause.) That was the position that was taken, and, as you know, I went into the House of Commons, took with me the report of the Duncan Commission, reviewed the findings of that commission one by one, and, having reviewed every one of them, I then retraced my steps and said with respect to every one of them what the Government would do, and in every particular where a concrete recommendation was made I undertook to say that that recommendation would be carried out. And, as has been stated here this afternoon, the Government has been proceeding to carry it out.

All cannot be carried out in a day, but we put through several enactments last year. On your local railroads you are paying 20 per cent less than you were before the first and of July, as compared to the rest of the Dominion. There is

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