

did they put up such an organized attempt to defeat him in the constituency which he now represents? Because they knew as well as we all know that if he had the honour of again becoming a member of this House that no man could better expose such things as the contract of the North Atlantic Trading Company or better show to the people of this country the iniquity of this government.

I have a short speech prepared, but it became rather disconnected when I was interrupted.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Go on.

Mr. GUNN. Although I will not be able to discuss this question fully now, I hope to have the honour of doing so at some other time when I am better equipped with material, or as my hon. friend says, with thunder.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN (Lunenburg). If my hon. friend who has just taken his seat (Mr. Gunn) was disconcerted by the interruptions, he certainly has disconcerted me by taking his seat so quickly, but as there are just a few moments left before the House rises. I shall briefly refer to one or two of his remarks. He seems to think that the hon. gentlemen on this side of the House are endeavouring to attack the honour and integrity of the hon. gentleman from Toronto (Mr. Foster). He would have this House believe that gentlemen on the opposition side of the House always treat the gentlemen on the government side of the House with the utmost fairness, with the utmost respect, never once attacking their honour or questioning their integrity. I am not going to dwell upon this question very long, but inasmuch as the hon. gentleman has mentioned it, I do say this, that there is every indication of a systematic, deliberate, cold-blooded and probably well organized attempt, to belittle and to injure the reputation and honour of gentlemen occupying seats in this parliament, who happen to be opposed politically to those who sit on the opposition side of the House. I am quite content that my hon. friend should express such a eulogy upon the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster). He is certainly justified in expressing such high and exalted opinions of his capabilities as a speaker, and I am sure every hon. gentleman who occupies a seat on your right, Mr. Speaker, as well as the gentleman on your left, is always pleased to listen to the efforts of the hon. gentleman from Toronto (Mr. Foster) no matter what subject he may be discussing.

But coming down to the particular amendment before the House, I wish, before addressing myself to it, to make an observation or two regarding the character of the debate and its object. After listening carefully to the speeches of the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) and the hon.

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member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) and the hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. Northrup), I must say that each and every one of these speeches contains both misstatements and concealments of facts, to an extent, in my opinion, unknown in the history of this parliament. My hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster), I submit, caused the impression to be left on this House that on every immigrant who came to this country the North Atlantic Trading Company received the sum of \$5.

Some hon. MEMBERS. No.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. I am simply saying that my hon. friend left that impression upon the House. I admit that in the greater part of his remarks he was very careful to say that the terms of the contract had reference only to a special class, but I wish further to say that there are many gentlemen on the opposition side and on the government side as well as the representatives of the press who were deceived in this regard by the course of the hon. gentleman's remarks. I shall endeavour to prove that the hon. gentleman did leave that impression on the House—but whether he is chargeable with any wrong-doing in that regard or not, I shall not undertake to say. I am not making any such charge; but before referring to his remarks of the other night, let me say he spoke in the city of Toronto, as the guest of the Borden Club, and on that occasion, in referring to the North Atlantic Trading Company contract, he is reported as having used the following words:

It had been ascertained however that for practically every immigrant coming from Europe, except from France, \$5 was paid over to this company.

That, I submit, was not a fair statement of the case, and I wish to point out that in his address to this House last week, the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) used the following words, which words did leave on this House the impression, which gave to the representatives of the press the impression, and to the country the impression, that the \$5 per head was paid upon every immigrant who came into this country. On page 1868 of 'Hansard', the hon. gentleman is reported as having said:

Just think of what it is—you draw a line around a certain portion of continental Europe; within that line is a fixed field for work for any and every agency to bring in immigrants to Canada. But no matter how many agencies work, no matter what the local or general influences are that send people to Canada, when they come here, on every one of them the government says: We will pay \$5 per head to the North Atlantic Trading Company.

I submit that by omitting to state the restriction, which is an essential part of this contract, namely that the bonus is paid sim-