

fications drawn some time in the dim and distant future when perhaps another by-election comes to Halifax, or when perhaps a general election is in sight. Then this elevator will come on the political horizon once more."

I cannot review the conduct of this administration in Kent, N.B., with the thoroughness I should like. Suffice to say that all the records of Halifax were surpassed. The desperation of the government knew no bounds. Fishery plants? It would not have bothered the Minister of National Defence or any other minister a moment to promise a fishery plant if it would have turned the scales. I do not know but what the record of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe) was excelled by that of the Secretary of State (Mr. Copp). The Minister of Justice came in sackcloth and ashes to repent that the government had been harsh enough to have mounted police enforce the fisheries regulations. "This will never be done any more," said the Minister of Justice; "I can, as minister, promise you that no more mounted police will invade your homes to enforce the laws of Canada."

The Secretary of State said: Do you want a railway from Buctouche to Richibucto? If you do, you know what to do. But to have his exact language, he used the following words: the very diction will be identified, the whole style so much resembles that of his great political prototype from New Brunswick, the Hon. William Pugsley, that it would itself be sufficient for identification. So I would expect no denial from the Secretary of State. He said:

Now, I want to ask you in all fairness, who will be your representative? Who will be more apt to get a more reasonable and fair consideration for you, Doucet, the Conservative candidate, or Bourgeois? It is to your very great advantage, and I believe it is your bounden duty, if you want better railway facilities for this part of Kent, to elect Mr. Bourgeois, who will co-operate with me—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

—who will co-operate with me and my colleagues to give the people of this county what they deserve and what they want.

The language of constituency-bribing will at least never be more plain, though possibly in future years it may develop a degree of skill surpassing the language of the Secretary of State. And another speaker for the government, high in office in New Brunswick, intimated that the largest river would be harnessed, intimated indeed that the money of the Canadian taxpayer would pour in from every source, from the federal treasury and from the provincial treasury too. On these promises the government sought, and vainly

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sought, the election of their candidate in Kent.

These promises are what you might expect from this administration. This class of conduct is in full harmony with the style of argument, with the whole character and colour of the campaign by which hon. gentlemen opposite succeeded to power. I venture to assert that the opinion of the people of Canada, already so often expressed, now so evident that he who runs may read, now so apparent that conceivably the government is urging its supporters to keep in the best of health and the pink of condition, for they want no more by-elections—I venture to assert that the judgment of the people of Canada is already written and waits only to be handed down and that the electors only abide the day when the conduct which I have described will be once and for all put an end to—the conduct legislative, the conduct administrative and the conduct electoral.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

### After Recess

The House resumed at eight o'clock.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is with much pleasure that I join with my right hon. friend, the leader of the opposition (Mr. Meighen), in extending congratulations to the mover (Mr. Kelly) and the seconder (Mr. Lapierre) of the Address, and I thank him also for the kindly way in which he referred to the speeches they delivered.

I should also like to thank him for his congratulations extended to my colleagues who have become members of the government since the last session of the House, and to join with him in extending a welcome to the new members who are with us for the first time since last session.

To those who knew the reputation of the newly elected member for Cape Breton (Mr. Kelly), it was no surprise to hear the address to which we listened this afternoon. For some eleven years in succession and then, after a lapse of three years for another year, the hon. member held the important position of chief magistrate of the city in which he lives. He has held the confidence of the people there through his well-known business ability and capacity, and I am sure after listening to his speech to-day we all feel gratified that the part of the province from which he comes has the added voice which he will bring to the discussions of this House.