

Mr. Foster, both of whom are in the mining business in the United States; and Dr. Chipman, Kentville, N.S., a local veterinary, who was recommended for the position by G. H. Oakes, secretary for the Conservative Association for Kings County, N.S.

Evidently Mr. Foster and Mr. McKay knew more about foxes than they did about horses. Messrs. Keever and Woodworth had specialized in mining, and their only qualifications according to Mr. Foster was that "they would pay their own expenses."

Dr. Chipman admitted on the stand that he had passed spavined horses, and that his examination did not extend to teeth or wind.

Thousands of Dollars Handed Over.

Confident that this organization could be counted upon the Government guilelessly placed funds to Mr. Foster's credit at a bank in Halifax. He was provided with blank government cheques, and told to disburse the money. Mr. Foster thereupon turned his "men" to work.

Mr. Foster signed the government cheques in blank and handed them to Mr. G. H. Oakes, Secretary of the Conservative Association of Kings County, to fill in the amounts and number of horses purchased. Read Mr. Foster's evidence, page 807 Public Accounts Evidence, which is as follows:—

Mr. Foster on witness stand.

BY Mr. CARVELL:

Q.—But you signed the largest cheque to Woodworth; did you know he was purchasing? A.—Well, we might as well be frank about that; those cheques I am not sure about all of them, but I think all of them were signed by me and handed to Mr. Oakes, my representative, with instructions that when the horses were passed by the veterinary, the veterinary was to sign the cheque, and he was to fill in the number of horses; having the receipts from the farmers in his hands, he was to fill in the number of horses.

And the purchasing started.

THE LAME, THE HALT AND THE BLIND ACCEPTED

Read the evidence as taken by the Public Accounts Committee as to the horses in general.

Mr. A. B. Harvey of Aylesworth on witness stand.

BY Mr. RHODES:

Q.—I am asking you: Did you in your own mind, think you were putting one over on the Government in selling horses that were many years over the age? A.—I went to Berwick with a horse. I read their poster, went to the park with the horse not to sell it, drove there to see the people. When I got to Berwick, I didn't think that my horse would go according to the poster. I took notice that I had