

fair thing, and if we would stand by the findings of that commission, that was the best way of dealing with the situation. What did we do? We accepted the advice of our friends. We sought to appoint as the chairman of the commission a gentleman who had already won the confidence of the people of this part of the Dominion. We took Sir Andrew Duncan because he was believed in by the people of the Maritime Provinces. We associated with him a distinguished gentleman from your own province as another commissioner, and we took as third commissioner one who spent a good part of his time in ~~an~~ the adjoining province, but was from the Maritime Provinces; and we gave to this body the right to investigate the situation and to report upon it.

Then, as you know, without having expected it, we suddenly found ourselves in the middle of a general election. We did not know then which side was going to be returned, but I think my friends of the Maritime Provinces knew where we stood in regard to that commission. I said, wherever I spoke, that whatever the findings of the commission would be, the Government had appointed that commission for the purpose of helping ^{to} settle the difficulties of the Maritime Provinces, we believed we were settling them by the best method that constitutional usage would provide, and that if we were returned to power we would see to it that the findings of that commission were carried out. (Applause.) That was a

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