

he said. He may have meant 'from' but he said 'on.' I had the chart in front of me at the time he made his statement. We find that the engineer has never visited the place and has no plan of it. He says that this railway runs along here. I want to see a plan of the harbour and I want to see where the railway line runs. If the railway is surveyed you can get the plans in the railway department. The plans must be registered, if so they must be in the Railway Department, and they will show where this line or railway runs, and also show its relationship to the bay, and we will be able to ascertain then when we see whether there is a dock there at all or not, nobody ever saw the dock.

Mr. TAYLOR. In view of the information laid before the committee to-night and in view of the statement which I have presented from a party who says that he knows the facts to be correct as given, it is plain that we were humbugged last year in voting \$25,000 on a statement made by the hon. Minister of Public Works which was not in accordance with the facts as represented to the committee to-night. We are now asked to vote \$60,000 to carry on this job—it is nothing more or less than a job—which is being perpetrated so that this amount of money can be given to a company of Americans. The hon. Minister of Justice says that these gentlemen are British subjects although living in New York. Notwithstanding the fact that they are living in New York he says that these men have never become naturalized. Their business is carried on from New York and the hon. Minister of Justice has not contradicted the statement made in that letter.

Mr. R. F. SUTHERLAND. What letter?

Mr. TAYLOR. Well, that statement.

Mr. R. F. SUTHERLAND. It is not a letter.

Mr. TAYLOR. It is a statement.

Mr. GALLIHER. From Mr. Anonymous.

Mr. TAYLOR. I will ask the hon. gentleman (Mr. Galliher) to ask the government to grant a commission and this gentleman will prove every statement made there.

Mr. GALLIHER. I would expect from a member with the long experience of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) that he should know more than to stand up in this House and ask a commission on the strength of a statement made by a man who is either ashamed to sign it, or is too big a coward to sign it, or is a liar on the face of it. If this is the kind of statement the hon. gentleman expects a commission should be appointed on, I am afraid that his ideas of the dignity of this House are far below the mark.

Mr. TAYLOR. I have been in the House for twenty-two years, and I know that when the Liberals were in opposition dozens

and dozens of charges were made against the Conservative party on the basis of such statements.

Mr. GALLIHER. If that be so, I do not believe in it.

Mr. TAYLOR. When information of this kind comes to the opposition, it is their duty to bring it to the attention of the House no matter from what source it comes, and this communication is from a reliable source. The hon. gentleman who placed that in my hand is reliable and he says that if he is granted a commission he will establish every statement he makes and pay his side of the expense too. This is placed in my hands, as whip of the opposition, telling me it is my duty to bring it before the House, and I assume the duty and responsibility. If the statements there are true, this government ought to be swept from power at once. The Minister of Public Works stated last year when \$25,000 was voted that it was in the public interest to build a dock there, but now the government comes forward and says that the Minister of Public Works did not know what he was talking about last year. When this money was voted they paid that company \$34,000 and appointed them their agents contrary to the law which says: that no public money can be expended over \$5,000 unless let by tender, except it is a work of necessity or where in the opinion of that department it can be better done by the officers of the department. What employees of the government are doing this work? It is done by an American firm with its office in New York, who have a gang of men building a railway and they are dumping the ballast down the side of a hill and get \$1.25 a yard for the filling. And what is the dock for? Some one said yesterday that a large village was going up in the neighbourhood. Why it is seven miles across. This gentleman says that there is not a man living within seven miles of it, nor a man who will use it except this American pulp company. The Minister of Justice says that the Clarkes, of Toronto, are British subjects, but they are in New York and have been there for years doing business with their associates.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I understand the Minister of Justice said that the firm of Mossom, Boyd and Company, of Bobcaygeon, are engaged with this firm.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. No. I said they were the owners of the adjoining limits; that they intend putting up a large pulp mill in the neighbourhood on a power they have in the immediate vicinity; that this will enable them to export the pulp, and that it is necessary for them to have wharf facilities in this place. That I know from one of the Mr. Boyd's, who told me so himself a year and a half ago or so,

Mr. SAM. HUGHES.