

3. The government provided \$1,200,000 for an elevator, saying, "The contract for this immense structure will be issued immediately as the Prime Minister announced on Friday night."

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The construction by the government of large cattle sheds at Richmond, which is to aid Halifax in becoming the winter cattle-shipping port and will benefit largely in labour and money as a result of Mr. Fielding's success in seeking the removal of the British embargo against Canadian cattle.

The victor in that great conquest changes I see with the location of the election.

The two million dollar shipping pier at Dartmouth which is to be undertaken at an early date.

The government construction of wharves, breakwaters and dredges, etc.

Why waste all those votes that we passed last session? Why not use them to get government support?

The establishment by the government of an experimental fishery station.

This fishery station to include a drying plant, curing plant, smoke house, and all the rest of it. That was announced a few nights before the election by the hon. Minister of National Defence.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): I never made use of any such promises, and my right hon. friend is confusing me with somebody else.

Mr. MEIGHEN: No, I did not refer to the hon. minister as making use of all these. I said the senior member for Halifax and the government candidate. But I am sure the hon. Minister of National Defence referred to the fishing plant. I have his speech.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): Does my right hon. friend say I should not have done so?

Mr. MEIGHEN: I told the House he did.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): My right hon. friend is endeavouring to lead the House to believe that I was talking of cattle-sheds and half a dozen things of that kind. I never mentioned them.

Mr. MEIGHEN: No, the hon. gentleman is excited this afternoon.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): Do not worry about my being excited.

Mr. MEIGHEN: He is not the senior member for Halifax. I do not think he could be.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): No, you used my name.

Mr. MEIGHEN: "Why shouldn't we do these things?" says the Minister of National Defence.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): My right hon. friend, Mr. Speaker, is misrepresenting me. I said, "Why should I not speak of the biological station?"

Mr. MEIGHEN: Oh, I see. I beg my hon. friend's pardon. I must draw a distinction. "Why shouldn't we tell the people they are going to have a fishery plant, a chemical plant, a drying plant, a curing plant, a smokehouse—why should we not do that? That is all right." But, oh, he would never defend promising them an elevator! That is different. He castigates me for intimating that he would defend the promise to Dartmouth of a pier, or the promise of this cattle shed at Richmond; those things are beneath him. The class of politics he represents is such that he could not possibly be guilty of that offence. But when it comes to a fishery station, a chemical plant, a smoke house, a curing plant, a drying plant—it is all right to promise these as the reward for the election of the government candidate.

Now, let us follow up the history of this elevator. The tenders were opened. Even the Minister of National Defence announced that fact himself, announced it on the night of the 30th November. "There have been eight tenders received," he said, "and the only reason you have not had any of these accepted and the contract made is that the Minister of Finance took ill after getting back from Halifax, otherwise he would have called council together and had it done; but just as soon as the Prime Minister returns—and he was then on his way—those eight tenders will be reviewed and the contract made for the elevator." Do hon. gentlemen need to be told there has been no contract made? Have not they heard the election returns? No contract has been made at all, but the government organ a few nights afterwards announced, that the tenders, it is true, had been received, but after all it was found that the plans for this elevator were really too old, that instead of being plans for an elevator such as the government literature had described, they were really plans that had been prepared away back at the time of the terminal contract in Halifax about ten years before. Here the government had gone and used those ten-year-old plans for the non-existent terminals in order to hurry on the receipt of tenders and deceive the people of Halifax. So they said, "We find now we do not need an elevator of that kind at all, and we are going to have new plans and speci-