

findings, or was able to pass the legislation which is now upon the statute book, it meant days and weeks of discussion by him with colleagues, individually, in Cabinet, in caucus, and finally on the floor of the House of Commons, and to him is due great credit for our having to-day the boon of the findings of the Duncan Commission. (Applause.)

I shall never forget the use by him of the very phrase he used this afternoon, when he closed an address to caucus with those words, which <sup>rang true and</sup> seemed to breathe the very spirit of the man himself. He said: "My friends, some of you may think differently with regard to this matter, and some of you may have claims, but I say to you that I went to the people of the Maritime Provinces and I told them we had appointed a commission, I told them that we had asked it to make its findings on these matters which had been referred to it, and that we would stand by the findings, and I regard it as a matter of honourable obligation that we see this thing through." And it is. As Mr. King himself said, although the people of Nova Scotia apparently did not take him at his word, although, notwithstanding this assurance from him, they returned eleven opponents out of fourteen members and expressed no confidence whatever in him, that made not the slightest difference; he did not deviate from his course one iota.

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