

KEEVER CONTRADICTS FOSTER'S STORY.

Mr. Keever says neither he nor Mr Woodworth have any vouchers.

This statement is strangely at variance with what Keever told a Boston newspaper reporter. The Boston Journal, of April 14th published an interview with Keever in which he was quoted as saying "I heard a couple of weeks ago that an enquiry was being made by the party out of power in Parliament into the general purchases made for the Canadian contingent. These facts however **do not jibe with what I know.** Mr. Foster **was in this office last Tuesday and talked with Mr. Woodworth and also with myself.** He did not even mention **the fact that an enquiry had been made or was to be made.** "He was on his way to Washington and I believe he is there at the present time."

Mr. Keever went on to say "I went with Mr. Woodworth to help Mr. Foster buy the horses, for he had been able to help some of his constituents sell some of their animals. The apple crop had been ruined and by selling these horses it would put a little more money in circulation in that section

"As far as vouchers go, and also receipts, neither Mr. Woodworth nor myself have any. Everything was paid for in Government cheques."

Proceeding with more detail of how the horses were bought, Mr. Keever wound up with the significant statement "If I had known such an enquiry was on, I certainly would have been there to defend anything said against me."

No Evidence of What the Farmers Got.

These horses, from the Province of Nova Scotia cost the country \$170 apiece, and the evidence shows that they were exceedingly expensive at that, **but there is nothing to show what was paid to the farmers.** Both Keever and Woodworth declined to return to Canada to give evidence, and Mr. McKay when examined evinced a strange lack of knowledge of the whole affair.

Frank McLaughlin of Valcartier swore before the committee on another occasion that for three weeks "dead horses going to the glue factory, about four a day," had passed on trucks before his door. It is very possible that some of the Foster horses were among them.

Horse Purchase Chicanery extended to Province of Quebec.

Only one other transaction was investigated, and that was in connection with the purchase of horses at Sherbrooke, Quebec,