

Dominion Government in 1917, of the Provincial debts of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, adding another hundred and fifty millions of dollars to the National Debt, with which the people of the Maritime Provinces had been burdened in common with all other people of Canada.

From this point Mr. Macdonald took up the accusations made against him by the Conservative leader last Monday at North Sydney, one of which was a quotation from a speech made by Mr. Macdonald and claimed by him to have been misrepresented by Mr. Meighen.

Mr. Meighen accused Mr. Macdonald of promising great prosperity to his own constituency and that he had not fulfilled those promises. In that speech misquoted by Mr. Meighen he was dealing with the problems of 1921, previous to the castigation which Mr. Meighen and his party received at the hands of the electors. The coal mines of Nova Scotia were closed. The steel works in Pictou and Cape Breton Counties were closed down.

BOUGHT AMERICAN COAL.

The St. Lawrence markets on which our mines were largely dependent were closed because the railways of Canada were taking coal from the U.S. He promised them one thing. If the Liberal Party was returned to power we would remedy these conditions. In the spring of 1921, while our coal mines were closed, Mr. Hanna, who Mr. Meighen says, is a "very worthy man" entered into a contract with a firm in Pennsylvania to supply for the use of the Government Railways one million tons of coal per year for four years, and he was taking that coal in the summer of 1921, while our miners were out of work, and their families threatened with starvation. In the year 1921, out of twelve million dollars of good Canadian money for the purchase of coal, nine millions were sent by Mr. Meighen and Mr. Hanna to the United States while our own mines were idle.

Discussing the freight rates and the abnormal increases which went into effect under the administration of Mr. Hanna and Hon. Mr. Macdonald said that it cost so much to send to Newfoundland through North Sydney, that the United States trade with Newfoundland increased

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