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£1000 to be sold to the Government at a profit  
 and £4000 was to be given to each of the men  
 who contributed the £3000 and Mr Meighen said  
 to whom did the balance go and the other  
 man said to the four Ministers Stewart,  
 Robt, Murdoch and Lapointe - Mr Meighen  
 said "Isnt that shocking" - Mr Meighen  
 then said "is it hard selling his own property  
 on Elgin Street and the other man said "it  
 may be my property" Palmer said if we can  
 get in on this we can expense it and Mr  
 Meighen said have you made it, will you  
 take you in on this syndicate - Palmer said  
 it hard is hard up - he is in on this coal deal -  
 and he needs money - and by my personal posts  
 up a £1000 he would still demand the £4000  
 - then Mr Meighen said I think I can get the  
 £4000 but can we arrange it that we can  
 give a signature and mark it for the  
 purchase of the property to be sold to the  
 Government - Palmer said I dont think he  
 will take a receipt but I think I can get  
 a receipt from him in which it will state  
 the purpose for which the money was  
 given - at this point Mr Meighen told  
 me and he said keep it going until I  
 get there I will be down in a minute  
 - the man went down but we heard  
 Mr Meighen say - do what you can do  
 and I think I can get the £4000 - then there  
 were a few words of low conversation and  
 we heard them leave the room - Mr Meighen  
 then came back and offered the £1000 & £4000  
 and said "Isnt that wonderful I must know whether  
 to believe it or not".

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