

hon. friend and his friends that interested themselves in making him a peer.

Mr. COCHRANE: I just wanted to know if you accused him of buying his title.

Mr. MACDONALD: The minister knows whether he paid for it or not, and if he paid for it, the minister should tell us. There are some other gentlemen who have got titles under this Administration, and if the minister will give us the story of how they acquired them, I will sit down and let him tell us.

Mr. COCHRANE: I asked you a civil question. You made a statement, and I want you to back it up.

Mr. MACDONALD: The minister is one of the gentlemen who advise His Majesty as to the giving of titles, and he knows whether the gentleman paid for it or not. I do not know. If the minister knows whether he paid for it or not, he should tell us.

Mr. COCHRANE: You made an accusation, and I want you to back it up.

Mr. MACDONALD: The minister knows whether I am right or not. The minister is not denying my statement; he is asking me a question about somebody about whom I know nothing.

Mr. COCHRANE: You made a broad statement; you said that they buy titles. I ask you if Lord Shaughnessy bought his.

Mr. MACDONALD: What about the other people?

Mr. COCHRANE: I am only asking about one. You made a broad statement.

Mr. CARVELL: Are titles for sale?

Mr. MACDONALD: My hon. friend suggests that they are for sale. How much are they worth?

Mr. COCHRANE: I do not know. You made the statement. Be either a man or a mouse. Back up your statements.

Mr. MACDONALD: The Minister of Railways does not belong to the committee of council which has to do with the sale of titles. If he did, he would know all about the matter. Consequently he is asking me a question concerning which some of his colleagues, if he asked them, could tell him much more than I could.

Mr. COCHRANE: Do not make the statement if you cannot back it up.

Mr. MACDONALD: I was not referring to Lord Shaughnessy, who is well worthy

of distinction. The minister knows to whom I refer.

Mr. DAVIDSON: What about honorary colonelcies?

Mr. MACDONALD: My hon. friend speaks about honorary colonelcies. So far as I am concerned, I was appointed an honorary colonel by the late administration on the recommendation of all the officers of the 78th Regiment of my county who passed a resolution requesting that I should be made one. I never asked for it, and I am not particular whether the hon. gentleman's Government who promoted me to be an honorary colonel take the whole thing away from me to-morrow. My hon. friend can ask the Minister of Militia to cancel my appointment. I shall have no regret.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Dugald Stewart): Will the hon. member come back to the question under discussion?

Mr. MACDONALD: I will do so if my hon. friend from Annapolis (Mr. Davidson) will refrain from asking me questions.

The CHAIRMAN: He has already been answered.

Mr. MACDONALD: Will you, Sir, restrain the minister and the hon. member from Annapolis?

Mr. DAVIDSON: Does the hon. member think that regiment would make such a recommendation now?

The CHAIRMAN: Order.

Mr. MACDONALD: If you, Sir, will keep the Minister of Railways and the hon. member from Annapolis in order, I will come back to the question under discussion. I have been diverted by these hon. gentlemen who have been asking me questions which I have been endeavouring to answer. Nobody knows better than the Minister of Customs that the reason for Canada acquiring those three railways in war time is so grotesque that you cannot state a more grotesque proposition at any time, let alone in war time. I can fancy that certain hon. gentlemen who support the minister, for instance the Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Sévigny), would be willing to get the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix made a Government railway so that his confreres could go down to Ste. Anne de Beaupré and visit the shrine there and get cured.

Mr. SEVIGNY: It would be a very good thing for the hon. member to go down to Ste. Anne de Beaupré.