

government he knows that there is no Prime Minister, at least in federal affairs---I am beginning to think that possibly there may be one in local affairs---there is no Prime Minister in federal affairs, at least, who can put his hand into the treasury of the country and take out money simply to gratify any whim ~~xxxx~~ which may come into his mind, or any desire to satisfy any part of the population; that the only way in which you get money out of the treasury of the country is, in the first place, by bringing your estimates before your colleagues in the Cabinet, discussing them there, and then bringing them down in the House of Commons and justifying the proposed expenditure. It is by the will of the people and not by the whim of the Premier that money is obtained and devoted to a particular purpose. That is the constitutional way. I think Mr. Rhodes ought to know perfectly well that there is a long jump between the filing of the report of the Duncan Commission, suggesting the payment of a grant to provinces, suggesting a reduction in freight rates, suggesting the establishment of coking plants, suggesting the appointment of a Deputy Minister of Fisheries, and the appointment of harbour commissions---there is a long jump between that and the final implementing of those findings, and it is not correct to say that all the Right Honourable the Prime Minister has to do is to bridge the gap simply by

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