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"'To the Hon. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE, Minister of Public Works, Ottawa:— "'I understand that John S. Tolton, of Walkerton, has tendered for the Goderich Harbour Works. Mr. Tolton is a thorough practical, honest and reliable man, financially able, and accustomed to the construction of Public Works. The securi- ties named are reliable, sound men.	
"(Signed) D. STIRTON.	
"That it appears that the tender of John S. Tolton was improperly ignored, and that the country has lost thereby the sum of \$29,525. "That in the opinion of this House, the Government in thus awarding this contract, are justly consurable for violating the principles of the contract system, and causing serious loss to the country."—(Mr. Farrow)	1544
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