

Hon. Mr. GIRROIR—The hon. gentleman charged distinctly that bribes were being given.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Read it.

Hon. Mr. GIRROIR—The hon. gentleman said:

Prisoners of war, our bitter enemies, are not only allowed to escape, but can pay \$50 to \$100 for being allowed to escape from the detention camps in Canada. It is a national disgrace for which the Government must be held responsible.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—That is not the Amherst camp. I rise to a point of order. I want the hon. gentleman to withdraw what he is saying. My point of order is that the hon. senator is misrepresenting what I stated on the floor of this House.

Hon. Mr. POIRIER—There is no point of order.

The SPEAKER—I understand the hon. gentleman is reading a speech made by the hon. member from Victoria division.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Not in regard to the Amherst camp, and he is making the House believe it is the Amherst camp.

The SPEAKER—I do not know about that, but I hear the hon. member for Antigonish quoting the words of the hon. gentleman from Victoria. I do not see any point of order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The hon. gentleman has no right to attribute to me—

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Order, order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I am in order. You keep quiet. The hon. gentleman has no right to attribute to me, in a criticism of the Amherst camp, charges that I have made against the Banff camp. That is the point of order, and the Speaker should not allow such misrepresentations to take place.

Hon. Mr. GIRROIR—I should be very sorry to misquote the hon. gentleman from Victoria division, but for his enlightenment and for the enlightenment of the House, I may quote a little more from the speech the hon. gentleman delivered on that occasion. He says—just before he came to the point I referred to a moment ago—

In the second place, a more material and more serious matter was brought up by myself on the floor at the same time that I gave this notice, in the form of a question in regard to the escape of prisoners of war from the detention camp at Amherst, N.S. I find that that

question does not appear in the Minutes of Proceedings of this honourable House. It is very strange that it has been omitted, but it is a lapse that can be remedied. I shall certainly take the opportunity of having that question placed on the Order Paper.

Then he proceeds to show how he got this information, and refers to New Brunswick and Halifax; then, being questioned by the hon. gentleman for Tignish (Hon. Mr. Murphy), he makes no reference to detention camps in any other place that I can find. The hon. gentleman from Halifax said: "Not in Nova Scotia." Then the hon. gentleman said:

Hon. Mr. Cloran—Yes, Amherst camp is in Nova Scotia. The traitors do not work right on the spot. They went outside for assistance, and I am sorry to say they got it in New Brunswick.

An hon. Gentleman—Moncton?

Hon. Mr. Cloran—No, Moncton has blow-outs. The country wants to know the facts from official sources, and it is up to the Government of the day to protect the public without regard to party. The statement has been broadly made, not by a newsboy in the street singing out his papers, but by hon. senators on the floor of this House, by ministers and ex-ministers of the Crown, that the officer responsible for this condition of things in the Amherst detention camp was shot by order of a court-martial held in Halifax.

Hon. Mr. Dennis—Who made that statement?

Hon. Mr. Cloran—Please do not pry into private affairs.

Hon. Mr. Dennis—But the hon. gentleman says that that statement was made by a minister of the Crown on the floor of the House.

Hon. Mr. Cloran—I did not say anything of the kind.

Hon. Mr. Dennis—That is what I understood you to say.

Hon. Mr. Cloran—Of course, I am not responsible for your understanding. The other statement is this, that instead of being shot the commanding officer of that camp was sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary.

Then he goes on discussing the detention camp:

Prisoners of war, our bitter enemies, are not only allowed to escape, but can pay \$50 or \$100 for being allowed to escape from the detention camps in Canada. It is a national disgrace for which the Government must be held responsible.

The hon. gentleman cannot escape. He has made this statement publicly on the floor of this House. It all appears in the Debates in his speech, and it is clear from a perusal of the speech that he referred to the Amherst camp, and that camp only.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—No.

Hon. Mr. GIRROIR—He made no reference to any other camp, and he led up to that statement by discussing the affairs at