

than the same services cost in Ottawa. I hope that will satisfy the hon. the First Minister. On page 74 of the 1875 *Hansard*, this subject was under consideration, and the hon. the Postmaster General used this language to the House: "It costs fifty per cent. more to do the work in Halifax than in Ottawa; but, by a new arrangement, hereafter the printing will be done here by contract." He gave that as a reason. This shows that, in fact, this hon. gentleman and his hon. colleagues had been permitted to take out of the treasury of this country \$24,000 when they were only entitled to \$12,000.

Mr. HUNTINGTON: I think the hon. gentleman and the House will not wish to have the matter misrepresented. I stated that the printing for Nova Scotia was costing forty or fifty per cent.—I do not remember which now—more than before, and I stated that we had changed it; that we found the people who had done it now were making more money than those who had done it before; and I stated here that the prices at which it was being done were cheaper than those charged under the Government of the right hon. gentleman. The system to which the hon. gentleman draws attention grew up in Confederation, and when in office I put a stop to it.

Mr. TUPPER: He deprived those people of the printing, and gave it to some one who charged fifty per cent. more. I hope we shall have the hon. gentleman's reason, and that it will be a satisfactory reason. Of course, the moment it became patent that they were paying fifty per cent. more than they ought to, that they were receiving \$24,000 for the service when they were only entitled to \$12,000, he would have been unfaithful to his duty if he had not put a stop to it.

Mr. HUNTINGTON: I must persist in being understood. I did not say that we got fifty per cent. more for the service than we were entitled to. I might have said that in the retail way in which work was done in the provinces it would cost more than fifty per cent. more, but that under the contract system, which the hon. gentleman com-

plains of our having adopted, it would be done cheaper.

Mr. TUPPER: Does the hon. gentleman see the force of my argument—that for a service which cost \$3,935 they paid \$12,000.

Mr. HUNTINGTON: No, I do not.

Mr. TUPPER: Then it would be difficult for the hon. gentleman to see the force of anything. There is the fact; I give the figures; I say that they paid \$12,000 per annum for these services, which cost, on the average, less than \$4,000 in Nova Scotia previously.

Mr. HUNTINGTON: His misrepresentations are patent to every intelligent man, but I wish to repeat myself because the hon. gentleman speaks as though this increased amount was paid for the same services. In that, he is wrong. The service was changed. There were some six hundred way-offices turned into post offices, and this cost a considerable extra sum. As to the cost of printing, the prices paid by measurement were cheaper than those previously paid, but the volume work was dearer.

Mr. TUPPER: I have introduced his authority not to show—

Mr. HUNTINGTON: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. TUPPER: I hope the hon. gentleman will not interrupt; if he wishes to address the House again he will have an opportunity, I have no doubt.

Mr. HUNTINGTON: If the hon. gentleman misrepresents me I shall interrupt him.

Mr. TUPPER: I shall show that he put statements into the mouth of his predecessor that were the very reverse of truth. Instead of saying that there would be any additional cost in the change from the way office keeper to postmasters, the hon. gentleman declared that, not only in relation to the salaries paid, but in relation to this policy of change generally, that it would not involve any additional cost. I read his words in *Hansard*. He said "This policy had been adopted during the last six months, and had not involved any increased cost." But I will give the hon. gentleman (Mr. Huntington) more; I will give him evi-