

cona. There is not the slightest authority for the statement, and the making of it could only have been intended to mislead the House as to the facts.

At six o'clock, House took recess.

After Recess.

House resumed at eight o'clock.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. Before six o'clock, Mr. Speaker, I made the statement that the remarks made by hon. gentlemen in support of the amendment were conspicuous more for misstatement of fact, for concealment of fact, than for a fair, candid and intelligent discussion of the issue involved in the amendment. I showed, I think, very plainly that the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster), whether wittingly or unwittingly, had led a great number of the newspapers of this country to announce, on last Saturday morning, that the essence of the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company was to the effect that a bonus of \$5 was payable upon every immigrant who came into the country. I named some of those papers, there are others that might have been named. For instance, the Ottawa 'Citizen' and the Toronto 'News' editorially announced that the opposition had rendered a great service to this country in compelling the government to cancel a contract which involved the payment of £1 for every immigrant that came to this country. Before six o'clock, I pointed out a misstatement made by the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk), in which he said it was quite apparent, at least to him, by the files before the committees, that the numerous payments made by this government to the North Atlantic Trading Company were made through Mr. Preston of the London office, and that many of the payments were made to him direct. I made the statement that there was no warrant for such a statement. Now I wish to call the attention of the House to one or two other misstatements of fact. But I will refer first to what is rather a concealment of fact.

Mr. MONK. Will my hon. friend allow me to ask him, as he charges me with misleading the House, how does he account for the cablegram which has often been referred to, in the evidence of Mr. Smart, a cablegram sent by Mr. Smart, then Deputy Minister of the Interior, to Mr. Preston in London, in which he said: I am sending you today, or I am making arrangements to send to you to-day, one thousand sterling?

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. Well, my hon. friend must remember that Mr. Preston is an officer of the Dominion government specially charged with the subject matter of immigration in London, and very naturally and properly these cablegrams would pass between him and the deputy minister. But I say that even reading this cablegram in

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the most technical manner, it does not follow that it was intended to mean that this money was being forwarded direct to Mr. Preston. Mr. Smart explained this matter the other day before the Committee of Public Accounts, by stating that during his whole experience as deputy minister no money was ever remitted directly to Mr. Preston. In the cablegram, to which I think the hon. gentleman refers, Mr. Smart states that a credit would be established in a London bank for the purpose mentioned in the cablegram, and you will find, I think, on the files a cancelled cheque signed by Lord Strathcona and Mr. Preston, withdrawing from the bank this credit. Now I wish to refer to a concealment of fact made on Friday night last by the member for North Toronto in discussing this matter. In discussing this contract he was seeking the applause of his friends, and he received it in good fashion. He read this part of section 1:

The company shall and will carry on an active educative work.

And my hon. friend stopped there, presumably for the purpose of giving to the House the idea that that was the whole of that section. He gave, at least to his friends, the idea that that was the true rendition of that clause, he gave to them the idea that it was at least the spirit and essence, and they cheered him to an echo. Now he read this section:

The company shall and will carry on an active educative work—

And he proceeds to comment upon that extract so read.

That is what its duty is. How definite! How delightfully specific that is! It shall carry on an active educative work by advertising by pamphlet and by personal canvass of the representatives of the company.

Well, now, there was a portion of that section which should have been read in with this to show what was the character of this educative work, and it was this: To promote emigration to Canada, and to make known the advantages offered by Canada as a field for settlement. But my hon. friend made no explanation whatever as to what this educative work was to be, and gentlemen supporting him no doubt had for the moment the idea in their minds that it was any sort of educative work, not necessarily educating the people of any portion of continental Europe, or any particular class of continental Europe, to emigrate to Canada. Now I wish to refer to a statement made by the hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. Northrup). In discussing this matter on Tuesday last he referred to a telegram or a cablegram from Mr. Smart to Mr. Preston, and his idea was to show that there was collusion between Mr. Smart and Mr. Preston, that they two, in conjunction with the ex-