

Mr. SPEAKER. Order.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. I want to be courteous to the House and to the hon. gentlemen and I want to be treated that way, Mr. Speaker. If hon. gentlemen want to get up a row the same as they got up on Friday night we can have it out.

Mr. FISHER. I call the hon. gentleman to order. He is using threats towards members of the House.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. SPEAKER. No hon. gentleman has the right to use threatening language in any form whatever.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. There is no threat about that.

Mr. FISHER. I ask your ruling, Mr. Speaker. The hon. gentleman has made a threat to this House.

Mr. SPEAKER. Order.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. I will withdraw it then. I always obey the Chair.

1 ladies' cloak..	\$25
8 ladies' costumes, each.. . . .	30
The total of these accounts—	

I did not want to read all the items as I had given the page of the Auditor-General's Report—

—is \$744.

The first item is caps, and the item does not say whether they are ladies or gentlemen's caps, but any one would assume that they are caps for the sailors. The next item is seven ladies blouses—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, no.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. The word 'ladies' does not appear in the Auditor General's Report.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. But, as everybody knows, the Auditor General condenses his report, and, as any one familiar with the trade knows, as every merchant in this House knows—I have been in the mercantile trade 25 years and will make this statement—if the minister himself or any one will walk into Bryson and Graham's store or Ross', or Murphy's and ask to see blouses, he will be told to take the elevator and go to the first floor.

Mr. FISHER. Too thin.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. The Minister of Agriculture knows nothing about it. He has never been in the mercantile trade. But I will leave it to any merchant on any side of the House, that if a person inquires for a blouse, he means a lady's blouse and nothing else. And when he inquires for a cloak, he means a lady's cloak, for that is a trade

term. When he inquires for a costume, they will show him to the ladies' department. If these men gave theatrical performances and required costumes, they would have to specify actors' or actresses' costumes, but the term 'costume' is taken in the trade to mean ladies' costume, so that I was justified in using the word 'ladies.' A couple of years ago when I was discussing the purchase of some dickeys for the sailors, my hon. friend came back the second time and explained what the French meaning of the word 'dickey' is. He said:

My hon. friend found fault also with the cost of dickeys. Does he know exactly what a dickey is? I am afraid he does not. I may give him this definition: it is the correct term for the white flannel front that is part of the uniform of a sailor.

I tell the hon. minister that that is not correct.

Mr. BRODEUR. I understood my hon. friend to have withdrawn the word 'ladies' and to have said that it was not in the Auditor General's Report from which he read.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. I do not think the minister is very anxious to expedite the proceedings of the session or he would not have brought up these trifles before the House, but as he has done so, I am entitled to give an explanation, and my explanation is the quotation I have read from the 'Hansard' of 1908, page 1082. When the minister contradicted me then, I did not think it worth while to take up the time of the House by replying. A dickey is a false shirt front made of linen, yet the minister said it is part of a sailor's uniform. I do not know that his explanation to-day is any better, and I think the best thing we could do would be to have the accounts produced at the next meeting of the Public Accounts Committee and call witnesses and find out by whom these blouses were purchased. But so far as regards the use of the word 'ladies,' that does not appear in the Auditor General's Report.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. But I used the word to show what the goods were according to the usage of the trade. Then my hon. friend said that he asked his officers and they told him that they never bought a dollar's worth for ladies. Well, I can go through the Public Accounts and find that any quantity of stuff was purchased for ladies and name the items.

An hon. MEMBER. For the 'Arctic'?

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. No, not ladies' hats on the 'Arctic,' but on the steamers and in the channel. In these are goods charged for the ladies. The hon. minister has laid down a challenge, and I will produce the items of ladies' goods from the Auditor General's Report. Then I will ask the hon. minister