

me of not possessing, referred to the Trade and Navigation Returns as evidence of the exodus from this country of its inhabitants. He turned to the return with a great deal of gusto—I do not use that word disrespectfully—with a good deal of pleasure, and he pointed out that in the articles of export there were settlers' effects to the amount of over a million dollars; from that fact he drew a most doleful picture of the condition of the country. He told the House that there was \$1,110,854 worth of household effects exported during the last year. The moving backwards and forwards to all sections of the country has been going on continuously ever since I was a boy, and as long as the Anglo-Saxon race exists that will continue. Look at the present moment at the islands in the Pacific Ocean. Who are the people that are developing the resources of those islands? Who is governing them? The people of the United States and the people of our own Canada. The watchword has been, and will continue to be, "westward," and if you apply the same argument and the same logic, if I may misapply the word in connection with statements of this kind, that has been used in explanation of the exodus from Canada, you would have emptied the United States. I might call the hon. gentleman's attention to page 332 of the imports and he will find that in this, as in all the other branches of trade—if I may call such exports and imports a branch of trade—that the household effects which were imported into Canada last year exceeded the exports by nearly half a million dollars. I have no doubt that was a matter of very great regret to the hon. gentleman.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—Well, if it were not a matter of regret why did he not tell the House that while they had been exporting household effects which represented, as he says, an exodus of the people from this country, that the importation by immigrants coming into Canada was much greater than the exports? If he desired to be fair—if he did not desire to misrepresent—if he did not desire to lead the people of this country to believe that the policy of the Government was to drive all the people out of the country, he would have told them this side of the question as well as the other one. From the United States alone, the importation of

household effects for the same year amounted to \$1,651,972, so that in this particular, small though it may be, it is another evidence—I will not say of a desire, but an evidence—of the manner in which the people of Canada are misled in reference to almost every matter affecting the country. Having dealt with this horrid exodus and the plague which exists in this country in the way of our state policy, the hon. gentleman drifted into the Trade and Navigation Returns and attempted to draw conclusions from them which very few will be enabled to draw from the facts and figures there presented. The hon. gentleman took the Trade and Navigation Returns and holding them up to the gaze of the members of the Senate read the figures for two or three years, picking out one year here and another year there, and then saying, "see what was done during these periods." I have noticed in almost all discussions upon the same question that those who oppose the present policy do not take the average of any four or five years and see what the result was. If you take these very years to which the hon. gentleman from Ottawa refers, you will find that in 1874—and that is when the hon. gentleman had the honour of being one of the advisers of Her Majesty in this country—the total exports amounted to \$89,351,927; but when they left office in 1879—I am taking the year after the hon. gentleman and his party assumed the control of affairs in this country, and the year after they left office, because the policy of the present Government could not by any possibility have had any effect at all until about 1880, 1881 and 1882; hence I take the year 1879. When his party left office the total exports had fallen to \$71,491,000, a decline of no less than \$17,860,703; yet the hon. gentleman tells us that if another policy had been pursued the exports and imports of this country would have been much greater than they were in 1892. How was it with the importations? When the hon. gentleman and his party assumed office the importations were \$128,213,582. When they left they had dropped to \$81,964,427, a falling off to the extent of \$46,249,155 within those five years of Liberal rule, with that policy that they are now holding out to the gaze of the rising generation of Canada, in full force. Compare it with the present year, and take the whole aggregate of trade, and we find that while