

dual language in the North-west Territories was a pang to his sensitive soul; the school system of the North-west Territories wounded him to the heart. We have at the present time the same state of things precisely as when the hon. gentleman talked violently from platforms in this city and from his place in this House to divide the people of this country in race and religion. But where has he taken himself now?

Mr. BENNETT. He is under the barn.

Mr. DAVIN. He is under the barn. I suppose; to use the classic phrase that has been given us by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Richardson). Now, this is what this paper says of the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Richardson):

Of Mr. Richardson, the anti-coercion candidate in Lisgar, whose connection with this journal is well known, nothing further need be said than that he will, as a member of Parliament, stand by every pledge and principle which he has given or advocated as a candidate.

And the pledges he gave were: to put binder twine, and barbed wire, and farm implements, and coal oil, and the cheaper cottons, all on the free list. Richardson and free implements! Where is Richardson and free implements to-day?

An hon. MEMBER. Under the barn again.

Mr. DAVIN. Oh, he is not under the barn yet, for the rain has gone and the sun is shining out, and the fashionable Richardson is away forgetful of the farmers, and enjoying the otium cum dignitate that belongs to a favoured supporter of a successful government.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Carried.

Mr. DAVIN. Oh, no. I know you would like to have it carried and I would do anything to oblige the hon. gentleman (Mr. Campbell), but I cannot stop just now for him. Then, Sir, on 19th June we have the startling head-line, and we know what an immense lot was made out of head-lines in this House some time ago. I have to travel in the wake of those superior persons whose independence I admire so much. It is impossible for me to give full vent to the heart deep admiration I have for the brilliant creatures that astonish the world on the opposite benches. Here we have the "Tribune" of 19th June, and here are the headings that stare me in the face:

Patrons will not be fooled.

Mr. McMILLAN. And you were not able to fool them.

Mr. DAVIN. I never tried. Does the hon. member mean, that the Government can do what I have failed in? I grant you that up to the present you have fooled them, but you cannot fool them all along.

Patrons will not be fooled.

Mr. DAVIN.

This was the assurance given in that heading. But, Sir, we have here what is of much more importance now than anything the member for Lisgar (Mr. Richardson) could say; we have the utterances of my hon. friend the Minister of the Interior. He will remember having been a leading star at the Brydon rink in Winnipeg, and he had a paragraph in his speech which is headed: "The National Policy arraigned." Here is what he said:

He would just say this, that whatever arguments could be advanced for the National Policy in the east, none could be advanced here, where the National Policy bore heavily on and kept back the farming community. Here was a fact to consider. It had been stated by a gentleman conversant with the facts, that the Massey-Harris binder, which sold in Winnipeg for \$140, was sold in Glasgow for \$75. Here the Canadian farmer was unduly burdened, as against his competitors. The great competitors of the Canadian farmers were, among others, those in the Argentine Republic, and in that country they were buying their machines for about half what the Canadian farmer had to pay for them. Another competitor was Australia. Now, was it not time to think about these things and to see if something could not be done for the farmer, who had to fight against these competitors, who brought the price of wheat down to 40 cents a bushel? Is it not time to forget party and do something for the good of the country?

That is what my hon. friend the Minister of the Interior said. But, Sir, the duty to-day is the same on agricultural implements as when he made that speech; the duty is the same in protecting the Massey-Harris Company as when my hon. friend made that speech; and not only that, but Massey-Harris, and the hon. member of this House who is a manufacturer of farm implements; they have got their iron lower, they have been put in a better position, and the duty on the implements remains the same, and we have not heard one word from my hon. friend (Mr. Sifton) who is the leader of these gentlemen, to explain how it is, that he has not succeeded in getting his colleague to give us agricultural implements free, as he said they would be given.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have shown that my hon. friends could do something if they had supported me the other day. I have shown that if these gentlemen will themselves take the lead and move in these matters—and I would be most happy to walk humbly behind them as their supporter—they could do something to make this Government keep its pledges with the farmers of Canada, and its pledges with the Patrons. My hon. friend from East Assinibola (Mr. Douglas) has declared authoritatively that the Patrons did not want anything on the free list. Why, Sir, I have the authoritative programme of the Patrons here, and this is it:

Tariff for revenue only. Farm implements, binding twine, fence wire, nails, lumber, coal oil, to be free of duty.

Mark that. Farm implements amongst the