

parliamentary procedure, of course nobody ever thought of asking Mr. Davin: Well, how did you vote? That speech was sent, no doubt, at the expense of the country to every elector in the constituency, that speech was in the hand of friend and foe alike, and even his foes would say: What a noble soul must beat in the breast of Mr. Davin. They all had it, they had read it, they knew all about it, convincing as it was. When the elections came on, the friends of the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Davin) could point to that speech as one indication, at all events, of the overpowering interest he took in the affairs of that North-west country. But the hon. gentleman had been there for several years, and there must be some reason why that speech did not convince the electors of that territory.

Mr. DAVIN. It convinced the Government of Canada.

Mr. LISTER. You never convinced them of anything.

Mr. DAVIN. Yes, they brought down the duty 50 per cent.

Mr. LISTER. Year after year the hon. gentleman made himself the special and particular champion of the people of the North-west. There was no grievance, real or imaginary, that he did not ventilate here, and most of them were imaginary. He assailed the Government in the House. One would have thought he would be found working with the Opposition, but whenever he found that he would embarrass the Government, my hon. friend was silent and did not press his motion. He never demanded a vote, and I cannot, at this moment, recall one instance when the hon. gentleman was ever found voting against the Government except on one occasion, and then the Government's majority was so large that the hon. gentleman knew he ran no risk of imperilling its life. You will always find that the hon. gentleman supported the Government and sacrificed the interests of the Territories. The hon. gentleman takes a great interest in butter-making. There is hardly anything that he does not understand. He is an adept at cheese-making. Now, he is going to tell the Minister of Agriculture all about butter-making and creameries and all that sort of thing. No doubt the hon. gentleman knows a great many things, but I venture to say that he knows very little about the making of butter. He has suddenly become very zealous. He is now pressing on his demands to such an extent that the treasury of the country can scarcely satisfy them. No doubt his desire is to make himself solid with the electors, but with such representatives from the Territories as we have behind us, who look well after the interests of that country, who know what they are talking about, the North-west country may be certain that the Government in power

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to-day will watch the North-west carefully and do everything possible to develop that country, and I believe that when that country has an opportunity of speaking again it will show its appreciation of what this new Government has done and is doing and intends to do for that great country which is the hope of Canada.

Mr. DOUGLAS. As representing a constituency largely interested in this dairy industry, I desire to say a few words on this motion. I may say, in the first place, that I am opposed to any definite sum being passed by this House for this purpose. It cannot be said that this motion is really necessary in view of the expressed policy of the new Government toward the North-west. I have applications from two or three quarters for creameries, but we would much prefer that the whole matter should be left to the good judgment of the present Government. There are already three creameries in operation, and the people are satisfied that the scheme of Professor Robertson is feasible and likely to succeed. I do not want to be put on record as being opposed to any aid to the North-west Territories, but would like to say that I have implicit confidence in the good intention of the Government with reference to this whole question. I can readily understand why the hon. member from Assiniboia (Mr. Davin) is exceedingly anxious to have a definite sum voted. I can readily understand that in view of the coming election this motion would tend to strengthen his hands, and secure to some extent the lost confidence of the people. We desire to leave the matter solely with the Government to decide according to its declared policy. I think that I am presenting the sentiments of a people who are largely engaged in mixed farming, and who are just getting their business into shape and to take advantage of the scheme which has already been initiated. When I say that they are perfectly satisfied to allow Professor Robertson to carry out his plan and are ready to fall into line with him. There is no need for anything further at the hands of the Government of the day than to leave the matter with the commissioner and we have confidence in the policy expressed by the Government from time to time. I shall not occupy the time of the House any longer, but shall conclude by expressing my hope that the interests of the North-west shall have all due attention.

Mr. SPROULE. As this question is very important, especially to the people of Manitoba and the North-west Territories, and as I have collected some data which I intended to use when it came under consideration but which I have not at my hand at present, I beg to move that the debate be now adjourned.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned.