

ply to the agricultural class and the domestic class, over eighteen years of age—by omitting to mention this restrictive qualification of the contract he left the impression—and I venture to say he left it upon his own supporters—that the \$5 per head was paid on every continental immigrant who entered this country.

Mr. BLAIN. Will the hon. gentleman read the balance ?

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. Yes, the balance will indicate how careless of fact the hon. gentleman was in addressing the Borden Club in Toronto, regarding the North Atlantic Trading Company contract.

Mr. FOSTER. Will the hon. gentleman allow me ? As he has before him the 'Hansard' report of the speech which I did deliver, which was taken down by the 'Hansard' reporters, and by which I stand, he had better criticise my remarks from that report rather than from a newspaper report, which has not been revised and which, in some important particulars, is not correct.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. I can tell the hon. gentleman that it is not my intention to criticise the report of his remarks at the Borden club in Toronto to any further extent, but I must satisfy the curiosity of my hon. friend from Peel (Mr. Bain) by reading the balance of the speech, which, in my opinion, is a sad commentary on the judgment of my hon. friend from North Toronto (Mr. Foster).

In conclusion Mr. Foster said that the Conservative party at Ottawa was better organized than ever before and that its prospects were bright and unclouded for the future.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. FOSTER. That I am willing to stand by.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. I have no objection whatever that our hon. friends should have an opportunity to cheer at least once in four years. I was urging this contention, that the purport, the evident intent of the speeches delivered in this parliament by hon. gentlemen opposite was to convey to this country the impression that this bonus was paid on every continental immigrant entering the Dominion.

Mr. FOSTER. If the hon. gentleman will allow me once more to interrupt him, let me tell him, since he undertakes to interpret my intention, that such was neither my intention nor was it my impression. Over and over again I defined the classes covered by the contract, and stated as plainly as any one could that it applied to the agricultural and domestic servant class.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. I have already stated that I am not disposed to misrepre-

sent my hon. friend at all, but I have been able to read to him a portion of his speech which fairly has the meaning I have stated. But I will do my hon. friend the justice of saying that in almost every other portion of his speech he did specify upon what particular class of immigrants this bonus was to be paid. What I am pointing out is the effect which this speech of my hon. friend had on the country and how it was received by the press. The morning after it was made, the Ottawa 'Journal', thus discussed editorially the subject of the debate the previous evening :

This is asserted by Mr. Foster and not denied by the present Minister of the Interior in his reply, that the North Atlantic Trading Company was to get \$5 per head upon every immigrant who arrived in Canada from any number of countries in Europe, whether the company sent him or not.

The Ottawa 'Citizen' understood the hon. gentleman's remarks to have the same meaning. I admit that the fault may not have been entirely his but to some extent it was. The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal 'Gazette', the Ottawa correspondent of the 'Mail and Empire', the correspondents of several other papers, published in Canada, referred to my hon. friend's speech as if he intended to convey to the country the impression that the bonus was paid upon every continental immigrant who landed on our shores.

It is not fair to the administration, and does not conduce to a clear understanding of the contract, if the press of the country will not give its readers the plain facts. Now, I stated a few moments ago, that, in many respects, the speeches made by hon. gentlemen who support the amendment were pregnant with misstatement and concealment. I wish to refer to a portion of the remarks of the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) to illustrate the fact that hon. gentlemen supporting the amendment are not at all careful of their facts. The hon. gentleman said :

Another disclosure of the investigation, so far as it has proceeded, is that we do not deal directly with this company in making the payments. The payments, amounting to this large sum of \$250,000 were remitted to England. I do not say that in all cases they were remitted to Mr. Preston himself, but there can be no doubt that some of those remittances were made to him directly.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I deliberately make the statement that there is not the slightest evidence before this parliament to warrant my hon. friend (Mr. Monk) in making that statement. Had he taken the trouble to look at the cheques that were before the committee, he would have found that, while some of them were signed by Mr. Preston, but they were also signed by Lord Strath-