

been very ably referred to by my hon. friend from Victoria, and he mentions this report as being very exact and accurate in all its statements. He will find, however, that the tables are totally unreliable. I will call his attention to page 74 and page 134. He states on page 74 that the town of Woodstock has 14 new industries, started since 1878, employing 113 hands, whose yearly aggregate of weekly wages amounts to \$510,010. That would be an average of \$4,513 a week for each hand, and yet my hon. friend says that the Liberal press is entirely wrong when it says that this report is inaccurate.

HON. MR. MACDONALD (B. C.)—It is a printer's mistake evidently.

HON. MR. McCLELAN—The same statement appears in two different places, and if a typographical error the totals would not correspond, but they do in the report, and it requires a great deal of exertion sometimes to counteract the effects which such statements produce. I have been trying all the evening myself to correct palpable errors of the hon. gentlemen opposite. To send the report all over the country with such mis-statements would be positively delusive and misleading, and therefore the statement of my hon. friend that the newspapers were wrong in their criticisms is not justifiable. This report would be about as useful and reliable, so far as the information which it professes to contain is concerned, as the Arabian Nights, or some other work of fiction. It is not exactly what the Government or anybody else wanted, but if it is reprinted I would suggest that it be printed in the Chinese language. Many of us will remember the legend of the old piper of Hameln. When that ancient city was infested with rats, which the people heartily desired to get rid of, they agreed to pay the old piper a certain sum of money to do so. The piper by his music and charms, and the grotesqueness of his dress, induced the rats to follow him, and they were destroyed.

HON. MR. MACDONALD—That has been the effect of the hon. gentleman's speech on the House. It is decidedly thinned out.

HON. MR. McCLELAN—No, the members did not come in, and I am unable, like the piper, to attract them. What I was going to say to my hon. friend is, if it is proposed to re-print this report it should be printed in the Chinese language, with his additional endorsement of its absolute correctness, in figures and groups of figures—and I can imagine my hon. friend, leading the way through the defiles and canons of the Rockies, with the entire following of the Mongolians wending their way to this Mecca of high wages in Woodstock, N.B., where they would each earn \$4,513 a week for wages, and I am sure if my hon. friend would adopt that course he would be favored by the extermination of the Chinese of British Columbia, and then the occupation of the Vigilance Committee will be gone. I trust that my hon. friend will be very much better rewarded if he adopts the suggestion, than the piper to whom I have just alluded as indicated in the sequel to the old story. I am satisfied, however, that my hon. friend will undoubtedly receive proper consideration for the ability which he has displayed in bringing this important subject to the notice of this Chamber, and seeing to it that this report is re-published and circulated everywhere, even in British Columbia; but I say, notwithstanding all the credit which I am disposed to give the commissioner who has been employed to go round and make those inquiries and compile this report, it will scarcely answer any practical end that I know of, unless it reaches the hands of the Mongolian in the manner I have suggested.

I have to apologize again for trespassing so much on the time and attention of this honorable Chamber. I felt that it became my duty, as a representative from one of the Maritime Provinces, and knowing the evils that are springing up amongst us by the inauguration and continuance of this policy, which I know to be invidious and hard to be borne, to state its effect not only there, but in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and in fact throughout the Dominion of Canada. Whatever hon. gentlemen may say, and whatever a majority of this House may say, and whatever they may reiterate, it is a policy which is contrary to English precedent; it is a policy which is calculated to degrade and injure, and lower the interests

HON. MR. McCLELAN.