

have proved exactly the claim made by the Conservative members of the House and by large sections of the people in general. What do we find upon investigation in Nova Scotia? We find that where it costs a little over \$2.10, not exceeding \$3, to produce the coal, those only a short distance from the mines have to pay \$6.25, \$6.75 and \$7 for their coal while the same article is being delivered to larger firms such as the great railways, and even in the city of Montreal, at \$3 or \$4 per ton. It was found that coal was being delivered to the Intercolonial Railway, the government road, at a siding at Sydney or at Pictou for \$3.10 per ton. Well, it seems to me, that the results have demonstrated that the men who were opposing certain sections of that contract took a wise course and clearly foresaw the events which have actually happened. I repudiate the charge that the Conservative party in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island or any province of this Dominion are or were against the bringing in of capital, the establishing of industries and the building up of this country. What the Conservative party have always stood for throughout their history is the building up, within this Canada of ours, of a great nation. That is what we stood for previous to the 21st September and that is what the Conservative party, if it is true to its own ideals, will always stand for in the history of this Dominion. We were told that down in Nova Scotia we had Conservatives going on the platform and saying that it would be disloyal to trade with the United States. I venture to say that there is not a Conservative candidate in Nova Scotia who ever made such a foolish statement as to say it was disloyal to trade with the United States. That statement was made on the stump in Nova Scotia and throughout the Dominion by the very men who make it to-day in this House and it was made in a sarcastic way for the purpose of getting around the argument that confronted them. In my own constituency I was asked by a very estimable lawyer and a member of the local legislature if the fact that we got a dozen eggs from the United States, or we got two cents more for our eggs in the United States, would jar my loyalty any? I submit that a child would know better than that. When hon. gentlemen opposite say that Conservative members have said in Nova Scotia that it was disloyal to trade with the United States, I say they are but stating that which they themselves stated, to my own knowledge, upon the hustings in the province of Nova Scotia.

I was very glad to hear the hon. gentleman admit that the government of Nova Scotia has done very little for immigration. Practically all they have ever done,

is to come out at the first of the year and state that Nova Scotia is in the greatest state of prosperity that could be imagined. The newspaper supporting that administration displays in large headlines the announcement that Nova Scotia is most prosperous and that immigration is flowing in every year at the rate of one thousand a month or some such exaggerated figure. And, when the proper time comes around, these self same gentlemen declare that Nova Scotia is going backward, and that reciprocity with the United States is the panacea. The hon. gentleman told us that we had no market in which to sell our potatoes, but I can tell him that in the county of Kings, which I have the honour to represent, we grew 250,000 bushels of potatoes last year and we had a market for all of them. Let me tell him, further, that a few days previous to the 21st of September, when the Liberals were telling the people that what we wanted was the market of the United States for our potatoes, a carload of American potatoes came right into my own constituency and were retailed to the people of the town at a lower price than our own farmers were getting for their potatoes in the home market. That was a fine illustration of the absurdity of the argument put up by hon. gentlemen on the other side. I am very glad that carload of potatoes came because had I not such a concrete evidence as that of the absurdity of the contention set up by the Liberals, I might not have the honour and pleasure of sitting in this House to-day. The hon. gentleman told us that we had no market for our lumber, but I would point out to him that in Nova Scotia we are disposing of our lumber at the rate of four hundred million feet a year, which is one hundred million feet faster than it is growing. Will the hon. gentleman tell me that that is not taking away from the forest fast enough? In the face of all this evidence these gentlemen opposite have the effrontery to tell us that we have no market. The hon. gentleman told us that we had no market for our fish, which seems to me to be a peculiar statement. Does the hon. gentleman forget that we took over \$7,000,000 worth of fish from the waters of Nova Scotia alone last year and would he pretend that we are not selling this fish and that the men who cure it and distribute it are not making a profit and the fishermen a living?

Will the hon. gentleman state in this House now that there is no market for the products of the canning establishments in Nova Scotia? Why, if he looked at the returns published by the provincial govern-