

which I have here, and in reply I received from him a letter, dated 8th June, 1892, to this effect:

" Mr Borden,—We find all the names you gave me excepting Henry A. Palmer, in Medford, and Mrs. Peter Weaver, Blomidon. There are lots of Weavers, but not "Peter." She may be down under her own Christian name.

" "GEORGE JOHNSON."

" So that out of fifty names, or thereabouts, which I submitted, it turned out, according to the evidence of the commissioner himself, that forty-eight were on the list. Now I will submit a statement showing where these people are who were returned by the census enumerators in 1891 as residents of King's County at that time. I have here a number of affidavits, which the gentleman to whom I have already referred, Mr. Samuel I. Kerr, obtained with reference to these names. I shall not now trouble the House by reading them, but I think the question is of sufficient importance to justify me in devoting at least a few moments to its discussion, because if the same kind of thing has been carried on generally throughout the Dominion the census returns are utterly worthless. I do not say that it has been confined to the last census. It may have been carried on under former censuses, and, if so, it is absolutely necessary that the Government and the country should understand it, and that measures should be taken before another census is taken to prevent any such fraudulent returns being made in the future. In the first place, I find a family of six people, of the name of Morris, returned as residents of the Dominion of Canada, in the County of King's, who have been absent in the United States, one for six years, another for nine years, another for two years, another for four years, another four years, and another for two years. The next is a family of five, who have been absent, respectively, one and a half years, seventeen years, seven years, nine years and five years—absolutely residing in the United States, and never coming home except for a short visit of one or two weeks in a year, and some not coming back for years. The next is a family of six, living in the