

and under this new order it was found that on the average 4,000 a month had returned. What would have been the record if the order had gone forth to take account of the people who had been less than six months in the United States? I know of hundreds of people along the border who go across from the Province of Quebec into the State of Maine or New Hampshire with the intention of staying three or four months and who do return to Canada.

I desire to repeat to this honourable Chamber a very interesting statement made elsewhere. According to the United States Immigration Department, between the years 1910 and 1920, 742,000 Canadians crossed the border; that is, one-tenth of our then population. But what does the United States Census Department say? I cited the Immigration Department's record, but the Census Department of the Republic declares that in 1920 there were 78,000 fewer native-born Canadians in the United States than were recorded in 1910. In order to know exactly what all such figures as are mentioned for the current year are worth, it will be necessary to await the Census of 1930, five years hence, and then we may be surprised to find that the people who seemed to have gone to the United States are not there. Most of them will have returned in the interval to Canada.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: Does the honourable gentleman mean that there is no emigration from Canada to the States?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Emigration from Canada? Oh, there is; but there is emigration from the United States as well.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: Does my honourable friend mean us to understand that there is as much back?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I mean only to give these two figures. The Immigration Department declares that from 1910 to 1920 742,000 Canadian-born crossed over to the United States as emigrants; but when the Census was taken it was found that the native-born Canadians were fewer by 78,000 in 1920 than in 1910.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: Does my honourable friend know that almost anything can be proven from those figures that he is quoting now; but when you go about the country and see settlements depopulated and you know that the people are gone and are not coming back, you are very apt to lose faith in these figures.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: They are coming back.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I am simply citing those figures for the purpose of affirming with my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Tanner) that we must not be too cocksure about the statistics taken from either side. It is in answer to my honourable friends that I give these figures, as being quite illuminating, if they are explainable.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: We have authorities like the Premier of Nova Scotia and the late Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia, who retired a few weeks ago, and other eminent gentlemen, who have come up to Ottawa and told the honourable gentlemen of the Federal Government that there is what they call an alarming exodus of young people. Premier Armstrong of Nova Scotia came up here twelve months ago and informed you that the fishing districts of Nova Scotia are depopulated, which is a fact. They are depopulated—actually cleaned out.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Of course, my honourable friend knows why.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: My honourable friend tells us that these figures prove that nothing of the kind happened.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not say that nothing of the kind happened, but my honourable friend knows very well why the fisherman of Nova Scotia is attracted to the other side, and perhaps he might desire to return to 1911 and wish he had not voted against reciprocity at that time.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: What we want is people, not figures.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I know there are New Brunswickers also who night and day are deploring the rejection of reciprocity in 1911, and I believe that Nova Scotia would not to-day refuse reciprocity with the United States.

Hon. Mr. TESSIER: But they cannot get it.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Hear, hear. They cannot get it. That is right.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: We cannot get it, but when we could get it it was refused.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Never could get it.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: There is something in keeping it after you get it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Of course, there is that to be considered.

My honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Robertson) has spoken of the unemployment situation as