

Surely nobody can believe, in the face of those figures, that the Niagara District is being deserted; and therefore I say it was unnecessary to make an appeal to the loyalty of the people of the Niagara Peninsula. The hon. gentleman said also that the Franchise Act and the misgovernment of the country had caused this emigration. I cannot understand how he makes use of such an argument. He represented to us that the people were leaving the country because they had been robbed of their rights through the appointment of revising barristers under the control of the Government, and, what was worse, because the lists, after being made out, were printed at the printing bureau in Ottawa. Now, when the laws of this country are made, who prints them—is it not the Government? Did it ever occur to any member of this House, or any man in this country to question the correctness of the laws, because they are printed by the Government? Now, the revising officers are not under the control of the Government. They are appointed by the Governor-General in Council, it is true, but they are as free from Government control after their appointment as are the judges of the land. If the hon. member had referred to section 11 of the Franchise Act, he would have seen that none of them can be removed except by Parliament.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN—In Prince Edward Island they are judges.

Hon. Mr. VIDAL—So they are nearly everywhere.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—The hon. gentleman and the hon. member from Marquette referred to the census returns and made comparisons, to the disadvantage of this country, between the increase of population in some of the neighbouring states and in Ontario. It has already been shown that the bases of this comparison were not correct. It is true that a portion of Canada has not increased in the proportion that everybody anticipated, but the increase has been about twelve per cent. We find that in the neighbouring country there was a good deal of disappointment at the result of their last census—the population had not increased to the extent that they had looked for. In the state of Maine, for instance, which is pretty nearly similar to the province of Quebec, the increase was only 1.75 per cent. In

Vermont, which also adjoins the province of Quebec, there was a decrease of two-hundredths of one per cent, so I do not think that much importance can be attached to the hon. gentleman's argument. The hon. gentleman from Marquette stated that the census returns relating to industries gave erroneous figures. In the last census a distinction is made between industries and industrial establishments, and there is no ground for the complaint which we have heard from the Opposition. None of those small factories that the hon. gentleman has referred to as employing only three or four hands are included in the industrial establishments. They have all been omitted from the returns, and I think that the hon. member has founded most of his complaint on an article recently published by the *Globe*. A reply was sent to the *Globe* for publication, and although several days have elapsed since then it has not yet appeared in the columns of that paper.

Hon. Mr. BOULTON—I think the hon. gentleman is not quite correct in his statement, because there appears in bulletin number 8 a reference to an establishment in which only one operative is engaged.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—Some of those bulletins were prepared with very great haste and were revised since, and when the hon. gentleman gets the revised edition of the census he will find that no establishment so small as that is included in the industrial establishments. But it was pointed out that there was a decrease in the population of the Maritime Provinces. I must draw the attention of the House to the fact that immigration is not exclusively under the control of the Government of Canada. The Local Governments have also something to do with the matter, and if there is to be blame attached to any one, at least it should be shared by the local administrations of the provinces that have been mentioned. If New Brunswick has not increased in the proportion anticipated, perhaps the hon. gentleman might address some of his reproaches to the Liberal Government who are governing that province.

Hon. Mr. POWER—They have not had a Liberal Government in New Brunswick since Confederation.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—Well, what is it?