

national policy and if that policy were brought into operation hon. gentlemen could not present the magnificent statement that my hon. friend the hon. Minister of the Interior is able to present here in regard to immigration coming into the country. They could go back to the conditions that then prevailed when there was stagnation in the North-west Territories in comparison with the conditions that are prevailing to-day. Those conditions might be brought back, but the public opinion of Canada would take good care that they are not brought back by putting again in power the men under whose policy and government those conditions existed.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). I think we ought to send for the hon. Postmaster General (Hon. Sir William Mulock) because I think the hon. Minister of Finance (Hon. Mr. Fielding) is making a strong bid for the succession for which he was named by his colleague the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Hon. Mr. Préfontaine) about seven or eight months ago. The hon. minister told us about the workshops booming, warehouses being full, and everything being lovely in his budget speech, and then six or eight weeks after he had to face the condition of things which he proposes to meet by the motion which is now on the Order paper. He tells us that everything is delightful and that nothing is required to be done, but now he has his motion on the Order paper forced upon him by the condition of things in respect to the iron and steel industry which, only a few weeks before he thought was highly satisfactory.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. It was under the policy of this government that the steel industry was developed while under the policy of hon. gentlemen opposite its condition was such that it was unable to pay any dividends. That was the condition of the industry under the national policy.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). My hon. friend has brought down a policy of bounties to the steel industry which since 1887 he and his friends have denounced through the length and breadth of the country; and if it is necessary the quotations of some of these utterances can be got and given to him.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. And if necessary some quotations can be given from the utterances of the hon. leader of the opposition about that time. No great profit would come from our consideration of these things.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). I challenge my hon. friend now or at any time to produce one single line to the effect that he has mentioned, and he can take his time to look up the quotations and bring them down because to bring them down is impossible.

Mr. WILSON. I have been listening very attentively to the speeches that have been made.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING.

An hon. MEMBER. We do not want any more.

Mr. WILSON. I will speak just as long as I like. I suppose I have the same rights as anybody else in this House and when I want information to get up and ask for it. I would like to ask the hon. minister if a successor has been appointed to Mr. Devlin in Dublin and if there is what his salary is to be and whether he is to be furnished with a house as Mr. Devlin was. I should like to know why a house was furnished to the agent in Dublin and not to the agent at London. Then, I see that we have Mr. G. B. Smart, inspector of pauper children at a salary of \$1,400 a year. I do not know what his duties are. I do not know where the pauper children come from. Then, I see that there is Mr. Corry—

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. If the hon. gentleman wants these questions answered he will have to ask one at a time as my memory is short.

Mr. WILSON. Has there been a successor appointed to Mr. Devlin, if so at what salary and is there to be a free house furnished him?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. The position of agent at Dublin is now being filled by Mr. W. Webster, who was formerly in the service, with a salary of \$1,500. He was formerly Mr. Devlin's assistant. He is now in the same place and no successor has been appointed to Mr. Devlin.

Mr. WILSON. Would the hon. minister tell us what Mr. Smart's duties are?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. There is an arrangement under which pauper children who from time to time are sent out under the direction of the board of trade are inspected and the board of trade pays the cost of the inspection. The board of trade asks us to provide an inspector who shall go from place to place and see the children who are placed with farmers in different parts of Canada. The inspection is required to be a personal and careful examination, so that the inspector goes there, sees the child and ascertains how he is getting along. It is the business of this inspector to make this inspection.

Mr. WILSON. Does the board of trade pay him?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. The report goes to the board of trade and the expense are paid by it.

Mr. WILSON. Well then there is Mr. Corry, inspector with a salary of \$2,400.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Mr. Corry is not an officer of the Immigration Department.

Mr. WILSON. Is Mr. White?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Yes, Mr. White is travelling inspector of agencies in the United States.