

man might have known that he was foreclosing me on a subject on which I feel very strongly. Had he brought this question on at the time fixed for discussion—

Mr. BLAKE. I beg the hon. gentleman's pardon. The hon. member for Renfrew declined to accept the arrangement that was proposed, and therefore the hon. gentleman is left perfectly free to discuss it.

Mr. POPE. I am ready to stand by every statement I have made. I have always advocated the bringing of immigrants into this country. And the hon. gentleman will not find anything in any letter or cablegram out of which he can make any capital against the Government. I will accept the hon. gentleman's challenge when the papers come down. I am willing the motion should be carried, but I ask that it be extended a little so that it shall include all telegrams sent from this country in which it was represented that there was no labour to be found here for immigrants; and also that it shall include clippings from such newspapers of Canada as have represented the same thing.

Mr. BLAKE. Let the hon. gentleman amend my motion if he chooses to do so.

Mr. POPE moved that the following words be added to the motion:—"Also copies of all cablegrams from Canada and cuttings from Canadian newspapers transmitted to England, and all correspondence obtainable on the subject of the labour demand in this country."

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

NEW MODEL OF A BALLOT BOX.

Mr. OUIMET moved that the petition of Joseph Dominique Ernest Myrand, of the city of Quebec, read and received on the 25th February, instant, praying for an examination of his new model of a ballot box, be referred to a Select Committee of this House, to consist of Messrs. Bossé, Shakespeare, Royal, White (Cardwell), Hall, McMaster, Laurier, Weldon, Daly, Landry (Kent), Davies, Trow, Haggart, Kaulbach and the mover, with instructions to examine the merits of the said ballot box and report to this House as to the expediency of adopting the same for Dominion elections.

Mr. IVES. I suggest that the name of the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Girouard) be added to the Committee.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I suggest that the name of the hon. member for Algoma (Mr. Dawson) be added.

Mr. OUIMET. I have no objections to add the names mentioned.

Mr. BLAKE. I suggest the addition of the name of the hon. member for Montmagny (Mr. Landry).

Mr. OUIMET. I may say to those hon. gentlemen whose names I have selected without consultation with them, that the duty will not involve any great loss of time, as it will not require more than half an hour or an hour to examine the wonderful box, which, as I am told, will do away with all ballot papers, and evils and mistakes which ensue from them.

Mr. MILLS. This may be a very interesting invention. If the hon. gentleman says it does away with ballot papers, it may be just as well that the ballot boxes should return candidates as the returning officers.

Mr. PATTERSON (Essex). I hope this invention will also embrace some arrangement by which the ballot boxes will always arrive in time.

Mr. FERGUSON (Leeds and Grenville). I suggest the addition of the name of the hon. member for East Simcoe (Mr. Cook).

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

Mr. POPE,

TREATY BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

Mr. BLAKE moved for copies of all despatches, and correspondence and reports, not already brought down, on the subject of a treaty between Great Britain and Germany under which immigrants to Canada shall enjoy the same immunity on visiting Germany as those who have become American citizens. Also, concerning concessions from the Prussian and Bavarian Governments to the Allan Canadian line of steamers as to the agencies and booking office in Germany. Also, as to a monthly steamer of the North German Lloyds' from Hamburg to Montreal. Also, as to the setting apart of a tract of land for German immigrants and for Swiss immigrants respectively. He said: This motion is also founded on the same report of the High Commissioner to which I alluded a moment ago. In that report the High Commissioner, after his visit to the continent, stated that one of the greatest difficulties in procuring immigration from the German Empire was the lack of a treaty such as that which is mentioned in this notice, and such as we know has been the subject of discussion for a considerable time; and he pointed out the importance of entering as early as possible upon negotiations with a view to the consummation of such a treaty. He also pointed out that concessions by the Prussian and Bavarian Governments to the Allan line of steamships, which has local agents in Germany, would be an important element in securing a large German immigration; and he also referred to the importance of making an arrangement for a monthly steamer of the North German Lloyds' from some German port to Montreal. He also referred to the importance of setting aside a tract of land for German and Swiss immigrants, respectively, as an element to be taken into account in considering the question of the immigration of people from the continent. Bearing in mind the fact that the hon. gentleman in his special capacity of conductor of the immigration business of the other side, subject to the instructions of the Minister of Agriculture, has reported on the importance of taking these steps to facilitate immigration, and in view of the fact that, in his general capacity as High Commissioner, the hon. gentleman is charged with the conduct of this class of negotiations on the other side, I think it is important to know what steps have actually been taken by him and by the Government to carry out these suggestions.

Mr. POPE. I may say that I believe the Allans are really our agents in Europe, and they are very good agents at that, and cost us nothing. As to the other matter referred to by the hon. gentleman it is very difficult to bring about. There may have been some written negotiations—I think there were some verbal communications, but whatever there is will be brought down.

Mr. BLAKE. I am glad to know that so much of the report made by the High Commissioner has been approved of by his superior officer.

Motion agreed to.

POST OFFICE AT LEAMINGTON.

Mr. LISTER moved for copies of all correspondence between the Government and any person or persons respecting the erection of a post office at Leamington, in the county of Essex. He said: I wish to say a few words with reference to this question. I may say that it is nearly two years since the General Election was held in this country, and certain constituents of the hon. member for South Essex have represented to me that previous to the Elections of 1882 not only the member for South Essex (Mr. Wigle) but the hon. member for North Essex (Mr. Patterson) promised the people of Leamington that a post office would be erected there. I am also informed that as no steps towards the