

satisfied." In reference to the coal question, not a member of the Opposition has spoken during this debate on that subject who had not attacked it, directly or indirectly. Reference had been made to the fact that the coal industry in this Province had been largely influenced for the better by the Whitney legislation of 1893. Members of the Opposition denied this, and said it was not so. They used the old argument and said that the prosperity of the coal trade was to be attributed to the National Policy of 1878. If the National Policy of '78 was responsible for the prosperity of the coal trade, and the Whitney legislation was not so responsible, then who was responsible for the deplorable and unfortunate conditions for trade, but the Hon. Member for Queens, the Hon. Member for Antigonish, and the Hon. Member for Colchester? They must either take one horn of the dilemma or the other.

The Hon. Member for Colchester made a statement that the Technical College was costing \$50,000 per year, for which he proposed to strike off at least \$25,000. As he would show later on, his figures were not correct. Members opposite were opposed to Technical Education, as far as the Technical College was concerned, while others were in favor of the Agricultural College. One said that there should be a four years' course at the Agricultural College so that it would not be necessary for the students to go to Guelph to complete their college education. Another said we should do away with the Technical College in this Province and let the students go to McGill or Queens or Worcester. If one argument was good, surely the other was equally so. How can we justify providing higher technical courses for agriculture and not other subjects?

The Hon. Member for Lunenburg was opposed to the construction of the Halifax & South Western Railway, and said the Federal Government should have built it, and so they should, but whose fault was it? Would he have advocated the Province standing by and waiting until the Federal Government were prepared and willing to build it? The same hon. gentleman had also propounded the astonishing truth that the Mines Office has ruined the wooden ship industry of Nova Scotia.

One member of the Opposition said that this Government was an Arm Chair Government, and that it was doing nothing. Another persisted and complained that this Government was doing too much, and complained because it had taken up the subjects of Farm Settlement, Technical Education, Industries and Immigration, etc. All these things were good and fair and necessary, but if the Government were progressive and are doing these things in the interests of the people of the Province, how can they be called "An Arm Chair Government" and a "Do Nothing Government?"

The fact that this Government has been making progress along these different lines should awaken hon. gentlemen opposite to the fact that if we have things in this Province of which we are proud and which are a source of satisfaction to our people, it is largely due to a Liberal Government—a Government that did things—not an Arm-Chair Government. Not only is the attitude of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition and his supporters so circuitous as to require a cory-screw to follow, but it is so irregular and varied as to be more properly characterized