

Fort William the Fort William Times Journal of April 11. The local member, Mr. Spence, was speaking at a public meeting. What do you think he said?

Mr. GOLDING: South Oxford.

Mr. HEENAN: Never mind South Oxford; listen to this—it will shame them more than South Oxford.

For some of the men the increase had meant a boost of 235 per cent in wages.

That is what the local member of the Ontario legislature for Fort William said to a lot of intelligent men—I know they are because they voted for my hon. friend over there; he tells labouring men without shame that the Tory government is now going to increase their wages 235 per cent. Then he adds that both the Fort William and the Port Arthur members had played a leading role in recent highway legislation. Well, if he takes credit for that now on the eve of an election he must also take the responsibility for the one cent cheques that have been paid for wages by the Ontario government, wages that have been paid now for three years without a protest of any description on their part. I leave it to the electors of Fort William and district whether they are going to be deceived and fooled once more, because they know very well that if by any miracle the Ontario government should be returned to power their wages will be again reduced to starvation point five minutes after the election is over. So the member for Fort William may take what credit he can for the 235 per cent increase, as well as the discredit for what I have designated as slave wages.

A gentleman by the name of Laverdure, who was sent from Ottawa to live on the public, wrote a letter to the Ottawa Journal which was published in its issue of February 16, taking me to task for a statement I made on the floor of this house. The effect of the letters is that the men were not working; that they were just treated like children; that they got porridge to eat in the morning and pies in the afternoon and sausages for lunch and carrots and something else for dinner.

Mr. COWAN (Long Lake): Well fed.

Mr. HEENAN: He said the men in these camps were well fed and well housed; that they had sausages and pies and puddings and carrots. Have I not designated those camps correctly when I call them slave camps? Anyone who reads the history of slavery knows that the slave masters fed their slaves well in order that they could work and produce more.

We know that the slave owners had medical men to look after them and tried to keep the slaves happy and contented because they wanted them to feel comfortable so that they would produce more. Everyone who knows anything about this gentleman to whom I refer knows how he was sent to the camps in our district, what influences were brought to bear to have him sent there and what he was sent for. I may tell you that I have a letter in my possession stating that he is not a \$10 a month man but a \$70 a month man, who is willing to sign any letters that are prepared for him by the Ontario government. The whole practice is to have two or three men in each camp who are willing to write or sign letters to repudiate anything that may be said by the local member in the Ontario legislature, Mr. Hutchinson, or by myself, so that the people in old Ontario will ask themselves whether we are stating the truth. These men who write or sign these letters do nothing else; they are excused by the bosses and do nothing but lie around the camps. They are treated like children; they are the pets. In the letter I have just received it is said that this man is getting compensation, that he has just been promoted to be assistant superintendent in Algonquin Park. That is the way the organization is carrying on; that is the way they spend the money contributed by this government, and that is where we come in. I do not mind what the Ontario government do with their own money, but I do mind what they do with federal money.

The ex-mayor of Kenora sent a telegram, which the Minister of Labour read on the floor of the house with great gusto, which said that the hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River was not speaking the truth. I wonder if the minister knows that shortly after he received that telegram the man who sent it received an appointment worth \$1,200 a year at the hands of the Ontario government as compensation for betraying his own district and his own town.

I could go on and deal with many more of these cases. We have the right to protest because we are protesting against the expenditure of federal money in order to carry on that gigantic political machine in the province of Ontario. Let me read an editorial from the Dryden Observer to indicate that the money is not well spent; the editorial refers to a disaster in which a farmer in a country district was burned to death. Due to the fact that the roads were blocked by snow, though they had plenty of machinery and men to keep the roads open, this man