

sorrowful wail, of the business men of Canada rising up in protest against the change. That was his view of the matter when our policy was laid before Parliament. It could not have been the Conservative National Policy that these people were wailing about. We shall have to ask our Conservative friends to take one side or the other on this question. If the country received a new policy as we say it did, then the Government are entitled to some credit for the initiation of that policy and for the progress which the country has made under it. If our Conservative friends wish to take the other line, and say that there has been no material change and that we have simply continued their policy, then we have a comment to make, a comment which was made in another place by my colleague, Mr. Paterson, who is with us to-night. If there has been no material change, if the same old National Policy machine has been continued in operation, then evidently the country has received great benefit from a change of management. Will not the country see that it is better to leave the machine in the hands of the new men, who have been able to produce such good results, then to let it fall back into the hands of the former managers, who, though they claim the credit of having invented it, never new how to produce satisfactory results? (Laughter and applause.)

SOUND ADMINISTRATION.

We have given you a period of eight years of strong credit and prosperous finance, little or no increase of the public debt, and eight years of an enormous increase of trade. I want to ask you to give us credit now for eight years of successful departmental administration. (Hear, hear.) The field of government at Ottawa is wide, and if time permitted it would be interesting to deal with the administration of each department, and show you what they have to do and how they do it, and what the result is to the people. But there are thirteen departments, and I have no intention of going through the list. I think I may take the two departments of my distinguished colleagues who sit here on my right and left. My friend, Mr. Emmerson, of the Maritime Provinces, sits next. But he is the baby of the Cabinet. He has not been there long enough to accumulate a stock of sins to be held responsible for. But I may take the departments of my friend, Sir William Mulock, the Postmaster-General, and my friend, the Hon. William Paterson, the Minister of Customs. (Cheers.) These gentlemen can present to you, each in his own department, the record of eight years of successful administration. (Hear, hear.) Why, Mr. Chairman, if we had nothing else to place before the country, to go before the electors of Canada than the story of Sir William Mulock's management of the Post Office Department — (applause) — that alone is enough to demand the acknowledgment and a re-