

lean-to, built against the United States, that would become the possession of our neighbours when a favourable opportunity occurred. That notion has gone; a different state of things prevails. Greater confidence in our future exists in the United Kingdom than before. The people of the mother country are taking an interest in the progress of this country, and we have secured very considerable immigration from there, from the United States, and from the continent of Europe, and we are giving to the manufacturers a home market for a larger number of articles produced in this country where their market was very inadequate before. I say that the addition of one hundred thousand a year to our population is of more consequence to our manufacturers than an advance of 5 per cent to our tariff, and all over this country we are making those advances, and we have created a confidence in the people of the country in its future that had no existence before we came into office. My hon. friend reminds me of a story told by Mr. Canning, of a gentleman in England who claimed to have made some important invention, and it did not matter what it was that was presented as new, he would say, 'that was my discovery.' Every change that we have made, and every step we have taken forward, every inhabitant we have added to the population by our policy my hon. friend says: 'Oh, that was ours. We did that. It is true it did not happen until after you got in, but after all it was done by us.' Let me call my hon. friend's attention to this fact, that while they did these wonderful things, if you look at the commerce of the country—if you look at the growth of the trade of the country—if you look at the settlement of the North-west Territories and Manitoba and other portions of the Dominion, you will see that there is a large addition to our commerce and to our population. My hon. friend, it is true, spent a very considerable amount on immigration and on the building of railways, but the lands along those railways were solitary; there were no inhabitants, and of what use was the railway? The money spent in securing immigration was money thrown away, because it turned out, after all, when the census came to be taken, that the population had not increased, and that the men

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who had settled down to-day on the Canadian side of the border were on the United States side a few days after. That is not the condition now. Look at the growth of the city of Vancouver, at the growth of Winnipeg. Look at the immense areas of land broken up and brought into cultivation. Look at the thousands of people who have gone there in the last four years, and my hon. friend can hardly say it was the policy he adopted and pursued that led to these important and beneficial changes. All these have occurred—all these are occurring—all these are contributing and giving strength and stability to our country. Our people feel more power for self-reliance and have less and less a feeling of absolute dependence upon those along our border. Your mines have been developed, your resources have been brought into active operation; you have a town, I am told, in Cape Breton with a population four years ago of less than five thousand, that has to-day thirteen thousand. My hon. friends adopted their policy in 1879. How did it happen that the city of Sydney remained stationary for eighteen years, and that suddenly it sprang into life and activity after we came into office? It was not by what my hon. friend or the government with which he was associated did; it was through what has been done by the present administration, and the confidence of the public in the present administration was shown only recently.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—Did the present administration give greater inducements to enterprises in Cape Breton?

Hon. Mr. MILLS—They gave such inducements as led to activity.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—They were not better.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—Yes, better, every way better. Better by the results that have been shown; better by the development of industries; better by the increase of population recently settled there, and the increase of population expected in the immediate future.

It being six o'clock the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned.