

College was a "White Elephant," was "useless," had produced "no results" and was only for the "favored few!"

What would they think at Ottawa if we made such a claim in view of these statements by hon. gentlemen opposite? They would say: "This is unnecessary, your public men are on record as saying that it was an absolute waste of money." In fact, he understood his hon. friend from Antigonish to go so far to favor the Dominion Government taking over and supporting the public schools or the Province, a proposition to which he (Mr. A.) could not assent.

What conclusion can the Province come to as to their varied attitudes and attacks upon the coal industry. The Hon. Leader of the Opposition himself complained in a somewhat indefinite way of the long term leases.

The Hon. Member for Queens, Mr. Hall, announced himself as absolutely opposed to the long term lease. These leases had been adopted by the Legislature unanimously, and were regarded as in the interests of developing the coal industry in the Province. No special favors were held out to any particular Company. Under the Mines Act all companies had the same privilege. The Hon. Member for Queens, Mr. Hall, went further and urged that such restrictions should be put upon the sale of coal outside of the Province as would regulate the price of coal in the Province of Nova Scotia, and complained that coal had been imported from the United States into the Montreal market at a cheaper price. Beside him sat the hon. member for Cape Breton, Mr. Butts, who more than once had made the statement in this House that the Dominion Coal Co., in spite of the fact that they had tendered for the supply of coal in the Montreal market at a low price, had been under-bid by American coal competitors. This was for the supply of a large quantity of coal for the City of Montreal. If the facts as stated by the Hon. Member for Queens were correct, why, then, does he not urge a removal of the duty on coal, if, as he states, American coal can be sold in Nova Scotia at a lesser price than Nova Scotia coal, and that is the matter of which he complains?

The Hon. Member for Colchester, Mr. Stanfield, wanted to cut out the subsidies to steam packets and ferries to the extent of at least \$50,000. This was his statement to the House, and he was so reported in the Halifax Herald. He (Hon. Mr. A.) noticed, however, that some of the Conservative papers, now seeing the predicament in which they had placed themselves, had inserted a phrase which the member for Colchester had not used, and now stated that he was to cut out unnecessary expenditures to the extent of \$50,000. The same hon. gentleman wanted to hand over the Victoria General Hospital, in which this Province had over \$200,000 invested, to the City of Halifax. He (Hon. Mr. A.) had not heard any one on the Conservative side of the House continue or advocate that argument any farther. The same hon. gentleman wanted to abandon the Department of Immigration. That was the only thing upon which there seemed to be any unanimity among the members on the opposite side of the House. The hon. member for Colchester would revolutionize the whole Mines Department and the coal mining operations in this Province, for, as he said, "the operators are dissatisfied, the public are dissatisfied, and the miners are dis-