

the people of our own country, and the records go to show that 3.3 Canadians per thousand became insane while only 1.5 foreigners become insane. This is quite a considerable percentage in favour of the foreign element and shows that they are people of good sound minds.

I do not wish to be unfair, but I think it is facts that count. If they do not count in this House they do count with the people of the country. I have decided that it would not be out of place for me to take up a few features of the immigration work of the Conservative party. In the first place I will read a portion of the regulations governing the conditions under which certain immigration work was entered upon by the late government. Arrangements were entered into by the Conservative government with twenty-six colonization companies respecting the sale of land as well as immigration. These companies were to buy certain lands at a certain price on condition that they should settle a certain number of immigrants on these lands, but these conditions were never carried out by the companies. For instance the companies were to pay \$2 an acre under one term of their contract, and if they placed a certain number of settlers they were to get the lands for \$1 an acre, but not one of these twenty-six companies ever carried out the terms of their contracts and there was no forfeiture exacted by the government. Section B of the agreement with the companies read :

On the expiration of the five years an enumeration shall be made of the bona fide settlers placed by the party in its tract, and if they are found to be as many in number and placed in the manner stipulated for in subsection E of clause 11 of these regulations, a further and final rebate of forty dollars per settler shall be repaid, which sum when added to those previously repaid to the party will amount to one-half of the purchase money of its tract and reduce the price thereof to one dollar per acre. But if it should be found that the full number of settlers required by these regulations are not on the tract, or are not placed in conformity with the said subsection, then, for each settler fewer than the required number or not settled in conformity with the said subsection, the party shall forfeit one hundred and sixty dollars of rebate.

Mr. HAGGART. Would the hon. gentleman be kind enough to lay that order in council on the table of the House.

Mr. CRAWFORD. You are welcome to anything I have here.

Mr. HAGGART. It has never been brought down to the House, and therefore I would like to get the information.

Mr. CRAWFORD. I am trying to bring it down now.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. CRAWFORD. I am showing that twenty-six contracts were made by the Con-

servative government with colonization companies and that none of these contracts were ever carried out. The Conservative government tied up millions of acres of land for years, they turned over hundreds of thousands of acres to these people and they got no settlers in return. The Conservative government set apart 2,842,742 acres for these companies; they sold to these companies 1,421,371 acres; they received on account of these lands \$731,783.92 and they allowed rebates on settlers that they never got amounting to \$204,000. Not only did the Conservative government sell the lands at \$1 an acre, but they allowed the companies' travelling expenses, advertising, office expenses and all that kind of thing amounting to \$322,158.56. Of the twenty-six companies that the arrangement was made with, nine of these companies did not place a settler on the lands at all and seventeen of them placed a few settlers. It has been stated during the course of this debate that the total number of settlers placed on these lands was 1,243, but I think I will be able to prove that there is no evidence that even this was the case. There was a penalty of \$160 provided for each settler which the companies did not secure according to the contract, but this part of the agreement was never enforced by the government. The fact of the matter is that the government sold the land to these companies not for \$2 an acre, and not for \$1 an acre, but for eighty-five cents an acre which shows you the value the Conservative government placed on our Northwest lands at that time. When we figure it up we find that each settler supposed to be placed on the land by these colonization companies cost the country \$423. As a sample of how things were done, I may state that one of these land companies was allowed by the government a sum of \$12,436 for salaries, and also travelling allowance, transportation, road work, office expenses, postage and telegrams, amounting in all to \$17,700. This company got from the Conservative government 25,215 acres of land at a figure which represents eighty-five cents an acre. I will take another man named Purcell who had a transaction with the government, and I take this merely as a sample of how our Conservative friends dealt with the lands and colonization, and how faithfully they carried out their contracts, and how unbecoming this criticism is from gentlemen on the other side on the immigration policy of this government. I quote from an order in council, dated 12th November, 1888 :

In settling with the other colonization companies whose accounts with the government have been closed, no claims for interest on instalments of money paid into the government have been allowed.

And the minister is unable to recommend a departure from that rule in the present case.

You will see how easy they were to settle.