

gentleman's only having a little joke with you? Nova Scotia is an uninhabited island in the Atlantic ocean. Now, Saskatchewan is between 4,000 and 5,000 miles from England, Nova Scotia is less than half the distance, long-peopled, storied, picturesque to the eye. Both are Canada—both are crying out for immigrants. Yet the one stands almost solely for Canada in the mind of the prospective emigrant, and the other he confuses with Nova Zembia. Could you demand a more striking tribute to the powers of advertisement? For alone of the Canadian provinces, those on the Atlantic seaboard had not shared in the astounding uplift, 'the spectacular development' which has characterized the Dominion since 1896. Hundreds of thousands of immigrants poured into the country past the forests, orchards and valleys of what has been aptly called: Canada's front door.' It was decreed that they should be carried on to where there were lands to sell and wheat to be freighted; and so they travelled westward—'gone farther and fared worse' in many cases, although serving an undeniably good end in buttressing and giving body to the lately invertebrate trunk of the Dominion, of which Nova Scotia is undeniably the 'head.'

I do not quote that paragraph for the purpose of claiming for the province from which I have the honour to come that it is the 'head' of the Dominion, nor do I ask any other hon. gentleman to subscribe to that characterization. I quote it to show that the merits of Nova Scotia are not known to the people of the mother country. And what I say with respect to Nova Scotia is, no doubt, equally true with regard to Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. One has only to peruse the reports of the Department of the Interior issued by this government to find out one reason why there has been no immigration into the maritime provinces. Take, for example, a statement showing the literature printed by the immigration branch of the Department of the Interior, as disclosed in the annual report of that department for the year ending March 31, 1911. In this report, Sessional Paper No. 25, at page 65, we find the title 'List of Publications.' And this is the way that list begins:

	Copies.
'Last Best West,' English.. . . .	571,675
" " French.. . . .	30,000
" " Danish.. . . .	10,000
" " Norwegian.. . . .	25,000
" " Swedish.. . . .	25,000
" " German.. . . .	25,000

Now, take the newspapers, for example:

Alberta 'Herald,' German	26,000
Alberta 'Herald,' German, special crop edition.	10,000
Bassan 'News'	4,000
'British News' of Canada.	52,000
'Canada Posten,' Swedish.	26,000
'Canada Posten,' Swedish, special.	5,000

And so I might go through the list showing the character of publications and show-

ing that they deal, if not solely, almost solely, with the western portion of Canada. There were printed publications of various kinds for distribution in the Department of the Interior last year to the number of 2,428,760 copies, and of these the publications dealing with the maritime provinces showed a total of only 150,000 copies. And as to these publications I shall say a word or two later. The hon. member for South Oxford (Mr. Sutherland) moved the other day for a return, a copy of which I hold in my hand. It relates to the expenditures upon immigration by the Dominion government. I find that in the last ten years there has been expended for literature for free distribution \$914,705.40, of which only \$13,760.05 went for literature descriptive of the maritime provinces. Upon examination it will be disclosed that the expenditures for the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island began only some three years ago. And I found upon inquiry that that expenditure did not come about as the freewill offering of the Department of the Interior. There was established about that time a Department of Industries and Immigration in the province of Nova Scotia, and desiring some Dominion government literature for the purpose of advertising the province, they wrote to the Department of the Interior asking for some such literature or asking that it be prepared. And the reply came back that the department could not print special literature with regard to the various provinces. I will quote one paragraph of the letter of the secretary of the Department of Industries and Immigration of Nova Scotia, showing how it came about that these publications were printed by this government.

He says:

When it was proposed that the Dominion government should issue these pamphlets, I was met with the objection that they had previously not issued anything in relation to the provinces, and therefore could not attempt it in regard to us here. I was fortunately able to show, however, that though the statement was made by the officials, pamphlets had been issued previously describing the resources of the eastern townships, Quebec, of sections of British Columbia and New Ontario.

Now, I find in the report last year of Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner of Canada, a list of some 38 successful farmer delegates who were sent by the Dominion of Canada to go to the British Isles lecturing with a view to bringing prospective immigrants back to this country. Out of these 38, descriptions of all but three of them are given, and they come from the following places: Saskatchewan, 12; Manitoba, 9; Alberta, 5; Ontario, 6; Quebec, 2; New Brunswick, 1; Nova Scotia, none; Prince Edward Island, none. So out of the 38 successful farmer delegates sent last