

bring about prosperity by the introduction of the National Policy. If you want to retain Canada for the Canadians, if you want to encourage and increase the population, the tide of immigration, abolish your National Policy altogether, and carry out a broader, more liberal, and more comprehensive Commercial Policy than you have had in force for the last twelve years. For five years you have been hoping against hope. The Minister of Finance, as anybody could see, has been whistling to keep his courage up. For five years you have been playing the part of the political bully and braggart, endeavoring to inspire your followers with the courage you did not feel yourselves. The census returns placed on the Table the other night

### Leave You in a Hopeless Muddle.

leave you in the mud, unable to extricate yourself. (Cheers.) Your late chief told us not long before his death that "this policy of protection has been so successful that former hamlets were now large villages, villages towns, and towns were claiming to be cities." The moment the National Policy was introduced, you knew it then and you know now, people fled from the land. You know it now, you knew it then, that when the National Policy had been on the Statute-book for three years, people in the far east and distant west were leaving Canada as if it were a plague-stricken country. The *Port Huron Times*, three years after the National Policy was introduced, published the following :

"Some idea may be gained of the manner in which immigration to this country is increasing, by the fact that for the quarter ending 31st December, 1879, the total number of immigrants entering this port was 22,600, an increase of 15,284 over a corresponding period in 1897. Of this number 14,937 were males, and 7,633 were females. The number of children under five years of age was 1,808 females. The nativity of these immigrants was as follows :

England.....	480
Ireland.....	81
Scotland.....	58
Germany.....	163
Sweden.....	30
Norway.....	64
Denmark.....	60
France.....	102
Russia.....	17
Quebec and Ontario.....	21,336
Nova Scotia.....	157
New Brunswick.....	52

Of this number 176 were cabinet makers, 741 carpenters, 2,804 farmers, 482 farm labourers, 7,505 labourers and 134 shoemakers. Nearly all of these immigrants brought with them enough money to give them a start in the new world to which they have come."

A Michigan paper published in Detroit said :

"The new tariff is discouraging the Canadians with their country, and they are flocking by thousands to this."

A paper in Liverpool, N.S., said :

"It is estimated that 260 farmers with their families left Liverpool a few days ago to take up land in Texas. Most of them were fairly provided with means."

A newspaper published in Prince Edward Island said :

"It is estimated that over 300 people have left Summerside within the last eight months, and only 7 new immigrants have come to it. The National Policy has not helped Prince Edward Island or Summerside so far."

The moment your policy was introduced that was the result. It had not been in force for more than three years until the people were flocking from the country. They have continued to leave since—annually—by thousands, as is shown by the returns placed on the Table of the House. I was glad to see some sign of feeling on the part of hon. gentlemen opposite when these returns reached the House. It is a sign of improvement, a satisfactory sign of the times to find hon. gentlemen on the Treasury benches touched by the terrible disclosures made in their own census returns. The jaded and faded face of the Minister of Finance after the census returns were placed on