

manufacturers announcing that they must reduce the wages of their hands or they could not compete with foreigners. If Great Britain adopted a different policy—he did not say whether it would or not—it would have something to offer other nations to induce them to admit its manufactures at lower duties. At all events, the Government felt they were acting in this question in the interests of Canada, which looked to the Government and to Parliament to legislate in its interests. It was all very well to make this a cheap country to live in, but if the people had no employment, low prices were useless. If we desire the Dominion to become what we expect to see

it, we must not only bring people into it, but retain those already here, each of whom, according to the calculations of hon. gentlemen opposite, was worth \$1,000. At a subsequent stage the House would enter into the details of the proposals, which could then be discussed more fully, but he was satisfied that today the people of the country were in favour of the National Policy. Hon. gentlemen opposite said the sun was shining on their side. If it were so, let them bask in it, but they on the Ministerial benches believed that the Policy submitted would promote prosperity and happiness to the country.