

something like that. But now we are not satisfied with that policy. We are going to assist colony settlement. We are going to buy the land, build the house, break so much land, and supply these men with stock, such as a cow, a couple of pigs and so on, so that they can start farming. That is part of the policy that is aided and abetted by the present administration. I do not know that it is of any use for me to continue a discussion of this kind.

Mr. VALLANCE: May I ask the hon. member a question?

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Just a moment until I get through this sentence. I have protested in every way and appealed to the administration not to destroy the effective force overseas engaged in checking the mental and physical qualities of intending immigrants. I have protested against the continued pouring out of the money of the taxpayers of this country on various policies of immigration, against spending three millions a year for three years with the result that all we can show is a net loss of 29,422, a loss equivalent to all the immigrants we have brought in. Such a policy as that should be no longer countenanced by this country. Until either the economic condition of Canada is altered by wise and effective legislation, until some change takes place in the whole social and economic structure of Canada the administration is no longer justified in spending money in bringing to this country men who may in rare instances succeed but who in the majority of instances will only add to the load of taxation which rests on the shoulders of the farmers of this country, and which the Minister of Finance has made all the greater by his income tax reductions. Now I am willing to answer my hon. friend's question.

Mr. VALLANCE: Do you believe that the placing, we will say, of an agriculturist with a family of five on a farm warrants us in placing an industrialist in some urban centre in eastern Canada? Does not the one take care of the other?

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Yes.

Mr. VALLANCE: Well then you and I agree.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I am not sure that we do.

Mr. VALLANCE: We do in this respect.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): The hon. gentleman will be able to make his speech when I get through. If he has a question to put I will answer him; but I do not want him

to make a speech at this particular moment. Let me say to the minister that I have in my hand a publication entitled "Canada's Population Problem" issued by a self-appointed immigration expert of the department known as Charles W. Peterson. Mr. Peterson is the publisher of the Farm and Ranch Review and Western Dairyman. This publication is heavily subsidized by the Canadian Pacific Railway, in fact Mr. Peterson voices largely the propaganda of that company. On page 10 of the pamphlet mentioned we find the following remarks:

The home market now absorbs 837 million dollars' worth of agricultural products as against our export market of 600 millions. The annual per capita consumption of farm products in Canada is thus \$87.50. The western farmer, producing almost entirely for export, receives little benefit from our present home consumption of farm products, but with our population doubled the domestic market would look up as a very important factor in his sales.

So far very nice:

At present—

Mr. Peterson alleges very truly:

—he is at the mercy of overseas countries, which are now striving with every nerve, and with more or less success, to promote decreased agricultural imports. At any moment he may be virtually closed out by tariff walls, as happened to his animal products in the United States market.

So far so good, but now Mr. Peterson proceeds to contradict himself in the very next paragraph. He says:

Our farmers, particularly those of the west, are often apprehensive of the effect of largely augmented agricultural production on market prices. The increasing population of Europe and the development of trade in agricultural products with the teeming millions of oriental countries, coupled with the rising home demands of many of the present exporting countries, will amply counterbalance any enhanced Canadian production of basic foodstuffs. So we need not apparently concern ourselves overmuch about the question of not finding a ready market for any volume of Canadian staple agricultural products we are apt to raise.

In one paragraph he warns you not to fear the possibility of an over production, and in the previous paragraph he warns you very seriously that there is a grave danger that the policy of foreign countries will cut down your export market. That is the kind of contradiction you find in the arguments of people who look at this immigration problem in a superficial manner; and I may say there is no one so completely superficial in discussing the immigration problem of Canada as the same gentleman, Mr. C. W. Peterson, publisher of The Farm and Ranch Review and Western Dairyman unless it be the de-