

kenzie and Mann in their heyday sent three or four trains to the West. I got three telegrams to accompany the party, but I replied: "No, you can't catch me with a drink and a free passage." But all those gentlemen went there and they whooped it up for the Canadian Northern; their hands were tied, and the Government finally had to take it over. What could they say? They had been entertained; they had eaten salt with their bread. That would be foreign to my ideas, and is so to-day. I think this shipbuilding question is a very large one; it is like throwing your bread on the water, as the Scripture says, and it may return again, but it might return without the crust. I have asked the honourable leader of the Government to give us some assurance that St. John is not to be ruled out in the Subsidy Act, but that we are going to be encouraged, so that I can say when I go home: "Look at what the Government has done; it is going to give us a chance to build ships." They will say: "Where are our members? what did they say?" Well, I don't know what to answer; they did not say anything. If they ask me, "How do you know the Government are going to do that?" I will answer: "I don't know at all, but I believe it, I hope it, because I hope the Government of the day is intelligent." All I ask is that there should be in this Bill something to show that St. John is a shipbuilding port. The minister does not want to give us the assurance for which I ask, but we shall not be ruled out of court.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: I think if there was anything to convince this country that the Bill should not be passed it was the speech of the honourable Minister of Labour in which he said that if some assistance were not given, the shipyards in Canada would be shut up and many thousands of men would be thrown out of employment.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: If my honourable friend would quote me correctly he would not say that, because that is not what I said.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: It is very difficult to hear my honourable friend. He talks so low that anyone sitting behind him does not hear him distinctly; but I know he referred to the closing up of the shipyards and the putting of a lot of men out of employment.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is my honourable friend's own misfortune if he is sitting behind the minister, for he need not.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: I chose my own seat, and, while I do not agree with this measure of the Government, there is a great deal that my honourable friend on that side says that I do not agree with—not for one second. Generally speaking, I am favourable to the low-tariff policy that we used to advocate on that side of the House, but I am not so sure that a good many of my honourable friends now advocate that policy.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: You will again, when you come back to us.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: My sympathies are altogether with the Farmers' party, I am much more in favour of the Farmers' party and the policy they advocate, because I believe firmly that if they had the opportunity they would go a good deal further along the lines that I believe in than would my honourable friends opposite with whom I formerly acted.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The honourable leader of the Government will have to establish cross-benches in this Chamber before long.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: If the honourable leader of the Government had cross-benches established in this Chamber I would sit on them. However, that is neither here nor there.

If I have misinterpreted my honourable friend I apologize for not hearing him correctly; but I understood the trend of his argument to be that if this assistance were not given shipbuilding would cease and men would be thrown out of employment. Now, for whom is this legislation passed? It is not for the labour men, because there is not one labour man in Canada who, if the shipbuilding were shut down tomorrow, could not get work, plenty of it, at good, high wages, because there are hundreds of industries to-day suffering for lack of men: they cannot get them for love or money.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: I would like to ask the honourable gentleman a question. Does he believe that a technical rivetter could get as much pay working on a farm in the Northwest as he could earn in a shipyard? It is nonsense to talk about getting enough to keep body and soul together.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: I am not speaking of work on the farm, but I see there is a call for 50,000 men for the farms in the West. And let me tell my honourable friend, if he does not know it already—but