

ed in the case, he could not have ordered a suspension of proceedings. But as the Attorney General for Canada was prosecuting that indictment, he had power to stay the proceedings or to go on with the case. The Minister of Justice having received the complaint that the jury had been packed—I have no opinion to offer at this moment upon that point—but application having been made to the Attorney General, whose agent was prosecuting that indictment at Battleford, saying that the jury had been packed, the Attorney General ordered his agent not to proceed with the case until he had an opportunity of investigating that allegation. That is all there is to this case. I need not tell my hon. friend that the Attorney General prosecuting the indictment against James Skelton, was quite within his rights when he ordered a stay of proceedings until another term.

Mr. DAVIN. I may be permitted, I think, by the House—

Some hon. MEMBERS. No, no.

Mr. SPEAKER. Only by the unanimous consent of the House.

Motion agreed to and the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Immigration—Salaries of agents and employees in Canada \$40,000

Mr. DAVIN. On May 23rd we went through in one night an immense mass of estimates, and they were passed without discussion on the understanding that on this one item that was reserved, we could discuss anything connected with the Department of the Interior. I think the Minister of Finance will bear me out.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. I do not know that I said we could discuss everything in the Department of the Interior, but it was understood that everything comprised within these items could be discussed, that we should not be tied to any one.

Mr. DAVIN. What we want to discuss is immigration just now. I want to say to the Minister of the Interior that, looking over the reports of the Interior Department in regard to immigration, I find that a large mass of immigrants coming into this country are Galicians. Far be it for me to say anything against any class of men, no matter how poor they may be. I find from the reports of the department that up to December, 10,864 immigrants came in, of whom 4,363 were Galicians. The hon. gentleman will remember that the Galicians that were taken up to Yorkton were miserably poor, and were declared by persons who were well acquainted with them to be unfit for settlement. Not only that, but we have the authority of an hon. member of this House, a supporter of hon gentlemen opposite, who, speaking of this Galician immigration said:

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"This is not an immigration, it is a deportation." It seems that we are not getting from Galicia the best Galicians.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Who is the gentleman that used that language?

Mr. DAVIN. The hon. member for Alberta (Mr. Oliver). I received only to-day a letter from Yorkton complaining bitterly of that Galician immigration. The fact is that we are getting an ineffective immigration, and the amount of money spent on immigration is much larger than the results we obtain from it. In one place after another we find men employed apparently for the purpose, not of inducing immigration, but of rewarding supporters. For instance, in the State of Michigan, we have Mr. James Grieve, who was a member of this House.

Mr. MCGREGOR. And a good member too.

Mr. DAVIN. He was appointed, however, by the party which declared that members of Parliament should not be rewarded.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. DAVIN. No members were to be rewarded for their services; we were not to have any nepotism.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. OSLER. It is too bad that we cannot have reasonable common sense courtesy shown by members on the back benches.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I ask members of the committee to listen to the discussion.

Mr. DAVIN. At St. Paul we have Benjamin Davies, a relative of the honoured and titled gentleman who presides over the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and he has a salary of \$1,500 a year. He is a brother of the Minister, and was put right into St. Paul as immigration agent.

Mr. CLARKE. Who is that?

Mr. DAVIN. He is a brother of a Minister, who was one of the loudest denouncers of nepotism when he was on this side of the House. Then we have T. O. Currie, at St. Paul, with a salary of \$1,200, and J. Crawford, in Kansas.

An hon. MEMBER. Who is Currie?

Mr. DAVIN. He was an organizer in the west. Thus we now have a large number of gentlemen compared with the number that were formerly employed, and the results are very small compared with this large expenditure.

Mr. MCGREGOR. They are coming.

Mr. DAVIN. They are coming like the swift service across the Atlantic. That has come with great rapidity—we have heard about it for three sessions. One of the great men of the Government has been across the