

tract sold, the sum the whole tract cost. But if it sells 128 eighty-acre lots to the 128 settlers at \$4 an acre, it receives \$40,960 in money and \$20,480 in rebate for half the tract, leaving \$20,480 in cash at the expiration of five years, and 10,240 acres of land. Well, Sir, if the company sells its lands at \$2 an acre, the profits are 100 per cent; if it sells the land at \$3 per acre, the profits are 200 per cent; if it sells at \$4 per acre, they are 300 per cent; if it sells at \$5 per acre, the profits in the transaction are 400 per cent. This matter may be arranged so as to sell half the land in each township and leave a block amounting to over 40,000 acres in one solid block taken out of a block of four townships. We were told last night by the hon. gentleman—at least I understood him to say—that the grants made already cover some 7,000,000 of acres. I understand that the applications made would cover the country twice over and would reach from the Red River to the Rocky Mountains and back again. I would like to inquire of the hon. gentleman whether he is leaving a neutral zone between the Licensed Victuallers' grant and the Temperance Colonization grant.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. For my hon. friend's occupation.

Mr. CHARLTON. Well, I am afraid there will be future difficulty.

Mr. MILLS. That is for the police to look after.

Mr. CHARLTON. Well, I am happy we have been able to learn as much as we have with regard to the amount of land granted and with regard to the number of applications. I have heard rumors floating around the Department that there were a vast number of them, heard, some days ago that over 300 had been made.

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I do not know, but I have been led to suspect that the hon. gentleman's supporters behind him were some of them, figuring in these transactions, and I am afraid it will give rise to reports floating around the country that political influence had been sold by gentlemen whose votes are essential to hon. gentlemen on the Treasury benches, in the promotion of this scheme. I am very much afraid of it. Of course, I would not imagine for a moment the thing was possible—I do not assert it is possible; but I am afraid the character of the hon. gentleman will suffer by the circulation of reports of that kind in the country where their probity and honor are not as well known as they are here.