

side of the circle in competition with the mass producers situated at the centre of the circle in Hamilton, Kitchener, Toronto, Montreal, and other cities. And her banking control, with its collateral benefits, has gone to the latter mentioned cities, absorbed, not by commerce, as Cartier prophesied, but as the result of legislative enactments imposed quite naturally by those sections who command a majority in the councils of the nation, who also naturally make the fiscal policy suited, not to the needs of the smaller provinces, but to their own.

Will the ex-Minister of Finance put that in his pipe and smoke it?

Mr. STANSELL: Would the hon. member inform us whether he is talking in support of the budget proposals or of the amendment?

Mr. FINN: Which amendment does my hon. friend refer to, the amendment that was moved by the hon. member for Kent (Mr. Doucet) and was discarded, or the amendment moved by the hon. member for Centre Winnipeg (Mr. Woodsworth)?

Mr. DOUCET: I rise to a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The hon. gentleman has been quoting for the last half hour from a speech delivered in a debate this session that has already been disposed of.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the point of order is well taken. The hon. member suggests that the hon. gentleman who has the floor is quoting from a debate, I believe the Address, which has already been disposed of. It would be improper, of course, for the hon. gentleman to refer to that debate by way of citation or quotation during the present debate.

Mr. FINN: I bow to your ruling, Mr. Speaker, and I regret that I have transgressed the rule, but the effect is as I have stated.

There is the further question of loyalty, and of building up our own ports and working out our own destiny. I would like to point out that down in the port of Halifax there is a steamship line running from Halifax to Jamaica and to San Diego in Cuba. That line of steamers, while it is not subsidized by the government of Canada, and should not be, flies, not the British or the Canadian flag, but the Swedish flag. These two ships are chartered by the firm of Pickford and Black in the city of Halifax, and are engaged in transporting goods to and from the West Indies. My hon. friend from Halifax (Mr. Black), who is the senior member or the president of that company, is a great believer in keeping our young people within the province of Nova Scotia, in having our fishermen return to their native soil, and having our hardy sons, who make the best sailors in the world, put on Canadian ships running from our own ports.

[Mr. Finn.]

My hon. friend speaks of our lack of loyalty and the failure of our province to measure up to its future success. I am going to ask how it is at all possible for us to grow and develop as a Maritime people when we see these ships running from Halifax flying the Swedish flag, ships that are chartered from Sweden—the only thing bought by the charterer being the coal—the profits made going to Sweden and into the pockets of the firm or company of Pickford and Black Limited. Actions speak louder than words.

Mr. BLACK (Halifax): May I say to you, Mr. Speaker, that what the hon. gentleman is stating is absolutely incorrect. If the ships are chartered they are manned by those who are willing to go to sea in them. Their supplies are bought in Halifax and they are run just as any other ships going from that port are run.

Mr. FINN: I am glad to hear my hon. friend—including his desk mate the hon. member for Kent (Mr. Doucet)—applaud the Swedish flag. I must say, however, that the explanation of the junior member for Halifax does not satisfy me. If I were a Nova Scotian sailor I would, before I would serve under a Swedish flag with a captain sailing out of a British port down to the West Indies, go and eat salt and die of thirst.

Now my hon. friend (Mr. Black) discussed the fisheries of New Brunswick and gave out a report which, I think, does not augur well for the future of that industry. He said that according to British reports lobsters were canned in the swamps of New Brunswick, in an old barn, and were covered with swamp water. He attributed such conditions to the present Minister of Justice. When he made such a statement it was not the Minister of Justice who was swamped, but my hon. friend himself—both swamped and canned. My hon. friend the junior member for Halifax further said that in the evening of his life, he had at great sacrifice to himself, come to the Parliament of Canada to administer a shocking blow to the government and to be the instrument by which that government would be either knocked senseless or brought to a realization of what the people of the Maritime provinces and the city of Halifax expected. He said that if he did not have at heart the interest of the people he could have remained at his own fireside, where he would have enjoyed the wealth that he has accumulated and the comforts that he has surrounded himself with. I desire to say as a young man, and I am some distance yet from fifty, that I have—and I have never boasted of the fact—given eighteen of the best years of my