

large amount of money invested in this interest; the large amount of shipping engaged in the transportation of coal, and the large number of people employed in connection with this industry. In addition, it was burdened by an export royalty, imposed by the Provincial Government, of ten cents a ton. For these reasons he was quite consistent in voting against the amendment of the right hon. member for Kingston, and in voting for this amendment.

MR. McDONALD (Cape Breton.) said it was quite evident that the motion which was moved on a former occasion by the right hon. member for Kingston, was producing its effect. This, he believed, was the third motion of the kind moved by hon. gentlemen sitting on the other side of the House, in support of the principle contained in the right hon. member's resolution. This showed clearly that public opinion was forming on this question, and that fear as to the result of the approaching elections was compelling some of those hon. gentlemen who voted against the resolution, to regret their votes. They had first the motion moved by the hon. member for Durham, and then the motion proposed by the hon. member for Iberville, and now they had this motion. The object of the hon. member from Cape Breton (Mr. MacKay) was stated in his closing remarks, from which it appeared that the hon. gentleman did not believe that this motion would be carried, or that it would benefit the coal interests, but he simply made this proposition with the view of injuring the Opposition. The hon. gentleman said that he wanted to test the opinion of the right hon. member for Kingston and his supporters, on this question; but he did not refer to the Government which he supported, and the opinions of the hon. leader, which, in this connection, were well known. The opposition of this hon. gentleman (Mr. Mackenzie) to the coal interests of Nova Scotia was particularly well known, as also the hostile opinions of his supporters in the House in this respect; while, on the other hand, the opinion of the hon. member for Kingston was known to be favourable to

this industry, as a part of the policy intended to benefit the general interests of this country. He was not surprised that the hon. gentleman had now made this motion, because he believed that the hon. gentleman had, by this time, ascertained the feeling of the county, which they both represented, on this point. The hon. gentleman was perfectly well aware that any member of this House who voted against the resolution of the hon. member for Kingston would have no chance of being elected in that county, and he believed that this was the prevailing sentiment in the Island of Cape Breton. The hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Flynn) as well as the hon. seconder who had spoken on this question, knew perfectly well that the people of the Island of Cape Breton would not consider that this resolution was either honest or sincere, and their constituents would think that it would have been more honourable and more upright if these hon. gentlemen had supported the main resolution which would have secured the protection of this industry. The hon. gentleman (Mr. MacKay) had stated that there was nothing in the resolution of the right hon. member for Kingston. He would read this motion to show that it would benefit this particular industry:

“This House is of opinion that the welfare of Canada requires the adoption of a National Policy, which, by a judicious readjustment of the tariff, will benefit and foster the agricultural, the mining, the manufacturing and other interests of the Dominion.”

The hon. gentleman had stated that Ontario sent to the Lower Provinces a large quantity of agricultural products, in payment of which it received only coal, and that if a duty was imposed on American coal, this would be the means of enabling the Lower Provinces to pay for these products in coal. The hon. gentleman, in voting against the resolution of the right hon. member for Kingston, had voted against the very thing which he now advocated, and against the policy which would secure interprovincial trade. The hon. gentleman had by this time discovered the mistake which he made on that