

industrious habits of the Menonites. He was satisfied that Mr. RALSTON's colony was a failure, because instead of there being two hundred and fifty or three hundred persons as was represented, there were only seven families when he saw that gentleman. The other colony referred to by the hon. Premier was also a failure. The Menonite colony was, however, a stern reality. It comprised thirteen hundred people, who had arrived there last summer, and who possessed considerable means. It was the nucleus of a very large settlement, and they were a class of people who were satisfied with the country. Many immigrants complained of the scarcity of wood and water, but though five of the eight Menonite townships were without timber, yet they were satisfied and industrious and determined to encourage their friends in Southern Russia to meet them there next season.

Mr. MASSON desired to suggest to the hon. Premier a method of surmounting the difficulty raised as to granting aid to French Canadians at present settled in the United States who desired to emigrate to Manitoba. The French Canadian population in the United States was largely in groups, and no difficulty would be experienced by the Department in making arrangements, so that no person who had not resided in the United States a certain number of years would come within the arrangement.

Hon. Mr. POPE said that with respect to the question of aiding Canadians or British subjects who had settled in the United States he had endeavored to ascertain how many were desirous of returning to Canada. When in charge of the Immigration Department he had offered all fair and proper inducement to those people to return to Canada, but up to this time not many had returned. He fully concurred in the proposed loan of \$100,000 to the Menonites, because he was perfectly satisfied that the money would be returned, and the immigrants were of as good a class as could be obtained.—The item passed.

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AFTER RECESS.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

On the consideration of item \$100,000, Menonite Loan,

Mr. Trow.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT assured the House that the country would see that the money was not for any other purpose than that for which it was voted. His hon. friend from North Waterloo and North York would be able to inform the House as to the standing of the persons who had become responsible for the amount. He understood that the Menonites objected to giving a mortgage upon their farms.

Mr. BOWMAN said these people had no objection to giving mortgages to the persons who proposed to make themselves liable for the repayment of this loan. They were worth from \$5,000 to \$75,000 each, and he learned from the leading gentleman amongst them that it was their intention that no one should make himself liable for over one-tenth of the value of his property, so that if it became necessary for them to pay it out of their pockets they could do so. Gentlemen on the other side of the House appear to examine this matter in a very critical spirit, but the men who made themselves responsible for the payment of this loan, he was glad to be able to assure them, were thoroughly reliable. It was a part of their creed that every man ought to pay his dues and the obligations he undertook. He was perfectly satisfied that these men would carry out their obligations to the letter and the Government would be quite safe in leaving the superintendence of the Loan to themselves.

Mr. CHARLTON said if the Government succeeded in securing four or five thousand of these emigrants on a well recognized principle of political economy as applying to this new country that would increase the capital of the country by four or five million dollars, and would thus have in the emigrants themselves a repayment of the loan. He would be glad to see the Government go a little further, and expend small sums upon opening up railways in the back countries, as well as assisting emigrants of other classes in the same way as they proposed to assist the Menonites. He looked upon the policy as a wise one.

Mr. DYMOND said he thought the simple fact that the gentlemen who became responsible for the repayment of this loan were Menonites should be sufficient to satisfy every one. Their simple promise was as binding upon them as would be their mortgage or an oath. In addi-