

by pins. "By not swallowing them," replied the boy. The Minister says the Government have added \$100,000,000 to the wealth of the country, and when we ask in what way he says, by keeping 100,000 Canadians at home, who are cheap at \$1,000 a piece. Why did the hon. Minister stop at \$100,000,000? Why did he not count the whole population, and he might have made the service of the Government to appear much more valuable. Although living may be dear at the present time, human flesh and blood is cheap at \$1,000 a head. A good steer is cheap at \$50, and an ordinary horse is worth \$100, and why should not an intelligent, industrious, sober young man, be valued at \$1,000 and placed to the credit side of the ministerial account? I am inclined to think that most young men will resent the ministerial calculation. I am inclined to think they will refuse to be put in the ministerial balance when the political day of judgment comes, and be weighed and sold for the advantage of the Government. The hon. gentleman may take whatever consolation he can get from the Trade and Navigation Returns. He may appeal to any monopoly that owes him gratitude; but he can hardly venture yet to look upon this country as a political slave market in which every man who ventures to go from one part of the Dominion to another part, is to have a value of \$1,000 put upon him, and then have this sum credited to the wealth-producing power of the Government and the National Policy. I am not sorry, however, that such a line is taken, and the result will be as well understood as the argument. The hon. President of the Council says that upwards of 21,000 additional hands have been engaged in manufacturing establishments since the introduction of the present Tariff. He says that these represent from 80,000 to 100,000 of an additional population. He ought to know that this is not the case. A very large number of these 21,000 are children. In many of the cotton factories, all the children of a family are engaged, and the number of the population represented by these 21,000 would be less than 50,000 in all. The annual increase in the number of those engaged in skilled pursuits before the introduction of the National Policy was more than double the number who had been added since. We ought to have had an addition of 44,000 instead of 21,000. It is not true, then, that the National Policy has helped us in this particular. Many mechanical pursuits have been seriously injured by the policy of hon. gentlemen on the Treasury benches. I have seen it stated that upwards of 90 per cent. of the stone-cutters have been driven from Ontario by the exclusion of Ohio freestone from the Canadian market. We do know that there has been