

"Our condition is far worse, I am sorry to say, than the condition of the people of the United States to-day."

No wonder pamphlets had to be published as counter-irritants—these remarks made by the ex-Prime Minister have gone abroad, have been used to our detriment in foreign lands, have irritated the people of the newer territories, and done much to cause acrimony and ill feeling. Do we wonder, then, at the uprising in the North-West? Now, Sir, I find in the *Globe* of the 2nd of December, 1884:

"Sir Richard Cartwright, in his speech at Montreal, gave some statistics which are as startling as they are undeniable. He showed that in all that constitutes a progressive and prosperous people Canada has, for some time, been going back, and going back when, according to the ordinary course of things, she ought to have been advancing, and with leaps and bounds."

This is the statement of the ex-Finance Minister, while his successor in office goes to England a few months afterwards and makes the best loan this country has ever negotiated. Shrewd loan negotiators could put a proper value upon Canada's resources, but this was not the case with emigrants and land purchasers. On 11th December, 1884, the *Globe* says again:

"The American statistics of immigrants from Canada have been pronounced ridiculously false, but it is in evidence that they are being prepared with greater care now than in the years when Mr. Mackenzie was Premier, and in the main they are closely verified by the most accurate and trustworthy of Canadian statistics. The Province of Ontario has alone lost 260,000 of her sons during the four years, 1879-'83."

The hon. member for South Huron bases his calculation on the attendance at schools. What does the official report show? Between 1861 and 1871 the school population increased nearly 400,000, while applying that rule to the population, the decrease, according to the statement of the ex-Minister of Finance, was 400,000; and yet he argues that diminution in school population in 1879-1884, is proof of an exodus from Canada. Now, I shall not pursue that subject, but simply desire to give the ground of argument; I want to show that this continual decrying of our country is preventing people from coming hither from Europe. When hon. gentlemen were in office their cry was: We must people the North-West. Every effort was put forward. They expended at least \$13 per head, as compared with our \$4 per head, to bring emigrants into this country. The hon. gentleman now at the head of the Immigration Department gave them every assistance in his power, but they have not returned the compliment. The hon. member for Queen's, P.E.I. (Mr. Davies), said, a few nights ago: "We are spending too much money in the North-West, while the old Provinces are being neglected." At one time they say one thing, at another time they say another thing, each the diametrical opposite of the other, but applied as proof in the same case. When the present Government came into power the Ontario Government were paying a certain sum to bring people here, but they have withdrawn that assistance. How are they spending money now? Is it in the interests of the people of Ontario? No, Sir; but they are paying a man in Toronto, named D. J. O'Donoghue, between \$700 and \$800 a year to defame and slander our country. I find in the *Manchester Guardian* a letter written by this gentleman to a person named J. H. Scholes, a Trades Union man, in May last. That letter has been sent to me, and I shall submit it to this House, and, through this House, send it to the country, that the people may see what kind of men their money is used to support:

"TORONTO, 13th April, 1865.

"DEAR SIR,— * * * The snow keeps coming down to date. The ice is solid on our inland waters, and has no even as yet shown any perceptible sign of loosening its frigid grasp on the harbor or Toronto, so that the opening of navigation in Canada is, so far, a thing of the future. The situation as respects business generally, and as respects the labor market in particular, shows but little, if any, change from that of the past winter, nor is there any likelihood of any material change for the better for some time to come. And, as if to add to the gravity of the situation, the present serious rebellion in our North-West has paralyzed the chances of that unfortunate country as a field for emigrants, either from the old Canada or Great Britain for years."

MR. MACKINTOSH.

Utilising national adversity, national anxiety, for the purpose of promoting the interests of—what? Of Mr. Mowat's Government and of hon. gentlemen opposite.

"When the Indians of Canada have gone so far as to murder those whom, in the long past, they have revered, in the persons of Roman Catholic priests, it lies not in the mouth of any person (even though he be a Government or a steamship agent, and such persons can elongate the truth considerably) to say that this trouble is not much more than serious. Bearing this in mind respecting this North-West, of long and lonely distances, without Railway communication of any extent"

This statement was published while our troops were passing over the line, and going north of Lake Superior, and marching on the enemy. There was no railway communication, he said, while Canada is expending millions to complete one of the greatest railways in the world. This is the gentleman who receives money from the Province of Ontario, who is the paid hireling of the Ontario Government, because he is in sympathy with the gentlemen opposite in this House.

"Sparse population, hostile half-breeds and Indians and semi-savages."

Those are the people whom the hon. member for West-Huron talked of. Have they proved themselves to be "semi-savages?" If you will look at the record of some of the half-breeds you will find that they are among the most industrious, active and intelligent people who live on any part of the American continent. And yet this man, who pretends to be a friend of the workmen of Canada and of Ontario, but who is only a friend to himself and his own pocket, and is the hireling of Mr. Mowat and his Government—this is the man who calls those people "semi-savages," and sends across the water the story that we, in Canada, are fighting "semi-savages," who murder their priests, and warns emigrants against coming to this country. The man is a worthy representative of those who abused the Minister of Interior for not going to the North-West; and when he was going last year subpoenaed him before a court in Toronto to prevent his visiting that country. And hon. gentlemen opposite pretend to wonder where our immigrants go. I remember when the hon. member for South Perth (Mr. Trow) stated in this House and in my hearing—I was not then a member—that every immigrant brought into this country was worth \$25—

MR. TROW. \$1,000.

MR. MACKINTOSH. The hon. gentleman said we could afford to pay \$25 per head to bring immigrants here. What do we find Mr. Mowat's agent doing? We find Mr. Mowat's agent declaring that we are fighting savages, and at the same time hon. gentlemen opposite are obstructing the bold and progressive policy, the necessarily bold policy, inaugurated and maintained by the Minister of Agriculture, for the purpose of bringing the better class of settlers to the Dominion. He goes on to say:

"None other than the most gullible of innocent mortals will venture, under any pretence, to emigrate thereto at the present time, with the intent of making it a home."

This letter is signed, "D. J. O'Donoghue." This gentleman was formerly in the Local Legislature of Ontario. He became secretary of the Trades and Labor Union. He is one of the gentlemen sending petitions down here to the Minister of Agriculture, asking him to stop giving money to bring people to the country; while at the same time, with a duplicity which I deeply regret, he is writing letters to prevent people going to the North-West, and the Opposition, not knowing it, perhaps, have assisted him in his disloyal, unpatriotic and unjustifiable work. But I go further. I look at the Public Accounts of Ontario, and what do I find? Why, that D. J. O'Donoghue is the recipient, as a Seasonal writer and clerk for the Ontario Government, of a sum, annually, ranging from \$600 to \$800. And yet that gentleman, after writing that letter, a letter which has done an infinite amount of harm to Canada, is still kept in office by