

ness and incompetence; Greg. Burns, intemperance; Aristide Parent, intemperance.

There is the list of these dismissals, furnished this House in response to an order of this House, and yet the hon. member for Hastings this afternoon asserted that while all these things had been found out not a head had fallen. I leave you, Mr. Speaker, and the House, to characterize the conduct of an hon. gentleman who would make a statement of that kind in the face of evidence to the contrary, which was available if he chose to seek it.

The hon. gentleman further commented on certain purchases at excessive prices of toilet paper, bought in the United States. That also was exposed during the investigation, but my hon. friend thought proper to make this facetious observation with regard to it, that this paper had been sent to the penitentiaries because no one there was likely to be brought in contact with members of the opposition. Well, my hon. friend's humour is of a character that sometimes it is difficult to appreciate; and I must confess that while I did not appreciate it this afternoon, I thought it was incumbent upon me to explain to the House that the sending of this paper to places remote from Ottawa was part of the system of fraud carried on by the late Superintendent of Stationery. Had this paper been sent to any of the offices in this city or vicinity, the prices paid for it and the surrounding circumstances would have been detected very soon; but in order to prevent detection, the late superintendent of stationery was careful to see that this expensive paper was sent to the penitentiaries and some of it to the distant N. W. M. police barracks, where an investigation could not be made and where no questions were likely to be asked.

The hon. gentleman proceeded to deal with certain other matters set out in the report. He referred to the binding which was done by certain officials for themselves; and judging by the question which was asked by my hon. friend the leader of the opposition, I think that the hon. member for Hastings unintentionally gave him, and possibly the House as well, a wrong impression as to the extent to which this binding was carried on. Let me say that there was very little of it done. There was on the part of certain employees a good deal of loose talk and extravagant statements in that connection, but upon investigation these proved to be in the main incorrect. There was the case of one book, the binding of which cost \$10. The hon. gentleman mentioned that incident, but he failed to inform the House at the same time that the man who did the binding was obliged to pay for it. He only mentioned that in-

cident a little later on when the leader of the opposition asked the question. But the question put by my hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. Borden) was a very pertinent one, and the hon. member for East Hastings did not answer it. I am not surprised at that, because the things the hon. member for East Hastings does not know about the Printing Bureau would fill a very much larger volume than the one which has been presented to the House. Now, let me answer the questions asked by the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Borden). That hon. gentleman inquired: How could these men do this contract binding? There was nothing of that kind. The binding that was done was usually small books. The evidence disclosed that the material used was not obtained at the bindery and there was only a portion of the work done and that usually at the noon hour or when the men had some leisure, apart from their usual work. But in every case the employee who did anything of this kind was reproved or punished as the circumstances of the case warranted, and I have the assurance of the officials there that nothing of the kind has been done since the facts were brought to light. The hon. gentleman also dealt with another matter which is very fully exposed in the Report—the money lending. The hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) inquired if this money lending was done by persons outside the Bureau, and it was explained by the hon. member for East Hastings that the lending was done by employees of the Bureau themselves. And here again I may remark that if the hon. gentleman had wanted to be fair he should have mentioned that the chief usurer, Mr. Bailey, had been dismissed for his practices in that connection.

The hon. gentleman referred to a question which is such an unimportant one that I can only conceive that he brought it to the notice of the House in order that it might be used for home consumption in the county which he represents. I cannot conceive that it would serve any other purpose than to be used along the side lines and on the back concessions at election time. He referred to a notice posted in the Bureau warning the officials and employees regarding waste, and quoted the evidence given by one of the employees who was examined during the investigation, and said that another employee, who happened to be a French Canadian, was referred to the notice and said that it did not concern him because it was not in French. If the hon. gentleman wanted to be fair he should have gone further and quoted the evidence given by this French Canadian employee who explained fully the incidents referred to. He stated that the