

secure the revenue required, while it aided our industries, and, at the same time, did not increase the burdens of the people. Such a policy would encourage our own manufactures, and keep within our borders our young men and our young women, who, for the last 15 years, had been going to the United States to find employment, and make homes for themselves there. He desired to see this system changed.

MR. YOUNG: That is the present system.

MR. MITCHELL said that this was not the present system. This was a system which the hon. gentleman repudiated, and did not recognise. It would keep our own people in our own borders, and give them employment. The Government which the hon. gentleman supported, and blindly followed and gave his adhesion to, did not adopt the system or policy which he (Mr. Mitchell) now indicated, and which he thought Canada ought to pursue. He was bound to vote against the motion of the hon. member for Cape Breton, because it was politically dishonest with regard to the people of this country. The hon. gentleman desired that he (Mr. Mitchell) should impose a tax of 25 or 50 cents a ton on coal consumed in this country; and why? In order to build up the coal mines of Nova Scotia. Doubtless, the members for Nova Scotia would support this motion; but the people of New Brunswick would not do so, and why? They did not think that it was necessary to put 8 or 5 cents a ton on the coal of Nova Scotia, and do nothing more in this direction. He was prepared to advocate such a duty, if it was adopted as a general principle, and if it was proposed to consider every interest in Canada in this relation—our manufactures, the shoe and iron manufacturing interests, and a host of other industries which he need not mention, he was prepared to consider these interests a whole, although his county was interested in having the least possible amount of taxation imposed, as it imported and did not manufacture. Nevertheless, he was prepared to consider, in a general system of Protection, these interests

as a whole, but he would not take them up as individual interests, and do as his hon. friend would do. He would not ask for Protection on coal. When the question of general policy came up hon. gentlemen opposite might be placed in an awkward position, and come out and condemn the very principle which the hon. gentleman now asked them to support, because he was specially interested in it. He wished to place his views on this point on record. He desired the tariff to be so readjusted that, while no more revenue was raised than was now obtained, our manufacturing and agricultural interests should be encouraged, and the people across the line be prevented from sending over their surplus articles and destroying the manufactures of the people of our own country. These were the views which he entertained, and he took this early opportunity of putting them on record. While prepared to vote for a duty of 15c. a ton on coal, if adopted in connection with the other interests of Canada, he was not prepared to do so as an isolated measure; consequently he would record his vote against the amendment.

MR. FLYNN said that he would vote for this amendment. On a former occasion he had voted against the amendment moved by the right hon. member for Kingston, which included Protection to the mining, manufacturing and agricultural interests of the Dominion; and he now wished to set himself right, and show that he was not open to the charge of inconsistency, or of desiring to vote for a sectional tax. The agricultural and manufacturing interests were now protected,—the latter by a duty of 17½ per cent., which, with incidental charges connected with importation, was equal at least to 25 per cent. Three industries were embodied in the right hon. gentleman's motion, and two of these were already protected, while the important coal industry of Nova Scotia was unprotected, and not only unprotected but also compelled to pay a large duty on the articles required to open and develop the mines. The hon. mover of the amendment had given statistics showing the