

count of the company is to be swollen by an indefinite number of millions more, to be borrowed, in order to make the bargain FINALLY, FINALLY, FINALLY FINAL, UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR OR THE YEAR AFTER.

So much for the pledge of finality; so much for the assurances given to us in the year 1881 that the matter was satisfactorily gone and done with by the arrangement for \$25,000,000 and 25,000,000 acres of land. * * the First Minister, in the earlier part of 1880, promised, as a result of the land and Canadian Pacific Railway policy which was then brought down, *a great immigration.* * In the whole North-West, including Manitoba, in 1870, for which two points there are no official figures—allowing 5,000 for these two, and adding them to the official figures, the population of the country would stand at 58,500 in 1879, apart from the natural increase.

The First Minister promised us an immigration of 245,000 between 1879 and 1885, to which add the estimate for natural increase from the earlier period up to 1885, say 15,000 and you get a total population, exclusive of Indians, in 1885, of 313,500, composed of these three elements: the FIRST is the official figures up to the year in which the Minister made his statement, adding only 5,000 for the two items I have mentioned; the SECOND element is the Minister's figure of population for the six years following; the THIRD element is the natural increase. Now, he declared that to these figures there would be added by immigration, from 1885 to 1890, 825,000 to which, if you add for natural increase on the whole, 44,000, you would get as a result a population in 1890 of 680,000. Sir Charles Tupper declared that no intelligent man could doubt the accuracy of this statement; hon. gentlemen opposite swallowed it, and they acted upon that view.

* * * I referred myself to two States to which hon. gentlemen had referred, and upon which they had relied as showing marks of the greatest progress and prosperity; the States of

Kansas and Nebraska. I showed what their progress to 1879 had been, and that remarkable as that progress unquestionably was, it did not furnish a ground for the estimates of hon. gentlemen as applied to our condition.

More Government Prophecies.

Well, a few months passed over from the period of these estimates of the Government, and then they brought down an altered Canadian Pacific Railway policy under which the work was to be done, partly by the company, partly by the Government, and in a still much shorter time, taken as whole, than was proposed in the early part of 1880. They declared that *the altered policy*, with the stimulus to be produced by the more rapid execution of the work, and by the great efforts and expenditure of the company, which they were to make in the immigration field, *would have the effect of largely accelerating the settlement of the North-West beyond their former expectations*; that it would tend further to brighten the prospects, so bright already, which they had set before us a few months previous. Then, in 1883 or 1884, it was arranged that *the work should be still further accelerated*, that is, it should be finished in five years from that time; and the Minister once again declared, and the Minister of Finance again reiterated, that *this acceleration of the work would still further benefit Canada!*

* THEY WERE BOOMING THE NORTH-WEST TO THE UTMOST OF THEIR POWER. They regret the boom now; they sometimes say it did a great deal of harm; they speak of that regrettable inflation, the unfortunate results which have happened, and so forth; *but they did all they could to produce it, and they are mainly responsible for its production and for the disastrous results which have flowed from it.* They gave official figures of these alleged results of theirs. The official returns of the actual immigration to the North-West, carrying on the official figures from the year 1879, which I gave awhile ago, would give, for the immigration to that country, up to the

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