

trying to find this itinerant parliamentarian and gypsy politician. However, if one follows his trail he will find where the covered wagon is parked, and most likely that will prove to be the former minister's political home for the time being. That may be where his municipality is, but I do not know.

After the ex-minister told us of what had been done in his own municipality, we on this side began to feel a little nervous. I will read on and see what this dastardly thing was in connection with which he asked the house to come to its own conclusion. He said:

There were ten relief officers there, one being paid and nine non-paid. The paid officer is Mr. J. R. Dinnin. If the hon. member for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Perley) is here,—

I began to get frightened right there.

—he knows that you cannot get a more respectable citizen than Mr. Dinnin. As it happens, he was my Conservative opponent in 1925.

The former minister continued:

I will guarantee that he will discharge his duties as squarely as he knows how.

I began to feel a little relieved, and then I began to think that he could not be giving all this commendation unless there was something desperate to follow. He continued:

Then you have three of them. Of the other seven, six are Conservative.

I began to wonder what was coming next. He said:

I have not a word to say against them,—

That struck me as being rather peculiar. I thought perhaps if he had not a word to say against any one individual he would have something to say against them collectively, but here is what he said:

—but they are no good to me in election time,—

That is the thing which he left to this house to be judged. The minister of elections is running true to form.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Finish that sentence.

Mr. BEYNON: He said:

—although they are a lot of good to the other fellow.

Mr. VALLANCE: That is the reason why they are there.

Mr. BEYNON: Then he went on to try to make out that a deal had been put over on the Liberals. He said that a Liberal had been appointed here and there to act as a scapegoat, so that if any blame was to be put upon the commission it could be saddled on the poor Liberals. I think his

own fellow members have answered this. The hon. member for Last Mountain (Mr. Butcher), and the hon. member for Weyburn have said that no scapegoat is necessary, that no fault can be placed on anyone. The former minister continues:

They have appointed a body that is actually worse than if it were one hundred per cent Tory,—

If there were Liberals on it, of course that would be true. It is sometimes necessary to sacrifice efficiency in order to be fair. Whenever a Liberal was appointed, an extra good Tory was placed alongside him and the thing worked out very nicely.

That is the whole sum and substance of the criticism by the former Minister of Agriculture of this commission. His whole cry is that Mr. Daniel was a Conservative organizer. If there is a job to do and there is a qualified man available—the former minister says himself he was an efficient organizer—one does not stop to question the man as to his politics, his race or his creed. That is exactly what we did in the formation of this relief commission in Saskatchewan, and the fact that hon. members on the other side have stood up and given it a clear bill of health is the best evidence of what we have accomplished.

The former minister then devoted a little time to another gentleman, Mr. P. H. Gordon, K.C., of Regina. I happen to know Mr. Gordon, he has practised law in Regina for a great many years, having commenced as a young man. He has worked up to the top of his profession and there is no citizen in Regina more highly respected than Mr. Gordon. He is a gentleman who stands high in his profession and in the community, and has devoted himself to the public service in all branches of community work. He was asked to assist in the supervising of this commission. There was no remuneration attached to the position and he was a very busy man, in fact, no lawyer in Regina has more cases in the courts of appeal or in the trial courts than Mr. Gordon. He told me that this work takes up about nine-tenths of his time, and all the thanks he gets is to have the former Minister of Agriculture come here and throw out insidious insinuations, veiled inferences and subtle innuendos. How can we expect the people of this country to come out and render public service if this is the treatment they are to get from an ex-minister of the crown, a man who should stand up for all that is best in this country and have some regard for those who are trying to render service in a time of crisis?