

the strife and trouble was created by the right hon. gentleman over the Remedial Bill in order to defeat the Conservative party, I believe he then made a secret pledge that if he should be returned to power he would see that certain rights were granted to the minority. That pledge he was not able to carry out, and I believe that it is in pursuance of that pledge that these educational clauses are added to these Bills. I have yet to see any great agitation in the Northwest Territories in favour of these school clauses. In reading over the speech of the hon. member for Brockville (Mr. Derbyshire) I see that he stated that these school clauses have been endorsed by public opinion in the west, and he cited the reception given to the newly appointed Minister of the Interior by the most important constituency between Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains as a most significant evidence of that feeling. I was just looking over the Calgary papers in order to see what kind of a reception was given the Minister of the Interior at the banquet in Calgary. I have read the address which was presented him by Mayor Emmerson. I shall not weary the House by reading it at this late hour, but I do not find one word in it referring to the school question. But if the people of that constituency are satisfied with the position of the school question out there, why did they not refer to it?

Mr. A. JOHNSTON. Did they say they were dissatisfied?

Mr. J. D. REID. No.

Mr. FIELDING. There is no such question in the Northwest. It is only outside of the Northwest we hear of it.

Mr. J. D. REID. The Minister of Finance evidently does not read the newspapers.

Mr. FIELDING. Yes, I do.

Mr. J. D. REID. And he has not seen any agitation at all?

Mr. FIELDING. Nothing serious.

Mr. J. D. REID. The hon. gentleman admits now that there is some agitation in that country?

Mr. FIELDING. Did my hon. friend hear the statement made by a western member who came back recently from that region and who says that out there he only met one man who said a word about it? I refer to the hon. member for Humbolt (Mr. Adamson).

Mr. SPROULE. Does the Minister of Finance know that the Reform Association of Medicine Hat deliberately passed resolutions condemning the educational clauses?

Mr. FIELDING. Some time ago resolutions were passed all over the country under an entire misapprehension as to the nature of the Bill.

Mr. A. JOHNSTON. On information supplied them by hon. gentlemen opposite.

Mr. FIELDING. Do you not think that if the people of Edmonton were disturbed over the school question, they would not wait for the Minister of the Interior to refer to it but would have referred to it themselves?

Mr. J. D. REID. The newspapers in Edmonton have been referring to it.

Mr. FIELDING. And the Minister of the Interior was elected unanimously.

Mr. J. D. REID. I am admitting that, but does the Minister of Finance know what that constituency is made up of?

Mr. FIELDING. It does not make any difference.

Mr. J. D. REID. If the hon. minister analyses the vote in that constituency, he will see that it is made up of twenty-five per cent of English, Irish and Scotch combined, and that the Russians, Austrians, Hungarians and Half-breeds form together fifty-one per cent of the whole.

Mr. FIELDING. Does my hon. friend not know that these are British subjects and Canadians?

Mr. J. D. REID. The hon. minister does not know that himself.

Mr. FIELDING. I know that they cannot vote unless they are.

Mr. J. D. REID. They did not vote.

Mr. FIELDING. If they did not, the rest voted. Somebody must have voted or voted to that extent that they allowed the Minister of the Interior to be elected without a vote.

Mr. J. D. REID. They did not vote because there was no election.

Mr. FIELDING. Why did not the hon. gentleman give us an election?

Mr. J. D. REID. It is impossible to identify these people. They are foreigners. They are a class of people like the Chinamen, if you see one you can hardly tell him from another, and for that reason they are recorded and the lists are made up entirely by the government. It is an impossibility for any one to follow the lists and prevent those people from voting, especially if those lists should turn out like the lists of Manitoba. Would the Finance Minister admit for one moment that lists like those in the province of Manitoba, where the returning officer deliberately scratched out name after name, are lists under which any election can honestly and fairly be held? By this means hon. members are sitting in this House who, in my opinion, are not honourably elected.

Mr. FIELDING. I do not know anything about the Manitoba lists. We are discuss-