

will accuse the hon. gentleman on account of his great intellectual ability. He has never shown any great intellect so far as this House is concerned, but he has shown his very great inconsistency on practically every question that has been discussed by him since he has had the honour of a seat in this House, and I want to say as I said before, the only reference that I have made to the hon. gentleman that he might consider as of a personal character was that I believed the government in the first instance had made up their minds to select the hon. member from West Assiniboia (Mr. Scott) and I took the opportunity of saying that if the government had selected the hon. member for West Assiniboia (Mr. Scott) that on this particular question, a better test would have been made than by opening the district of Edmonton. I still hold to that opinion. Now so far as the Galicians or Doukhobors are concerned, I have not uttered one word against these gentlemen. I have simply quoted the language used by the hon. gentleman himself some few years ago; that is what I am guilty of in that respect. The Minister of Customs talked about this election in Edmonton as being a test on the question. We have, I think and I think I can produce it at a later period, evidence that the Minister of the Interior while passing from Edmonton to the capital admitted that this was not a test question in his election. His election he claimed was not testing this question in Edmonton. He rather complimented both parties in Edmonton and in his district on no candidate being put up against him. He recognized the very friendly way in which he was treated by both political parties and disclaimed any credit for his election as a matter connected with this particular legislation. Then, I say that being true, how does it come that the all-wise Minister of Customs wants to know so much about why a candidate is not put in the field, why five men could not be produced and why \$200 could not be raised in order that this question might be tested? The hon. Minister of the Interior would not make such a ridiculous assertion as that in the face of the circumstances concerning the election in Edmonton. On Saturday, the 15th April, the hon. Minister of the Interior was selected and sworn in and on the 25th of the very same month, ten days afterwards, the nomination papers had to be prepared, these four men that the hon. minister talks about had to be produced, the \$200 the hon. minister talks of had to be provided and a candidate had to be selected. It was necessary to do all these things in order to have a contest in a constituency 463 miles long and 211 miles wide with very little railway communication and would even the courageous Minister of Customs go up there if he were called upon to contest the seat against the hon. Minister of the Interior? Would he undertake to do it? Does he think

that other people are any bigger fools than he is himself? He would be a big fool to undertake the task. The hon. gentleman and the government have handicapped, chained and fettered public opinion in the Northwest Territories. They have chained any man differing from this government on this question in the Edmonton district by reason of the unfair contest that they entered into in Edmonton.

An hon. MEMBER. It may be so but the people do not know it.

Mr. INGRAM. Who is the hon. gentleman?

Mr. PATERSON. All they required was four of them to sign the nomination paper and the fifth to accept. Where were the five?

Mr. INGRAM. I am sure that when the great Liberal organizers of this country to-morrow read this statement of the hon. Minister of Customs they will say that they would receive great help from that hon. gentleman. The Liberal party of the province of Ontario could not have a greater organizer than the hon. Minister of Customs. Imagine the hon. Minister of Customs going to Edmonton and taking part in this election. Imagine giving ten days for his opponents to provide four people to sign the nomination paper, a candidate and a deposit.

Mr. SCOTT. Be a little more accurate.

Mr. INGRAM. What does the hon. gentleman say?

Mr. SCOTT. Give us an approach to accuracy. You are a week out.

Mr. INGRAM. All I have to say to my hon. friend from West Assiniboia (Mr. Scott) is that I have the map here.

Mr. SCOTT. Do you find the date on the map?

Mr. INGRAM. Is it the distance that the hon. gentleman has reference to?

Mr. SCOTT. No, my hon. friend is cutting a week off the time. He is giving it as ten days when it is seven days longer.

Mr. INGRAM. I am talking about the time given in order to prepare these documents that the hon. Minister of Customs spoke about.

Mr. SCOTT. The hon. gentleman made the statement that my hon. friend the Minister of the Interior was sworn in on the 15th April and that the nomination was on the 25th April. I point out to him that he is not accurate. He is cutting a week off.

Mr. INGRAM. Well, state it.

Mr. SCOTT. The hon. Minister of the Interior was sworn in on the 8th April, if I recollect aright. The period was not ten