

thereto. And whereas on the twenty-first day of February last the said Charles Worrel did enter into an agreement in writing with William Henry Pope for the sale to him of all his Real and Personal Estates in Prince Edward Island, part of which were the Judgment and other Debts and sums of money formerly owing to him as aforesaid, and so by him assigned and conveyed to the said James Peake, Charles Hensley, John Myrie Holl and Theophilus Desbrisay; and the said James Peake, Charles Hensley, John Myrie Holl, and Theophilus Desbrisay, in pursuance of the said Agreement, so made by the said Charles Worrel with the said William Henry Pope, and in order so far as in them lay to give effect to the same, did, by Indenture of Assignment, dated the sixteenth day of August last, and made between them, the said James Peake, Charles Hensley, John Myrie Holl, and Theophilus Desbrisay, of the first part, the said William Henry Pope, of the second part, and the said John Hamilton Gray, of the third part, in exercise of the trusts reposed in them, in, or, and by the said herebefore recited Indenture of Assignment, of the seventeenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and of a certain Indenture of Release of Lands and Real Estate made to them by the said Charles Worrel, of even date with the last mentioned Indenture of Assignment, respectively, and of every other trust or authority, enabling them in that behalf with the license and consent of the said John Hamilton Gray, as testified by his execution of the Indenture now in recital, bargain, sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said William Henry Pope, his executors, administrators and assigns, all and singular the Interest, Estate, Right or Title, which they or either of them had, as Trustees, as aforesaid, in and to all the said Judgments entered up of record in Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature of Prince Edward Island, at the suit of the said Charles Worrel, or of them the said James Peake, Charles Hensley, John Myrie Holl, and Theophilus Desbrisay, jointly as such Trustees as aforesaid, against various parties, as specified and enumerated in the Schedule to the Indenture now in recital annexed. And also their right to, or interest in all sum or sums of money thereby secured and due, or to become due and unpaid, and all benefit and advantage to be had and gotten, made and obtained upon or by virtue thereof. And also all their right, estate, title, and interest on all and singular the balances remaining due and unpaid of all such sums of money as were due and owing to the said Charles Worrel, in Prince Edward Island, on the seventeenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and assigned by the said Indenture of that date, and secured by bond, mortgage, lease, deed, speciality, or by simple contract, and which had not since been discharged or received by them, the said Trustees, or the said Charles Worrel, to hold the same to the said William Henry Pope, his executors, administrators and assigns, his and their own property for ever, subject, nevertheless, to the said Indenture of Assignment, by way of mortgage, of the first day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, of the said Judgment, securities and other premises to the said John Hamilton Gray, and the said James Peake, Charles Hensley, John Myrie Holl, and Theophilus Desbrisay, did, by the Indenture of Assignment now in recital give and grant unto the said William Henry Pope, his executors, administrators and assigns, all such powers as they had, or might, or could have under the assignment to them, from the said Charles Worrel, as subjected to and controlled by the said mortgage to the said John Hamilton Gray, and which they could bestow for receiving all and every the sum and sums of money thereby secured, or by the Indenture now in recital assigned or intended so to be, after payment to the said John Hamilton Gray of the amount of principal and interest, secured by his said mortgage, and to release and discharge the same, or either of them, and either in the name of them the said James Peake, Charles Hensley, John Myrie Holl, and Theophilus Desbrisay, or of the survivor of them, or of the said Charles Worrel, or otherwise as need be, in any suit, law, and judgment or otherwise to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as they, the said James Peake, Charles Hensley, John Myrie Holl and Theophilus Desbrisay might have had if the said Indenture of Assignment, now in recital, had not been made. And whereas the said William Henry Pope, by a certain Deed of Assignment, dated the sixteenth day of August last, did, for the consideration therein mentioned, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over to George Elkana Morton, of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, Druggist, his executors, administrators and assigns, one-fourth part of all the Personal Estate of the said Charles Worrel, of whatever nature or kind in the said Island, whether of rent or of arrears of rent, or of money received or to be received, under and by virtue of judgments, mortgages, securities, agreements, leases, with power to purchase, bonds, warrants of attorney, or of promissory notes, or of simple contracts, deeds, or how otherwise, that had come into his hands or possession since the twenty-first day of February last up to that time, or that should thereafter come into his hands or into the hands of any person or persons whomsoever, on his behalf during the continuance.

And whereas by deed poll of assignment, dated the twenty-eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and made from the said John Hamilton Gray to the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton, the said John Hamilton Gray, in consideration of the payment to him, as therein mentioned, of the full amount of principal money and interest due on or secured by the said Indentures of Release and Assignment, by way of mortgage, of the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, did grant, bargain, sell, assign, reconvey, and reassign and set over unto the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton, their executors, administrators and assigns, all the said several Judgments so assigned to him in and by the last herebefore mentioned Assignment, by way of mortgage, and specified in the Schedule thereto annexed, marked (A.), and also all sum or sums of money due and to become due thereon, or secured thereby, and all benefit thereof to be gotten or obtained as therein mentioned, to hold to them the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton, their executors, administrators and assigns, as his and their own property for ever, as fully, freely, and absolutely as he, the said John Hamilton Gray, might or could have held or enjoyed the same under the said Assignment so to him thereof made by way of mortgage as aforesaid, together with all the powers and authorities which he, the said John Hamilton Gray, his executors, administrators and assigns, had or might, or could have had, possessed, or enjoyed by virtue of such Assignment to him, for the purpose of suing out and prosecuting or causing to be sued out or prosecuted any writ or writs of execution upon the said Judgments, or to do any other act for putting them in force, for recovering and receiving all sums of money secured thereby, and to release and discharge the same, on payment as by the said several Indentures of Assignment and Release, herebefore recited or mentioned, will more fully appear on reference thereto.

And whereas, by virtue of the said several indentures of assignment herebefore referred to and recited, all the said Judgments entered up of record in Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature of Prince Edward Island, at the suit of the said Charles Worrel, or of them the said James Peake, Charles Hensley, John Myrie Holl and Theophilus Desbrisay, as such trustees aforesaid, against various parties, as also all sums of money secured thereby, and also all and singular the balances remaining due and unpaid of all such sums of money as were due and owing to the said Charles Worrel, in Prince Edward Island, on the seventeenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and assigned by the said indenture of assignment, of that date, and secured by

mortgage, bond, speciality, or by simple contract, and which had not previous to the said assignment to the said William Henry Pope, been received by the said Charles Hensley, James Peake, John Myrie Holl and Theophilus Desbrisay, as such trustees as aforesaid, or either of them, or by the said Charles Worrel, have become vested in, transferred and assigned to the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton, who have contracted and agreed to assign, and convey the same to the Honorable William Swabey, "the Commissioner of Public Lands," for the said Island, and his successors in office, as amply and fully as the said William Henry Pope received the same from the said trustees, and as they now hold and possess the same, by virtue of the several assignments aforesaid. Therefore know all men by these presents, that we, the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton, in pursuance of the said contract and agreement so made by us with the Honorable William Swabey, "the Commissioner of Public Lands," in Prince Edward Island, acting under the authority of an Act passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "An Act for the purchase of Lands on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, and to regulate the sale and management thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and in consideration of the sum of eighteen thousand pounds, of the lawful money of the said Island, paid to us by the Honorable James Warburton, Treasurer of the said Island, on behalf of the Government thereof, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, and of the execution of a certain agreement respecting the payment of a further sum of six thousand and one hundred pounds, made and entered into between us and the said William Swabey as such "the Commissioner of Public Lands," bearing even date herewith, do and each of us doth, by these presents, grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the said William Swabey, "the Commissioner of Public Lands," and his successors in office, all and singular the said Judgments so entered up of record in Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature of Prince Edward Island, at the suit of the said Charles Worrel, or of them the said Charles Hensley, James Peake, John Myrie Holl and Theophilus Desbrisay, as such Trustees as aforesaid, against various parties which are specified, set forth, and enumerated in the schedule marked (A.), hereunto annexed, the same in most instances having been entered to secure the purchase money of Lands heretofore sold by the said Charles Worrel, or his said trustees, and arrears of rent due thereon and other debts arising in respect thereof, together with interest thereon, and also all sum or sums of money thereby secured and due, and to become due thereon, and unpaid, or which were unpaid thereon at the date of the assignment thereof to the said William Henry Pope, of the sixteenth day of August last, and all benefit and advantage to be had, made, gotten, and obtained upon or by virtue thereof, and also all such sum or sums of money which, as aforesaid, were due and owing to the said Charles Worrel in Prince Edward Island, on the seventeenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and were assigned by the said indenture of assignment of that date, to the said Charles Hensley, James Peake, John Myrie Holl and Theophilus Desbrisay, trustees as aforesaid, and secured by mortgage, bond, lease, deed, speciality, or by simple contract, and which had not been received or discharged by them the said trustees, or either of them, or by the said Charles Worrel, on the sixteenth day of August last; and also all such sum or sums of money as were due and owing to the said James Peake, Charles Hensley, John Myrie Holl and Theophilus Desbrisay, as such trustees as aforesaid, in Prince Edward Island, on account of the real and personal estates so conveyed to them by the said Charles Worrel, on the said sixteenth day of August last, and which were by the said indenture of assignment of that date assigned by them to the said William Henry Pope, and whether due on or secured by speciality, bond, warrant of attorney, or simple contract, together with all bonds, warrants of attorney, books, leases, notes, deeds, specialities, and writings, evidencing the same, or securing or relating to the payment thereof, or of any of them, and all benefit and advantage to be had, made, gotten, and obtained upon or by virtue thereof, or of any process, execution, or executions to be thereupon taken, had, sued out, or prosecuted, to have, hold, receive, take and enjoy the said hereby assigned judgments, and all and singular other the premises herebefore mentioned, and hereby assigned or mentioned and intended so to be unto the said William Swabey as such "the Commissioner of Public Lands," and his successors in office, in trust for such purposes and subject to such powers, provisions, regulations, and authorities in every respect, and to be managed and disposed of, in such modes as are set forth, declared and contained in the said recited Act, intitled "An Act for the purchase of Lands on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, and to regulate the sale and management thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned," of and concerning judgments, debts and securities for debt purchased thereunder, by and conveyed to "the Commissioner of Public Lands" therein mentioned, together with full and absolute power for him the said William Swabey, "the Commissioner of Public Lands," and his successors in office, in the name or names, and as the attorney or attorneys of the said Charles Worrel, or of the said James Peake, Charles Hensley, John Myrie Holl and Theophilus Desbrisay, or of the said William Henry Pope, George Elkana Morton, or otherwise as need be, to sue out and prosecute or cause to be sued out and prosecuted any writ or writs of execution upon the said judgments or either of them, or to sue for, ask, demand, recover, and receive or enter judgment for any of the other sums, debts, or securities therefor, hereby assigned, or to do or carry on any Act for putting them in force, and also to discharge and release the same on payment in as full, large and beneficial a manner to all in tents and purposes, as the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton might have had if by these presents had not been made, or can bestow under and by virtue of the said several assignments thereof as aforesaid. And the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton do hereby jointly for themselves and their heirs, executors and administrators, and each of them doth hereby severally, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, covenant, promise and agree with and to the said William Swabey, "the Commissioner of Public Lands," and his successors in office, in manner following, that is to say, that the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton now have in themselves, or one of them hath in himself, good right, full power and lawful and absolute authority to grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer and set over the said judgments and debts and other premises and sums of money and securities therefor, hereby assigned and transferred, or otherwise assured or intended so to be, in manner aforesaid, and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents; and that they, the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton, have not, nor has either of them, or any one with their consent, knowledge or permission, made or executed any assignment, release or discharge of the said judgments, and other debts and securities for debts hereby assigned, or any of them, or of or for any sum of money thereby secured, or any part thereof, or received any part thereof, or of the moneys thereby secured, since the date of the said assignment to the said William Henry Pope, of the sixteenth day of August last; and that they, the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton shall not, nor will either of them, at any time or times hereafter, make, commit, or do any act or thing whatsoever, to discharge or release the said judgments, or any of them, or any moneys thereby secured, or any part thereof, or any execution or other process to be taken thereon, or any of the debts, or sums of money or securities therefor, hereby assigned, or

otherwise assured or intended so to be, without the consent of the said William Swabey as such "the Commissioner of Public Lands," or of his successors in office, being first had and obtained in writing for that purpose. And that they, the said William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton, and their executors and administrators, shall and will, from time to time, and at all time hereafter, upon the request, and at the costs and charges of the said William Swabey, "the Commissioner of Public Lands," or his successors in office, make, do and execute, or cause and procure to be made, done and executed, all and every such further acts, deeds, conveyances, matters and things whatsoever, for the strengthening of these presents, and for the further conveying and assuring the said judgments, debts and sums of money and securities therefor, hereby assigned or otherwise assured or intended so to be, or any of them, to the said William Swabey, "the Commissioner of Public Lands," and his successors in office, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, and in manner as herebefore set forth.

In witness whereof, I, the said William Henry Pope have hereunto set my hand and seal, and I, the said George Elkana Morton, Esquire, my Attorney for that purpose, duly constituted by letter of attorney, dated the twenty-eighth day of November last, and duly recorded in the office for the Registry of Deeds, in Prince Edward Island, have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four. Witness to the execution of the foregoing Deed by William Henry Pope and George Elkana Morton, JOSEPH HENSLEY, Attorney General.

WM. H. POPE, (L.S.)
GEORGE ELKANA MORTON, (L.S.)
By SAMUEL PRESCOTT FAIRBANKS, his Attorney.

The several interlineations and alterations opposite to which I have set my name in the margin hereof, being for it made.

JOSEPH HENSLEY, Attorney General.
£18,000.

Received on the day and year first within written, of and from the Honorable James Warburton, Treasurer of Prince Edward Island, on behalf of the Government thereof, the sum of Eighteen thousand pounds, being the consideration money within mentioned to be paid to us.

WM. H. POPE,
GEORGE ELKANA MORTON,
By Samuel Prescott Fairbanks, his Attorney.
Witness, JOSEPH HENSLEY, Attorney General.

Colonial Legislature.

(Continued from our last.)

WEDNESDAY, February 14.

PURCHASE OF THE WORREL ESTATE.

Mr. McINTOSH. I am inclined to think, Mr. Speaker, that the Government were justified in effecting the purchase. It has been said that Mr. Cox was in too great a hurry to buy his land; in my opinion the same remark will apply to the government, they were, I fear, in too great a hurry also, and will find some difficulty in making all the land available. Their first duty, however, was to enquire into the title of those from whom they purchased, but I trust, Sir, that matter will be quietly settled.

Hon. Mr. LORD. Mr. Speaker, I feel satisfied that the tenantry will soon feel the good effects of the course pursued by the Government in this matter. They will no longer be compelled to take their lands under short leases at the caprice of Landlords or their agents. I agree, Sir, with the hon. Member, (Mr. Cooper) that the tenants have not hitherto received justice, but why now stir up old grievances? The Hon. Member (Mr. Palmer) seeks to make political capital against the Government by assertions, in making which I do not think him sincere, he must know that the Bill will be self-sustaining. Right glad will the people be to obtain their lands at 6s. or 6s. per acre. And I feel confident, that in 6 or 7 years not more than 1000 acres of the wilderness land will remain unsold. Why Sir, the timber alone on those lands will more than pay the price. It will be for the interest of the proprietors to sell their lands to the Government at a fair rate. Mr. Cox, by his haste, has paid some 50 or 60 per cent more than he would have had to pay, if he had waited and bought from the Government. I and my colleagues in the Government have not the slightest objection to the correspondence being published in all the papers, although, Sir, if the present position of parties in this House were reversed, I doubt whether equal liberality would be manifested.

Hon. Mr. WIGHTMAN. The question before the House, Mr. Speaker, is simply, shall the papers be published or not? I think it right that they should appear in all the Newspapers, as it is but just to the whole people of the Island that they should be informed of the course pursued by the Government in this matter, and I say this, approving of their action in the purchase of the Worrel Estate.

Hon. Mr. PALMER.—Mr. Speaker, I did not anticipate that such a discussion would have arisen on the motion before the House, and consequently was not prepared for it. I took it for granted that the question would be brought forward in Committee of the whole House, on the general state of the Colony. I wish, as I stated before, that all publicity on the subject should be afforded to the people, as every individual is deeply interested in the matter—we have heard it often repeated, Sir, that this Bill would be self-sustaining—I for one do not believe it, it is however good policy for the Government and Hon. Members who support them, to induce the people to think that it will be so; and no doubt we shall see the parrot cry of this measure being "self-sustaining," emblazoned on their banners at the next General Election. Time, however, will show how far this Bill is entitled to the appellation, and when you calculate the amounts of Land and School Assessment lost to the Revenue while Government retains the property, the large sums to be disbursed in salaries to Commissioners, Surveyors and Assistant Surveyors, Wood rangers, and Deputy Wood rangers, the accounts will show the measure not to be so self-sustaining as its friends predict it will be. And, Sir, I do not consider the report of the Commissioners entitled to much credit. The Government have made an improper selection of individuals to act as Commissioners; in saying this, I mean not to say any thing disparaging of them as individuals, but I do say, that men of a different stamp, and in other situations should have been appointed. One of them—Mr. Dingwell—is a land speculator and a partisan and warm supporter of the Government in this House, he has a right to purchase the lands he was employed to survey; and, Mr. Speaker, I consider the Hon. Captain Swabey a very improper person for the Government to appoint. The office of Commissioner of Public Lands, with a salary of two or three, or perhaps hereafter, four or five hundred pounds, was before his eyes, at stake on the purchase, and he should not have been appointed a Commissioner of Public Lands until the lands had been purchased by the public? Mr. Ball, too, was equally interested in obtaining the appointment. It was not to be expected that he would concur in making a report adverse to his prospects of putting fat pickings into his own pockets. On grounds such as these, Sir, I say we have not a report entitled to that confidence which would be reposed in one made by disinterested individuals, and it was the duty of the Government to have appointed as Commissioners, men who were impartial, and free from the influences I have mentioned; and I agree with

the Hon. Member (Mr. Cooper), although I do not generally coincide with him in opinion, that the Commissioners should have investigated and reported upon the titles to the lands, and thus have put a stop to the agitation of that question. Had disinterested Commissioners reported on the validity or imperfection of the titles, the public mind would have been quieted; but now, Sir, the whole question of Escheat is revived. Who could have expected any other result from the report of such Commissioners, the mere servants of the Government, bound by regard to their pecuniary interests to report as Government wished? I repeat, Sir, my belief that the measure will not be self-sustaining, and we find the Hon. Col. Sec'y himself admitting that there may be a deficiency.

Hon. COL. SECRETARY.—Really, Mr. Speaker, I do not remember ever to have seen the Hon. Member for Charlottetown so good humoured and so fluent; it must be the result of his sudden agreement with the Hon. Member (Mr. Cooper). But, Sir, with reference to the objections of the Hon. Gentleman, I must inform him that the Act rendered it incumbent on the Government to appoint six gentlemen as Commissioners to report upon the value of the lands. You, Sir, were one; and does the Hon. Member mean to attribute interested motives to you? Messrs. Dingwell and Beaton were equally disinterested. And the law also expressly required the appointment of the Hon. the Commissioner of Public Lands and the Surveyor General. The Hon. gentleman has seen fit to characterize Mr. Dingwell as a land speculator, and consequently unfit to act on the commission! I deny that Mr. Dingwell is a land speculator, but were he one, it should be borne in mind that the law restricts any one individual from purchasing more than 300 acres; and the Hon. Member (Mr. Dingwell) would be acting in direct opposition to his own interest, as a speculator, if he put a high valuation on the land; no better arrangement than that entered into could have been made. The Hon. gentleman says that the Commissioners should have investigated and reported upon the titles to the land; that, Sir, was no part of their duties, they were but to estimate the value, and the investigation of the titles was the province of the Hon. Attorney General. It is unfair for the Hon. Member to attribute interested motives to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, when he well knows that the Law specifies £300 as the amount of his Salary. Why then should he stretch that amount to £500 or £600? His allusions to the present Surveyor General are equally unjust and unfounded; and, Sir, had Mr. Wright been Surveyor General, I feel sure we should have heard no such complaint. But, Sir, why did not the Government, the then leader of which, Hon. Mr. Holl, was a trustee of the Estate, conclude the purchase? I for one am quite willing to give the Hon. gentleman the benefit of his opinion, and allow him to wait till the closing of the matters of the estate, and I have no fear of the result, knowing that the Government have acted with due caution, and that, although the amount be large, the price is reasonable. Why, Sir, when I stated that the price would probably be five shillings sterling per acre, I was laughed at for making so low an estimate; and now we have purchased at five shillings currency. If the Hon. Member for Charlottetown wishes to impugn the conduct of Government in this matter, let him bring it up in Committee on the general state of the Colony, when the Government will be prepared to justify their conduct.

Hon. Mr. PALMER supposed the report would be submitted to the opinion of the House he was not prepared to go into debate, but merely wished that all publicity should be afforded at present for the purpose of eliciting the expression of public opinion. It was the duty of the Government to bring the matter before the House. The reason why the late Government did not purchase the property, was that the trustees had sold it before that Government was appointed: this could be proved by a reference to dates.

Hon. Mr. WHELAN—I rise, Mr. Speaker, in support of the motion of the Hon. Col. Secretary, that the documents he has laid upon the Table be published, as I deem it but right that the widest publicity should be given to them, not only for the information of my constituents who are more immediately interested in the subject, but of that of the people generally, who are ardently desirous of knowing the terms on which they may obtain Land under the Act. Sir, I was amused at hearing the Hon. Member for Charlottetown state that the Government should bring the matter before the House in Committee on the general state of the Colony; in other words, should bring themselves to trial—who ever heard of such a course being suggested? Let the Hon. Gentleman move such a Committee, and I have no objection, as a supporter of the Government, to meet him and discuss the matter fully. But the Hon. Member feels that he is in a small minority and hopes by his present course to induce some supporter of the Government to move for the Committee. With reference to the observations of the Hon. Gentleman, on the amount of the Salary of the Commissioner of Public Lands, he knows right well that it is fixed by law at £300, and cannot exceed that sum. He has alluded to the great loss of Land and School tax to the Treasury, during the time the property may remain in possession of the Government. Sir, that loss cannot be very serious, when we consider that those taxes were paid up previously to the time of purchase by the Government, and now, so soon after the purchase 19,000 or 20,000 acres will be liable as before, and it is but reasonable to suppose that ere 12, or even 9 months shall have elapsed, a very large portion will have passed out of the hands of the Government, and thus have contributed its proportion of Land and School Tax to the Revenue, as a great desire to purchase from Government is felt, not merely by the Tenants on the Estate, but by persons residing in Tracadie, and in various parts of Prince County, because they know that better terms can be obtained from Government than from private individuals. The hon. gentleman stated that he did not oppose the Bill: true, he did not, but he never liked it, and only declined opposition because he knew it would be hopeless; but now he seeks to pain this Bill, which he never opposed, as injurious to the best interests of the people of this Island. As soon as the land purchase bill became law, the Government of that day, which is essentially the same as the present one, advertised their readiness to purchase. The Trustees of the Worrel property did not make any offer to the Government, though they were well aware the owner was anxious to sell. He was in England, and kept uninformed of the state of things in this Island. In February last Mr. Holl's Government succeeded the Liberals. He was one of the principal Trustees. If he and his party were disposed to put the land purchase bill in operation, they could have easily done so at that time, and have secured the Estate on terms, perhaps, as advantageous as Mr. Pope obtained, which would have been a great gain to the people. But they were opposed to the Bill, and they were determined to let it remain as a dead letter upon the Statute Book. The hon. member, I must admit, is consistent in one particular; he intimates that the Government were hasty in effecting the purchase, that they should have waited, taken more time, &c. Why, Sir, that is a favourite plea with the hon. gentleman. When the introduction of Responsible Government was sought, his cry was "wait, the time has not yet arrived." The error of that opinion has been abundantly proved, and his fallacy will be manifested on this matter. Sir, by the provisions of the Bill and the course intended to be pursued by the Government, tenants can become proprietors in eleven years time; that is abundantly manifest. With reference to the remarks of the hon. member respecting the gentlemen selected to act as Commissioners under the Bill, I can only say that I know not where a better selection could have been made. Would he have the Government, in so important a matter, appoint men hostile to themselves? As the hon. Colonial Secretary has stated, and as the hon. member himself well knows, it was necessary that