

have been elected to local offices on that issue alone. The drift of things is distinctly towards the final union of the two countries. Anybody can read the handwriting on the wall."

How do you like that, Canadians? Was the Conservative Press wrong in placing the stigma of traitor on the Grits in the House? The words of Ritchie, the intimate friend of the Grit leaders, answer the question. Read also the speeches of Cartwright, Charlton and others in the House of Commons, and if they don't breathe of annexation words of man never did. If the loyal element of the Liberal Party does not interfere, and that right soon, the Grit faction will throw off all disguise and come out flat-footed for annexation.

THE directors of the Geological Survey of Canada have issued the following summary of the mineral production of Canada in 1889. It is subject to revision:

NAME OF PRODUCT.	QUANTITY. (A)	VALUE. (B)
Antimony, tons.....	55	\$ 1,100
Asbestos, tons.....	6,014	424,350
* Bricks, thousands.....	190,824	1,252,667
* Building stone, cubic yards.....	310,582	899,105
Cement, barrels.....	90,474	69,790
Charcoal, bushels.....	1,426,800	83,573
Coal, tons.....	2,719,469	5,570,742
Coke, tons (c).....	54,539	155,043
Copper, pounds (d).....	6,810,952	885,424
Felspar, tons.....	510	5,100
Fertilizers, tons.....	775	26,606
Fire clay, tons.....	400	4,800
Flag stones, square feet.....	14,000	1,400
* Glass.....		150,000
Gold, ounces, (e).....	61,799	1,116,145
Granite, tons.....	12,535	78,624
Graphite, tons.....	220	1,630
Grindstones, tons.....	3,385	30,63
* Gypsum, tons (f).....	206,201	193,658
* Iron, tons.....	58,783	2,210,062
Iron ore, tons.....	84,181	151,640
Lead, pounds.....	164,000	5,863
* Lime, bushels.....	2,278,678	265,208
Limestone, for flux, tons.....	22,122	21,909
Manganese ore, tons (g).....	1,447	31,814
Marble and Serpentine, tons.....	980	980
Mineral paints, tons.....	794	15,280
Mineral water, gallons.....	404,600	37,360
* Miscellaneous clay products.....		239,385
Petroleum, barrels (h).....	704,690	672,978
* Phosphate, tons.....	30,540	312,182
Pig iron, tons.....	25,921	499,859
Platinum, ounces.....	1,000	4,500
Pyrites, tons.....	68,047	306,212
* Salt, tons.....	24,716	110,387
Sand and Gravel (exports), tons.....	451,195	69,506
Silver, ounces.....	378,675	343,848
Slate, tons.....	6,935	119,160
Soapstone, tons.....	195	1,020
Steel, tons.....	26,333	917,822
Sulphuric acid, pounds.....	10,998,713	148,482
* Tiles, thousands.....	10,286	130,871
Estimated value of mineral products not returned (principally nickel, iron, mica and structural materials).....		1,933,752
Total.....		\$19,500,000

* Some returns yet to be received.

(a) Quantity marketed, except when otherwise specified. The tons are of 2,000 pounds.

(b) Market value, less charges of transport from point of production.

(c) Oven coke; all the production of Nova Scotia.

(d) Copper contents of Canadian ores at 13 cents per pound at the mine.

(e) Nova Scotia gold is calculated at \$19.50 per ounce, and that from British Columbia at \$17.

(f) Production of New Brunswick and Ontario, plus Nova Scotia exports.

(g) New Brunswick production, plus Nova Scotia exports.

(h) These figures are calculated from the inspection returns at 100

gallons crude for 38 gallons refined oil, and are computed at 95½ cents per barrel of 35 imperial gallons. The barrel of refined oil inspected was assumed to be 42 imperial gallons.

THE object of the Canadian Military Rifle League is to encourage rifle practice, and to induce those who have not already done so to make military rifle shooting their favorite pastime. The teams for the season of 1890 are limited to regimental teams of ten men each, comprised of officers, non-commissioned officers or privates who were enrolled prior to May 1st, 1890. Any regiment may enter any number of teams. The ranges and positions will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each, the shooting to be done with the Snider rifle. The matches are to be fired on Saturday May 17th and 31st, June 14th and 28th, July 12th and 26th, and August 9th. The ranges are to be at places selected by the teams themselves, and the shooting under the direction of range officers, and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the League. Score sheets are supplied by the League, and immediately at the close of the firing each team's total score, and other particulars are to be telegraphed to the chief operator at Montreal of the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Company, who will send a return dispatch to each team, containing the scores of all the contestants, as soon after each match as possible. The entrance fees are \$10 per regimental team, which are to be devoted to the purchase of trophies and badges. There will be one trophy for each five teams entered, and certain individual prizes to be awarded at the discretion of the executive of the League; the team prizes to be won by the highest aggregate scores of the seven matches. In the distribution of the League badges every competing team will be awarded a badge to be won by the highest individual aggregate score of that team. When not covered by League rules, the Dominion Rifle Association rules will be observed. The first annual meeting of competitors and presentation of prizes will take place at the Dominion Rifle Association matches at Ottawa on September 1st. In addition to the League prizes there are several special prizes offered by different gentlemen. It gives us pleasure to announce that every feature of these contests is and will be strictly Canadian in character, the trophies, which will be beautiful and valuable, and also the embroidered badges, being made by leading Canadian manufacturers. This is a departure on the part of this League for which those having the matter in charge are to be congratulated. Heretofore all military trophies, and even the badges also, have been made in England, the ridiculous idea seeming to prevail that such things could not be satisfactorily manufactured in Canada: but we are assured that in this contest the Canadian Military Rifle League expect to present trophies that will compare most favorably with any that can be produced anywhere else, all of which will be exhibitions of Canadian skill and handicraft, of which all Canadians will be justly proud.

A BILL has been introduced into the Dominion House of Commons by Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Secretary of State, providing for the collection and publication of labor statistics; and it is probable that it will become a law at an early day. In introducing the Bill Mr. Chapleau said:

"The character of the Bill is already known. It has often been mentioned in the public press, that a necessity existed