

Population.....	5,970,000
Wealth.....	\$7,847,000,000
Number of miles of railways.....	23,827

The history of the development of the Western States is full of interest and of information. Let me give you the total increase, in the construction of railways, at each census, in the following States and Territories:—

	1850.	1860.	1870.	1880.
Illinois.....	110	2,790	4,823	7,953
Michigan.....	342	779	1,638	3,931
Wisconsin.....	20	905	1,525	3,130
Minnesota.....			1,072	3,108
Iowa.....		655	2,683	5,235
Kansas.....			1,561	3,439
Nebraska.....			1,812	2,000
Missouri.....		817	2,000	4,011
California.....	23		703	2,320
Oregon.....			159	582
Nevada.....			593	769
Dakota.....			65	1,265
Arkansas.....			256	896
Colorado.....			157	1,581
Utah.....			254	770
Washington.....				274
Wyoming.....			429	472
Montana.....				48
	472	5,969	19,075	41,426
				5,969
				35,457
Average in twenty years.....				1,773

Let me now give you the increase in population and wealth:—

POPULATION.				
	1860.	1870.	1880.	
Illinois.....	1,711,000	2,539,000	3,077,000	
Missouri.....	1,182,000	1,221,295	2,168,308	
Wisconsin.....	775,000	1,054,000	1,315,497	
Michigan.....	749,000	1,184,000	1,636,937	
Iowa.....	674,913	1,194,000	1,624,615	
California.....	378,994	560,000	864,000	
Minnesota.....	122,000	439,000	780,000	
Kansas.....	107,000	364,000	996,000	
Oregon.....	52,000	90,000	174,000	
Utah.....	40,000	86,700	144,000	
Colorado.....	34,200	39,864	194,327	
Nebraska.....	28,000	122,093	452,403	
Washington.....	11,594	23,955	75,118	
Nevada.....	6,857	42,480	62,266	
Dakota.....	4,837	14,180	135,177	
Idaho.....		15,000	32,610	
Montana.....		20,595	39,159	
Wyoming.....		9,118	20,784	
	5,828,395	9,519,790	13,692,198	
			5,828,395	
Increase in population.....			7,863,803	
Average of yearly increase of population.....			393,190	

WEALTH.				
	1860.	1880.		
Illinois.....	\$ 871,860,000	\$ 3,210,000,000		
Missouri.....	501,214,000	1,562,000,000		
Wisconsin.....	273,671,000	1,139,000,000		
Michigan.....	257,163,000	1,580,000,000		
Iowa.....	247,338,000	1,720,000,000		
California.....	207,874,000	1,340,000,000		
Minnesota.....	52,294,000	792,000,000		
Kansas.....	32,327,000	760,000,000		
Oregon.....	28,930,000	154,000,000		
Utah.....	5,598,000	114,000,000		
Colorado.....		240,000,000		
Nebraska.....	9,131,000	385,000,000		
Washington.....	5,601,000	62,000,000		
Nevada.....		156,000,000		
Dakota.....		118,000,000		
Idaho.....		29,000,000		
Montana.....		40,000,000		
Wyoming.....		54,000,000		
	\$2,491,949,000	\$13,055,000,000		
		2,491,949,000		
Increase of wealth.....		\$10,563,051,000		
Average of yearly increase of wealth.....		528,000,000		

The foregoing statements give the following totals:—

Average of yearly increase in Railways....	1,773 miles.
do do Population..	393,190 inhabitants.
do do Wealth.....	\$528,000,000.

This will prove that every mile of railway has caused, in twenty years, in those States or Territories, an increase of 222 inhabitants and of \$300,000 to the country. In the course of last year the exports of agricultural products from the ports of New York, Boston, Portland, Philadelphia and Baltimore, amounted to \$536,315,318. And it has been ascertained, by the statistics, that 95 per cent. of those products came from the States or Territories before mentioned. The same causes always bring identical results, and we find a proof of that in making a comparison with the Canadian North-West. Since 1873 the population of the North-West Territory has increased by 250,000, and the increase in the Customs and Excise is as follows:—

	Customs.	Excise.
1874.....	\$ 66,509	\$ 4,287
1875.....	179,377	8,176
1876.....	262,492	19,716
1877.....	235,314	24,018
1878.....	314,305	39,022
1879.....	294,591	53,741
1880.....	321,179	64,665
1881.....	471,845	97,878
1882.....	1,109,678	156,794
1883.....	1,833,655	183,872
1884.....	735,544	156,219
1885 (9 months).....	475,132	115,992

The quantity of lands sold is another proof of the development of the country. Excepting the sales made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the Dominion Government has received the following amounts since 1877:—

1877.....	\$ 3,799
1878.....	19,424
1879.....	23,828
1880.....	120,479
1881.....	131,124
1882.....	1,744,456
1883.....	1,009,019
1884.....	951,636
1885.....	400,165

There seems to have been a diminution in the last months. But we must not forget that the greatest amount of sales is generally made in the spring, and that the North-West troubles have this year stopped the influx of emigrants and the business in those regions. We must also consider the fact that immigration, here as well as in the United States, decreases at certain times. For instance, I may give you a statement of the yearly immigration in the United States:

1875.....	227,698
1876.....	169,986
1877.....	141,857
1878.....	188,769
1879.....	177,826
1880.....	457,257
1881.....	669,431
1882.....	788,992
1883.....	603,322
1884.....	518,592
1885 (1st December—6 months).....	243,413

But if there is a momentary lull in our immigration, there is still a great number of new settlers going to the North-West, as may be seen by the following statement:—

Sales from 1st July, 1884, to the 1st May, 1885—		
Homesteads—1,860, of 160 acres.....	297,600	
“ 520, of 80 “.....	41,600	339,200
Pre-emptions—1,016, of 160 “.....	162,560	
“ 520, of 80 “.....	41,600	204,160
Sales.....	\$109,40	
Not including 153 McLean town lots sold...652,760 acres.		

It has been said, in this House and in the press: Why does not the Government exercise its right of taking possession of the road, if this company cannot finish it, rather than make a further advance of funds? A poorer policy could