

result of the census in the following states and rural districts :

	Rural.		Counties.
	Decrease.	Increase.	
	1892.		
Massachusetts . . . . .	67,034		
Maine . . . . .	19,486		7
New York State . . . . .	146,963	20,271	21
Ohio . . . . .	21,206		28
Illinois . . . . .	12,001		30
Vermont . . . . .	12,264		8
Maryland . . . . .	17,049		9
Rhode Island . . . . .		248	
Indiana . . . . .		34,216	25
Michigan . . . . .		187,260	15
Iowa . . . . .			27
Kansas . . . . .			11
Kentucky . . . . .			27
Tennessee . . . . .			22
Mississippi . . . . .			17
Texas . . . . .			16
Virginia . . . . .			35

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—They move from one part of the country to another. I did not give the exodus from the rural parts. I gave it from the whole territory. The hon. gentleman is misrepresenting me.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—I object to being accused of pursuing the line of argument which was adopted by the hon. gentleman yesterday.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I have misled nobody. I did not misquote them. The hon. gentleman is quoting figures referring to the rural parts and applying them in contradiction of my statement relating to a whole state.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—Did I not tell the House what was the character of the statement? I am inclined to think hon. gentlemen of this House are just as capable of understanding me as the hon. gentleman opposite, and if I make any improper deductions from his remarks they will be able to appreciate them. Passing from these eastern states to Washington Territory, the hon. gentleman's arguments or statements were as delusive as were the arguments which he applied to the eastern states; for this reason—when he told the House that British Columbia had been settled for a number of years, every man in this House knows, every schoolboy in the country knows, that for years and years, for scores

of years, that country was known to the outside world merely as a fur country, occupied by the Hudson Bay Company; and subsequently, after the discovery of gold, by a mining population. Every one knows that it was in such a geographical position that it was impossible to reach it except by the overland route or by Cape Horn and the Pacific in less than five or six months' travel. Does the House need to be told this? Yet we are told that the state of Washington, lying to the south of it, in close proximity to Oregon and California, that had been flooded with immigrants for years before, has shown a greater increase than British Columbia. It was just so in reference to Dakota, Minnesota and Michigan, and many of those states which had been accessible by railway for fifteen years before there was any means or possible way of reaching Manitoba, the North-west country or British Columbia, except by the route indicated above, for it is only within the last five or six years, since the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, that the great resources of those countries are beginning to develop. I think I may safely predict that in less than ten years a marvellous increase, not only of the population of this country but in the development of the mineral resources of British Columbia will have taken place, and I look forward with pride, as a Canadian, to the rapid development of that great west. We know it would be in the same state of isolation to-day that it was fifty years ago, if the hon. gentleman who leads the Opposition in this House and his followers had been conducting the Government of this country. Why, the great Canadian Pacific Railway would never have been constructed. We have been condemned for the manner in which we prosecuted that project, but the time has arrived when in this, as in other matters, we find that gentlemen who formerly opposed the expenditure in connection with that great enterprise, and who predicted the destruction of the credit of this country, are now most ardent admirers of it, for reasons best known to themselves. I believe the same result will flow from the completion of our great canal system that has followed from the construction of that and other railways which are developing the resources of this country at a rate of which every Canadian ought to be, if he is not, proud. In addition to that, the hon. gentleman, with a fairness which he has accused