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### BRITISH EMPIRE'S WEALTH.

Figures which enable one to realize the immense wealth which is every year produced from the 11,314,000 square miles which comprise the British Empire are contained in the "Statistical Abstract of the British Empire." Calculations from the figures contained therein show that within the past

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ten years the empire has yielded to its inhabitants the following:

Coal	£970,000,000
Diamonds	55,000,000
Gold	288,000,000
Silver	10,000,000
Copper	28,000,000
Tin	64,000,000

In addition to these items, which represent a total wealth of £1,415,000,000 the empire has also provided within the ten years the following valuable products:

Iron ore (tons)	115,000,000
Pig iron (tons)	95,000,000
Wheat (bushels)	4,850,000,000
Barley (bushels)	970,000,000
Oats (bushels)	3,400,000,000
Maize (bushels)	370,000,000
Wine (gallons)	110,000,000
Tea (pounds)	3,600,000,000
Coffee (pounds)	420,000,000
Raw Sugar (cwts.)	560,000,000
Rubber (pounds)	103,000,000
Cotton (pounds)	12,000,000,000

This does not exhaust the wealth that is produced from and on the land of the empire. Among its other possessions are:

Horses	7,000,000
Horned cattle	119,400,000
Sheep	152,000,000

Sheep produce between them 872,000 pounds of wool every year.

### BULLS, BEARS AND LAMBS.

Wall Street is an enchanted forest inhabited by three species of wild beasts—bulls, bears and lambs. The lambs in that forest bear fleeces of gold, and shearing them is the occupation of both the bulls and the bears. When the lambs are thoroughly shorn, then the bulls and bears amuse themselves by fighting over the fleeces. Shares of stock are the counters in the game. The most striking characteristic of the lamb, as everyone knows, is his docility and innocence. No matter how often his rapacious shepherds shear him, he is always ready, nay eager, to be shorn again; and to the voice of the bulls and bears his obedience is unwavering.

When they tell him to sell his stock he sells; when they tell him to buy he buys, but never for his own profit, but always for that of the bulls and bears. Such continual sacrifice of his selfish interest to that of his shepherds marks the lamb as the most devoted of Christians, but hardly the wisest. The bulls toss stocks upwards with their horns; the bears drag them downwards with their paws. But these animals have the magical power of transforming themselves one into the other, so that the bull becomes the bear when he wishes, and the bear a bull, but neither ever becomes a lamb.

The lamb has too little sense to sell when the prices are high or buy when they are low. The bears can gorge themselves at almost any time by roaring panic as they are doing now. The purpose of such a roar is never in the least obscure or doubtful, but the lamb will never learn the open secret. Panics are produced by roaring about them, and they are always produced to enable the bears to buy in stocks at panic prices. This is the plain and unmistakable object of the current outcry; but it is probably entirely useless to tell the innocent lamb to disregard the uproar and hold on to his property. He will do exactly what the plutocratic bear wants him to do, and he will bleat pitifully over the consequences. Why does he do it? Because he is a lamb.—"Market Record," Winnipeg.

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