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along the line. The proposition of the hon. member for Lambton was that \$80,000,000 would build the Pacific Railway; and I do not think that there is a shadow of doubt but that that sum will be sufficient. Sir, this completes my review of the Railway to the foot-hills east of the Rocky Mountains, and brings me to the motion of the hon. member for West Durham (Mr. Blake), who wishes that the road should not be constructed in British Columbia. The Esquimalt-Nanaimo section of the Pacific Railway, we look upon as a road to be built by the Government of Canada, in accordance with the contracts with Columbia, in the Terms of Union, and in fulfilment of the Carnarvon Award; but I will select some other opportunity to deal with that question. Before I deal at length with the motion of the hon. member for West Durham, I wish to draw attention to some figures in regard to British Columbia. The hon.

gentleman said, in his speech, that we had only 12,000 of a population in that Province. Some years ago the hon. gentleman said, at Walkerton, the population was 2,000. I am glad that he has given us credit of an increase of 10,000; but, nevertheless, I will endeavour to show that he is as mistaken as a statistician as he is as a statesman. I will first draw attention to some figures in regard to the imports and exports of British Columbia, as compared with the other Provinces. I will not go into all my figures at this late hour, and weary the House, but I expect the *Hansard* report to take them in full, as they are tabulated in order that this House, and this country, may know the true relation that British Columbia bears to the rest of the Dominion. I will confine myself only to such explanations as will make my statistics more intelligible. The first table is as follows:—

STATEMENT of the Imports and Exports of the Provinces for 1878-79, compared with each other on the basis of Population.

Provinces.	1878-79. Imports.	1878-79. Exports.	1878-79. Excess of Exports over Imports.	1878-79. Excess of Exports over Im- ports.	Estimated Population	Per Cap- ita Im- ports.	Per Cap- ita Ex- ports.	Per Cap- ita Ex- cess of Im- ports over Ex- ports.	Per Cap- ita Ex- cess of Ex- ports over Im- ports.
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Ontario.....	34,105,826	21,706,806	12,399,020	Nil.	2,000,000	17 05	10 85	6 14	Nil.
Quebec.....	30,924,824	28,880,492	2 044,332	Nil.	1,500,000	20 61	19 25	1 36	Nil.
Nova Scotia...	7,062,614	7,326,018	Nil.	263,404	400,000	17 65	18 01	Nil.	0 66
N. Brunswick..	5,298,454	5,371,471	Nil.	75,017	300,000	17 65	17 90	Nil.	0 25
Manitoba.....	1,140,871	512,873	627,998	Nil.	50,000	22 80	10 25	12 56	Nil.
Brit. Columbia	2,440,789	2,755,972	Nil.	315,183	50,000	48 81	55 12	Nil.	6 30
P. E. Island...	835,569	1,831,339	Nil.	995,820	100,000	8 35	18 31	Nil.	9 95

From this table, it will be observed that British Columbia, although only twenty-two years old as a Province, stands next to New Brunswick, and fifth in rank among the Provinces as an importer and exporter of merchandise. Ontario, Quebec, and Manitoba imported more than they exported; Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and British Columbia exported more than they imported; and British Columbia's excess over imports was nearly as much as the aggregate excess of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The *per capita* imports of British Columbia were six times more *per capita* than Prince Edward Island, nearly three times

more *per capita* than either Ontario, Nova Scotia or New Brunswick; and more than double the *per capita* imports of Quebec and Manitoba. Her exports *per capita* were five times more than the *per capita* exports of either Ontario or Manitoba, and three times more than either Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island. These are incontrovertible facts that I submit to this House, and press upon the attention of the hon. gentleman who has moved a repudiation resolution. I will now draw your attention, Sir, to a summary statement showing the exports of each Province under their respective heads. It is as follows: