

what you can produce; we will say that, while our neighbours build up a Chinese wall, we will impose a reasonable duty on their products coming into this country; at all events, we will maintain for our agricultural and other productions, largely, the market of our own Dominion. The time has certainly arrived when we must consider whether we will allow matters to remain as they are, with the result of being an unimportant and uninteresting portion of Her Majesty's Dominions, or will rise to the position, which, I believe Providence has destined us to occupy, by means which, I believe, though I may be over sanguine, which my colleagues believe, though they may be over sanguine, which the country believes are calculated to bring prosperity and happiness to the people, to give employment to the thousands who are unemployed, and to make this a great and prosperous country, as we all desire and hope it will be.

Mr. MACKENZIE: Will the hon. gentleman give us an estimate of the revenue of the coming year? We have heard nothing of that.

Mr. TILLEY: I am very much obliged to my hon. friend. I was not aware that I had passed it over. I have here a comparative statement, which I will read:—

| ORIGINAL ESTIMATE, 1878-79. | | 1878-79. | 1879-80. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Canals and minor Pub- lic Works..... | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Railways..... | | 445,000 | 450,000 |
| Post Office..... | | 1,484,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Bill Stamps..... | | 1,260,000 | 1,200,000 |
| Interest on Investments..... | | 150,000 | 200,000 |
| Miscellaneous Excise (1879- 80)..... | | 670,000 | 700,000 |
| | | 606,000 | 600,000 |
| <i>Car'd. forward</i> | 4,614,000 | 4,589,000 | 4,650,000 |

| ORIGINAL ESTIMATE, 1878-79 | | 1878-79. | 1879-80. |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| <i>Brc'd. forward.</i> | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Excise Re- venue of this year collect- ed in 1878-9 | 4,614,000 | 4,589,000 | 4,650,000 |
| | 358,000 | | |
| Excise (1878- 79)..... | 5,213,400 | | 4,972,000 |
| Less Excise of 1879-80 at old rates collected this year.. | 322,000 | | |
| | | 4,891,400 | |
| CUSTOMS (1879-80).. Customs Re- venue of this year collect- ed in 1878-79.... | 14,000,000 | | |
| | 500,000 | | |
| | | | 14,500,000 |
| CUSTOMS (1878-79).. Less Cust- oms of 1879-80 col- lected this year..... | 12,640,000 | | |
| | 500,000 | | |
| | | 12,140,000 | |
| | | 21,620,400 | 24,122,000 |

Mr. MACKENZIE: What I desired was rather an estimate of the products expected under the proposed fiscal changes.

Mr. TILLEY: I thought that would be better explained as we came to the items. I may state, however, that we estimate an increase from the operation of this new tariff of \$2,200,000. The Government have been exceedingly anxious, heavy as the imposition of some of the taxes are, that in the future we shall have no deficits. The credit of the country requires, and we believe the country will justify us in collecting such a revenue as will meet the requirements of the country.

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