

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that I have not wearied you and the honorable members of the House with these details. I consider them important, as showing the sound financial condition of our country, and the steady advance making in substantial prosperity.

There are other savings banks and institutions showing equal prosperity, but I do not wish to weary the House with further statistics, and have given those merely as samples for the consideration of the honorable members of this House.

Then again, another branch of industry particularly affecting our farmers—the export of animals to England. I take from one of our city papers of Monday last, a statement copied from the report of the Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, which shows the importance to Canada of the cattle exports, and which is unquestionably correct. It is said :

“The export trade of cattle from Canada, during the year 1884, shows an increase over the previous year, the total number being 61,843 cattle, against 55,625 in 1883 ; but there is a large decrease in the numbers of sheep exported, viz. : 67,197 against 114,352.

“The numbers shipped from each port during 1884, are as follows, viz. :

	CATTLE.	SHEEP.
Montreal.....	50,795	62,985.
Halifax.....	3,611	30
Quebec....	680	747
Entered at Montreal for Boston and Portland.....	6,757	3,435
	<hr/> 61,843	<hr/> 67,197

Which, taken at a fair valuation, represents—

61,843 cattle at \$126.....	\$7,730,375
67,197 sheep at \$10.....	671,970
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Total.....	\$8,402,345
Being an increase over last year of.....	\$ 67,999

“In addition to the above, a considerable number of Canadian cattle and sheep have been taken to England via. Baltimore, on account of the extraordinary low freights from that port, and con-