

HON. MR. MACDONALD—The hon. gentleman is not obliged to remain.

HON. MR. PLUMB—If I did not remain there would be no quorum, and I am sitting here as a matter of courtesy to the hon. gentleman.

HON. MR. DEVER—The hon. gentleman is out of order, and I wish to make an explanation about New Brunswick.

HON. MR. MACDONALD—The hon. gentleman from Ottawa, who I am sorry to see is out of his seat, discussed the question with a great deal of warmth and excitement. He accused me of taking an unparliamentary advantage of this House by referring to a report which was not in the hands of members. The hon. gentleman should not have made a charge of that kind. What has been the custom of this House? Has it not been to move for papers and speak of them before they are brought down? The hon. gentleman said also that I had not given sufficient notice. I gave five days notice on my motion, and delayed it five days further, and what is the fact? The papers were not in my hands five minutes before they were being perused by the hon. gentleman from Ottawa, which gave him the opportunity to prepare and deliver a very able speech, though it was one with which I did not agree. The hon. gentleman also said I had chosen a very inopportune time for bringing this matter forward. I think it was a very opportune time; it was a comparison with one's year of depression, 1878, with another year of depression, 1884. If I had compared 1878 with 1883 I would have been told that I had taken a special year and that the comparison was not fair. The hon. gentleman said also that I was away from the country and therefore could not have known what was going on. In reply I can only say that if the hon. gentleman was himself in the country he must have closed his eyes and made very poor use of his time if he could not ascertain what was going on and see the progress of the country. The hon. gentleman from Ottawa made a very ungenerous speech; he could not deny the progress and the increased production of the country, and yet he would not give one single iota of credit to the

party whose policy had caused the improvement, although on the other side we are prepared to allow the hon. gentleman and his party credit for all their acts, good or bad. The hon. gentleman alluded to the importations and exportations of the country as being in excess of what they were in former years. Is not that an evidence of wealth? If we have been able to consume the increased importations and the large home manufactures that is surely an evidence of increased wealth in the country. I will just tell hon. gentlemen what the difference has been in exports. It is something wonderful.

MON. MR. PLUMB—Oh, no, it is too late; hand the figures in to the reporter.

HON. MR. MACDONALD—The statement shows an excess during the five years that the National Policy has been in operation of \$85,150,292. That is no evidence of poverty, and the imports have increased as well by \$43,000,000 in the five years.

Total exports for the five years under Liberal Government.....\$392,681,048  
Total exports under Conservative Government for five years, 1880 to 1884. 477,831,340.

#### DOMINION IMPORTS.

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| 1875..... | \$123,070,283 00 |
| 1876..... | 94,733,218 00    |
| 1877..... | 96,300,483 00    |
| 1878..... | 91,199,577 00    |
| 1879..... | 81,964,427 00    |
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|           | \$487,267,988 00 |
| 1880..... | 71,782,349 00    |
| 1881..... | 105,330,840 00   |
| 1882..... | 112,648,927 00   |
| 1883..... | 132,254,022 00   |
| 1884..... | 108,180,644 00   |
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|           | \$530,196,782 00 |

An increase of \$42,928,794.00 imports in five years, under the National Policy, compared with five years under a revenue tariff.

- As hon. gentlemen are so impatient, I will merely say, that those who have taken