

It is well known that our revenue is derived from two main sources, customs duties, and excise duties, both of these are paid by the people of the Government, and constitute a taxation equal to the sum raised by that means. The following figures show the enormous increase in the taxation :—

Sum raised by this means of taxation for 1899.....	\$30,613,532
Sum raised by same means of taxation for 1879.....	18,476,613
Excess of 1889 over 1879.....	\$12,136,900
Deduct deficit for 1879.....	1,936,990
Actual increase of taxation over 1879.....	\$10,199,910

In other words the people of this country paid in the one year of 1889 over ten millions more in the way of taxation than they did ten years before. This it will be remembered is the increase for one year only. Let us see what the increase was for the ten years since 1879, compared with the ten preceding years from 1869 to 1879 :—

From 1879 to 1889, the total taxation was.....	\$204,731,298
From 1869 to 1879, the total taxation was.....	128,269,884
Increase during the last ten years.....	\$ 76,461,414

Is it not possible that one of the reasons why the farmer is not as prosperous as he was ten years ago is that the enormous sum of over seventy-six million of dollars additional has been taken out of the pockets of the people by way of taxation during the last ten years.

WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE MONEY ?

In the face of these alarming figures the people of this country are fairly justified in asking what has been done with this enormous sum of money. Has it been used in paying off our debt? Has our debt decreased? Let us see :—

Net debt in 1889.....	\$237,530,041
Net debt in 1879.....	142,990,187
Increase in debt for last ten years.....	\$ 94,537,854

We therefore see that this enormous increase in our taxation, amounting to over 76 million of dollars in ten years, has not been applied to the payment of the public debt. That debt has not decreased, but on the contrary has increased over 94 million of dollars. There evidently is something wrong.