

own. I do so not upon the information contained in newspaper articles, or popular statements, but on the authority of the official report of the Finance Committee of the Constitutional Convention which was recently sitting at Albany, in which a view was taken of the indebtedness of the State. Let us see what the result was at which they arrived. The Federal taxation of the State is set down in the report at... \$118,000,000
 the State taxation at..... 12,800,000
 the taxation by cities, counties, towns, &c., at..... 50,000,000

making a total taxation of..... \$180,800,000

which, on a population of four millions, gives an annual charge per head of \$45. Compare this now with the state of affairs in Canada. Our returns are not so complete as could be desired, perhaps; and I may take this opportunity of saying that the Government think it would be a great mistake if they did not see that there was a complete system of statistical returns from all the Provinces of the Dominion, which might be made available for purposes of comparison. The estimated revenue of the Dominion is \$14,500,000
 The estimated revenue of the Provinces, apart from subsidies, &c., paid by the Dominion. 1,500,000
 and the taxation by cities, towns and villages 4,700,000

Mr. MACKENZIE—Too low.

Hon. Mr. ROSE—I think not; there is hardly any in Nova Scotia. The total taxation of Canada, then: Dominion, Provincial, and Municipal may be estimated at \$20,700,000

which, on a population of 3,900,000, would give an annual charge of a little over \$5 per head, instead of \$45 as in New York. (Hear, hear.)
 The debt of the State of New York was set down in the same report at..... \$48,381,682
 of the cities, villages, counties and towns at..... 85,000,000
 the proportion of the National debt at..... 500,000,000

making a total debt of..... \$633,351,682

which, on a population of four millions, gave \$158 per head.

Turning to Canada now, we have for the debt of the Dominion \$72,000,000
 That of the Provinces, in excess of the Dominion debt, is 17,000,000
 That of the cities, counties, towns, &c., for Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces, together about..... 18,500,000

giving a total debt of..... \$107,500,000
 which for a population of 3,900,000 is less than \$28 per head, as compared with \$158 per head in the State of New York. (Hear, hear.)
 I think that, taking into account the valuable debts which are owing to us and the property we hold in connection with the burdens we have to