

That Canada never was a sacrifice market; that English and American goods were not sent in here and sacrificed. Mr. Drummond, of Redpath's firm, informed us, in 1876, that we were getting American sugars at less than their actual cost, because the American refiner was paid a bounty by his Government. Now, we are told that Mr. Redpath is furnishing us with sugar at a lower price than the price of 1878, although that was below cost; that he is paying higher wages, and that he is doing a prosperous business! The same story is told of cotton manufactures—that it is prosperously lower now than the ruinously low prices of 1878; and yet these lower than bankrupt prices are producing handsome profits! I would like to ask the President of the Council what he has to say to this? Can he find no couplet from Biglow or Butler which will properly characterize the statement of his colleague? I have already pointed out the extraordinary features of the hon. Minister of Finance's statistics. Let me here notice the efficiency of our sugar refining. The hon. gentleman's commissioners visited four refineries in which they say 885 men are employed. Mr. Gladstone says, thirty-nine men will refine 100 tons of loaf sugar every week, or 292,000 lbs. per man each year. If we take the mixed sugars of the United Kingdom we find that 5,174 men refine 1,822,000,000 lbs., or 350,000 lbs. to each man employed. Now, if the information furnished the House by the hon. Minister of Finance is at all to be relied upon, that we have 885 men engaged in the refineries, they ought to turn out 300,000,000 lbs. of ordinary refined sugar, nearly three times the amount refined in Canada. The hon. Finance Minister has made a statement which shows that the refineries here, either owing to the defectiveness of their machinery or to some other cause, are producing not more than one-third of the quantity produced in the United Kingdom with the same amount of labor. I ask this House to say whether such labor is well employed? I ask it to say whether the country is not compelled to pay for this inefficiency? It may be that these refineries are not so wretchedly managed as the hon. Finance Minister would have us believe; but if they are not, is it not plain to every one that this House has wholly unreliable statements laid before it? It is impossible that this statement can be true. It is impossible to believe that men greedy of gain—anxious to grow suddenly rich, would so mismanage their business, as to employ three men to do the work of one. I observe that the hon. Finance Minister, in his Budget Speech, estimates the increased consumption of Canadian wool at upwards of 1,000,000 lbs. He says, that the exports in 1878 were 2,445,893 lbs, and, in 1881,