

ton sent \$103,252 worth of goods into Manitoba; the city of Toronto, \$301,213 worth; the city of London, \$60,000 worth, all in bond, making, in that short month, no less than \$464,965 worth, or nearly \$500,000 worth of goods which went into that country; and for the six months ending December 31, 1881, \$4,873,991 worth of goods were sent into that country. I am quite sure, that this, will settle the question in the mind of every hon. member, who is open to conviction, that we made no mistake, were not premature, and had not over-estimated the ability of the country, and did not involve it in any unnecessary burthen, when we took the step we did it for the development of the North-West. When we came into power at the close of 1878, there was not a mile of railway in operation in Canada west of Lake Superior; and on the 1st day of August next, traffic will pass over 971 miles of railway from Lake Superior and Thunder Bay to Winnipeg, and on the main line and branches of the Canadian Pacific Railway, without reference to the fifty miles constructed by the South-Western and thirty or forty miles built by the Westbourne and North-Western. I am quite sure, Sir, I need not detain the House further than to say that with a surplus of \$1,000,000 during the past year; that with the power to remove the duties from tea and coffee and reduce the duty on tobacco, with the abolition of the Stamp duty and the giving of \$150,000 to the fishermen, and doing all this without, in the least degree, increasing, and instead of increasing greatly reducing the taxes of the people, I think the hon. gentlemen will see we were quite justified in adopting not a bold policy, but the statesmanlike and common-sense policy of grappling with these great questions, and putting the country in the position we have. I think, Sir, I need not detain the House longer in dealing with the motion of my hon. friend from Sunbury, but I am quite certain that hon. gentleman, with the fair-minded candour which I know forms a large part of his nature, will come to the conclusion that he had been premature—and not we—in moving such a resolution. I will now come to the next resolution, moved by my hon. friend from Quebec East, and I think that this hon. gentleman would find, if he were in the House—I am sorry to see he is not here—that he had been a little premature in moving the resolution which he undertook to propose. He moved, Sir:

“That the contract respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, provides for the construction of between 600 and 700 miles of railway to the north of Lake Superior between Lake Nipissing and the junction with the road from Thunder Bay, through a difficult and uninhabited country, and at a vast expense, that a mere fraction of the cost of this road would, if applied as a basis of credit, secure the construction of those 33 miles common to the through line and to the Sault Ste. Marie Railway,