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Sir Oliver Mowat on Annexation.

"Sir Oliver Mowat at Niagara: I believe that the great mass of our people would prefer independence to political union with any other people. And so would I. As a Canadian I am not willing that Canada should cease to be. I am not willing that both our British connection and our hope of a Canadian nationality shall be destroyed forever. (Cheers). Annexation necessarily means all that. It means too the abolition of all that is to us preferable in Canadian character and institutions as contrasted with what in these respects our neighbors prefer. Annexation means at the same time the transfer from ourselves to Washington of all matters outside of local provincial.—*Ottawa Journal*, July 19th, 1892.

#### Intercolonial Railway.

The Intercolonial Railway has cost the country up to date somewhat over \$55,000,000. Since 1868, when the road had its beginnings, the deficits have exceeded the surpluses by more than six million dollars. The following is the statement year by year:—

	Surplus.	Deficit.
1868.....	\$ 60,792	.....
1869.....	67,475	.....
1870.....	26,036	.....
1871.....	122,720	.....
1872.....	27,825	.....
1873.....	\$308,435	.....
1874.....	953,745	.....
1875.....	670,996	.....
1876.....	281,065	.....
1877.....	507,229	.....
1878.....	447,120	.....
1879.....	738,984	.....
1880.....	89,636	.....
1881.....	1,257	.....
1882.....	19,724	.....
1883.....	11,558	.....
1884.....	9,947	.....
1885.....	67,625	.....
1886.....	101,015	.....
1887.....	232,821	.....
1888.....	363,144	.....
1889.....	251,048	.....
1890.....	542,213	.....
1891.....	683,644	.....
1892.....	479,940	.....
1893.....	37,607	.....
1894.....	21,199	.....
1895.....	28,253	.....
1896.....	54,360	.....
	\$44,416	\$6,783,567

#### Railways in Canada.

##### EARNINGS AND EXPENDITURE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

##### WHAT THE CANAL VESSELS TRANSPORTED.

From the report of the minister of Railways and Canals for the year ended June 30th, 1896.

Miles of completed Railway..	16,387
An increase of miles.....	206
Besides miles of siding.....	2,106
Miles laid with steel.....	16,137
Miles in operation.....	16,270
CAPITAL.	
Paid up capital.....	\$ 899,817,900
Increase.....	5,177,341
EARNINGS.	
Gross earnings.....	50,545,569
Increase.....	3,760,082
WORKING EXPENSES.	
Aggregated.....	35,044,655
Increase.....	2,292,986
PASSENGERS CARRIED.	
Passengers carried.....	14,810,407
Increase.....	822,827
FREIGHT TRAFFIC.	
Amounted in tons to.....	24,266,825
Increase.....	2,742,404
MILES RUN BY TRAINS.	
Total miles run.....	44,500,602
Increase.....	3,838,712



Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT,  
Lieut.-Governor of Ontario.

by companies are essentially separate and distinct. The government telegraph system is in conjunction with the Public Works department. It was in 1880 that the government system had its birth. There are 2,602 miles of line altogether in the hands of the government. Of this 2,486 miles are inland lines and 206½ knots cable. The revenue for 1895 was \$8,331,56 against an expenditure of \$49,878.

#### God Bless us All.

God bless our native land  
With peace, prosperity and health;  
Be thou, by Thy strong hand,  
Her sure defence and wealth,  
Long may her sons Thy gifts enjoy,  
And in Thy service find a sweet employ;  
Faithful and true to Heaven's plan,  
Marked out by prophets for the Saxon man.  
The noble sires from whom we came  
Fought, bled and died for freedom;  
Let us their birthright well maintain,  
And to our children leave as pure a name.  
God bless our Church with true progress;  
God bless our Canada with sure success;  
God bless our Queen with life and favor;  
God bless us all, now and for ever.



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Journalist.

#### Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a Leader.

Mr. Laurier, has displayed some of the highest qualities of leadership as chief of the opposition.

He assumed the leadership at the darkest hour of Liberalism in Canada.

But Mr. Laurier took his position with judicial calmness. He let the dead past bury its dead, turned to the future with hope and, gradually, by his genius for organisation, his tact, his capacity for unwearied application to work and his personal magnetism, exercised with equal success on masses of people as upon individuals, he consolidated his party, infused new life in it and in the end, carried it to victory. *Ottawa Journal*, Aug. 22, 1896.

#### The Cost is Heavy.

It costs the people of the United States \$25,000,000 a year to be born, \$300,000,000 a year to be married and \$900,000,000 to get drunk.



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#### Public Debts

The increases in the net public debt of Canada from 1887 to 1896 have been:

Year ending June 30.	
1887.....	\$4,155,668
1888.....	7,216,583
1889.....	2,998,683
1890.....	3,170
1891.....	275,818
1892.....	3,322,404
1893.....	549,605
1894.....	4,501,990
1895.....	6,891,898
1896.....	5,528,831

Total.....\$35,444,550

#### Canada's Foreign Trade

The total export and import trade of Canada from 1889 to 1897 was \$2,069,415,039 made up yearly as follows:

1889.....	\$204,414,008
1890.....	218,607,390
1891.....	218,384,934
1892.....	241,309,443
1893.....	247,638,620
1894.....	240,999,389
1895.....	224,420,485
1896.....	228,728,000
1897.....	244,852,000
	\$2,069,415,039

#### The Lunatic and Mr. Brown.

Lunatic (suddenly popping his head over asylum wall)—What are you doing there?

Brown—Fishing.  
Lunatic—Caught anything?  
Brown—No.  
Lunatic—How long have you been fishing?  
Brown—Six hours.  
Lunatic—Come inside.

#### A Noble Man.

Mr. Passmore Edwards, proprietor of the Echo, a London halfpenny paper, devotes the profits of it and of other publications which he owns to the erection of useful public institutions. During the twenty years he has acted on this principle 49 buildings have been erected, are being erected or will be immediately erected as a result of his munificence. Twenty-five of these are public libraries, literary institutes or mechanics' institutes, or other educational institutions, and nineteen are hospitals or homes for the afflicted.