

due partly, I admit, to an abundant harvest, for which we have great reason to be thankful. Then, with reference to the coal interest, as I stated before, the coal producers of Nova Scotia sold in 1878-79 688,624 tons, in 1879-80, 944,615 tons, or an increase of 255,000 tons; in British Columbia last year they exported 30,738 tons more than the year before; increased production in Nova Scotia and British Columbia for the last year was 286,729 tons. Then there is an increase of trade with the West Indies from \$1,033,849 in 1877-78, to \$1,252,429 in 1878-79, and \$3,151,754 in 1879-80. The imports from China and Japan were \$383,676 in 1877-78, \$448,962 in 1878-79, and \$893,911 in 1879-80. Now we come to some other facts which are a test of the condition of the country; for instance, the value of the stocks of thirteen banks of the Dominion on the 1st of February, 1879. The paid-up capital then was \$38,465,864; the value of the rates at which they were then sold was \$38,921,015; the value on the 1st of February, 1881, was 53,237,168, or an increase of \$14,316,153 on the \$38,000,000 of bank stock in the two years. The deposits in the Dominion banks, taking them altogether from December, 1878, to December, 1880, not including Government deposits, were, in 1878, \$66,406,516; in December, 1880, they were \$79,239,416, or an increase of \$12,832,900. The deposits with the Dominion post offices and in the Dominion saving banks for the fiscal year of 1878 amounted to \$8,998,113, in 1879 \$9,846,982, in 1880 \$11,688,356; on the 31st of January, 1881, they were \$14,730,594, an increase of \$5,732,481 in two years in the savings of the people, in addition to the \$12,832,000 of additional deposits in the banks, making altogether \$18,500,000 of increased deposits. Then we will take the receipts of Canadian railways: in 1879, 3,722 miles of road yielded \$15,789,101; in 1880, 3,744 miles yielded \$21,241,756, or an increase of \$5,452,655.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—Is that the local traffic or the total traffic?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY—That is the whole traffic. A portion of that is due to the distribution of the sugar that was refined in Montreal. Before it came in largely by the Niagara bridge, they did not carry it so far, but when it had to go from Montreal to all parts of the Dominion, they got something extra out of that, too. I think that with these facts before us we will be prepared to admit that the country is in a prosperous condition. We do not claim all that for the National