

of \$81,382,000, not mentioning goods we do not produce, the United States has bought from us \$40,407,483 worth, Great Britain \$33,648,000, and the whole of the rest of the world, excepting the United States, \$40,974,000—just \$500,000 worth more than the United States did; and yet we are to turn our back on the United States and are to go 10,000 miles away to see if somebody will buy a few dollars worth of goods from us. Now, is it not a thing which he that runs may read, a thing which ought to open, if anything can

OPEN THE EYES OF GENTLEMEN OPPOSITE

that at the very moment when they were occupied in this House belittling our trade with the United States last year—they are learning more wisdom now, I am happy to say—talking grandiloquently of how well Canada could do without the trade of the United States, the United States trade with us was growing by leaps and bounds. Could there be a better proof of the immense possibilities that that trade would afford to us, if under proper development, than the fact that, fettered and handcuffed as it is, with all the impediments that two hostile tariffs can throw in its way, nevertheless last year, while we were deliberately refusing to consider the question, that trade increased by well nigh \$10,000,000; and those returns hardly indicate the true trade. In the first place, it is well known that our exports to the United States are

SYSTEMATICALLY, UNDER-VALUED.

It is well known that what are called short returns are probably a good deal too small. I have here the United States returns for 1887, and likewise our own returns for 1887, and I call the attention of the House to a few notable facts. According to the United States returns, in 1887 we sent to the United States, paying duty, 58,071 cattle. Our own returns only showed 45,984. We sent to the United States, by their returns, 20,695 horses; our returns only showed 18,527. We sent to the United States 477,752 sheep, according to their returns, while our returns only showed 363,000, besides a large number of all these kinds of animals entered as not paying duty. I cannot say how far or how much may be involved in that item, but it does appear to me that a very considerable amount ought to be added on both sides, exports and imports, to