

gentlemen opposite must be very fond of interruptions to make one like this. Now, it will not be out of place, in order to understand what the Government has done for that territory to mention exactly its area. I do not refer to the changes which have been made by the last decision of the Privy Council on the boundary question; I do not think it will affect the result very much. I have here a table of the areas of the North-West Territories and the several Provinces of the Dominion, together with the areas of some of the nations of the world, showing the comparative extent of our own domain:

	Square miles.
Manitoba.....	123,200
Territories—	
(1878) Keewatin.....	450,000
(1882) Assinibola.....	95,000
" Saskatchewan.....	114,000
" Alberta.....	100,000
" Athabaska.....	122,000
Territories undivided.....	1,784,252
	<u>2,661,252</u>
Total.....	2,788,452
Prince Edward Island.....	2,133
Nova Scotia.....	20,907
New Brunswick.....	27,174
Quebec.....	188,688
Ontario.....	101,733
British Columbia.....	341,305
	<u>681,940</u>
Total.....	3,470,392
Russia, $\frac{1}{2}$ of terrestrial part of the world.....	8,387,816
China, $\frac{1}{4}$ of land of globe.....	4,419,150
Brazil.....	3,275,826
United States.....	3,095,245
British India.....	868,244
Austria.....	240,842
German Empire.....	212,033
France.....	204,177
United Kingdom.....	120,832
Italy.....	114,296

Therefore the Territory which we acquired in 1869, with the addition which was made to it in 1873, or, if the hon. gentlemen opposite prefer, 1877, Canada contains one twenty-eighth of all the land in the world, and is fourteen times larger than France, and twenty-three times larger than the United Kingdom. This valuable country was very little known even at the time of its purchase by the Canadian Government. In fact Hon. Joseph Howe who had paid a flying visit to it during the winter of 1869 conceived such a poor opinion of its value that he returned determined to advise his colleagues to have nothing to do with it. Although it was visited for nearly 150 years by Montreal fur traders