

This table, Sir, shows the immense progress which has been made in the importation of raw materials which go into the industrial establishments of this country, and which are worked up by the labor and industry of the country, showing, in the first place, a development of industrial life

and product of the country, and in the second place, what is a corollary of that, an increase in the internal commerce of the country. In the exports from Canada the same development is shown :

STATEMENT respecting Exports from Canada from 1868 to 1888.

	Fisheries.	Mines.	Forests.	Agricultural products.	Animals and products.	Cattle.	Apples.	Cheese.	Manufactures.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Exports in 1868	3,357,510	1,446,857	18,262,170	12,871,055	6,893,167	(1874) 751,269	80,135	617,354	1,572,548
Exports in 1888	7,793,183	4,110,937	21,302,814	15,436,360	24,719,297	5,012,713 (1874 to 1888)	857,995	8,928,242	4,161,282
Total from 1868 to 1888.	127,212,229	72,560,927	462,190,606	363,521,686	349,619,410	49,364,094	6,708,251	89,880,952	64,901,498
Average	6,057,725	3,455,282	22,009,076	17,310,556	16,648,543	3,290,939	322,297	4,280,000	3,090,547
Percentage of increase, 1888, over average.....	28·64	18·97	3·21	10·82	48·48	52 p.c. (over 1874)	166 p.c.	169	34 p.c.
Percentage of increase, 1888, over 1868.....	132·11	184·12	16·65	19·89	258·60	567 p.c.	971 p.c.	1,345	164 p.c.

If we look also at the increase in the direction indicated by the next table and which shows more particularly the large development of the business of the country, we find the same gratifying progress :

	1868.	1888.	Increase or Decrease.	Per cent. of Increase.
Discounts, Chartered Banks	\$ 50,500,316	173,185,812	122,685,496	243
Overdue Notes and Debts in Chartered Banks on each \$100 borrowed (decrease)	P. c. (1873) 2·07	1·54	—·53	Decrease 25½
Bank Notes in circulation	\$ 8,307,079	30,444,845	22,137,766	266½
Deposits in Chartered Banks.....	" 32,808,104	112,860,700	80,052,596	244
" Savings Branches, Building Societies and Loan Companies	" 959,051	18,251,423	17,292,372	1803
" Savings Banks.....	" 4,360,692	51,861,984	47,501,292	1089½
Money Orders issued	" 3,352,881	10,918,818	7,565,937	225½
Letters and Post Cards sent.....	No. 18,100,000	96,786,000	78,686,000	435
Miles of Railway Built	" 2,532	13,292	9,770	387½
Passengers carried.....	(1875) \$ 5,190,416	(1887) 10,685,509	5,495,092	106
Receipts from Passengers carried.....	(1876) \$ 6,254,861	(1887) 11,807,591	5,552,730	89·7½
Freight carried	Tons. (1876) 6,331,767	(1887) 16,367,917	10,036,150	158½
Receipts from Freight carried	\$ (1876) 12,211,156	(1887) 24,581,047	12,369,891	101½
Seagoing and Inland Lakes, Shipping Employed, not including Coasting Vessels.....	T. reg. 12,982,525	15,217,308	2,234,783	17½
Tonnage of Shipping, with Cargo and in Ballast (seagoing), entered, inwards.....	Tons. 2,104,009	4,623,506	2,519,497	119·7½
Tonnage of Shipping, with Cargo and in Ballast and cleared, outwards.....	" 2,215,312	4,574,297	2,358,985	106½
External Commerce (water-borne), tons, Merchandise, brought in.....	" 1,898,510	2,683,005	784,495	41·7½
" " " and carried out	" 4,284,637	5,599,933	1,315,296	30·7½
Merchandise carried to and from Canada in Seagoing Vessels. Inwards, tons, weight	" (1876) 703,087	1,063,780	360,693	51·7½
Merchandise carried to and from Canada in Seagoing Vessels. Inwards, tons, measure	" (1876) 126,876	247,283	120,407	95
Merchandise carried to and from Canada in Seagoing Vessels. Outwards, tons, weight.....	" (1876) 1,016,915	1,820,750	803,835	79
Merchandise carried to and from Canada in Seagoing Vessels. Outwards, tons, measure (decrease).....	" (1876) 2,218,955	2,107,470	—111,485	Decrease 05
Total Production of Coal.....	" 623,392	2,449,793	1,826,401	293
Total Consumption of Coal.....	" 714,693	5,226,967	4,512,074	631
Fire Insurance in Canada.....	\$ 188,319,809	633,523,697	445,163,888	236·7½
" " British Companies.....	" 115,222,003	423,070,624	307,848,621	267
" " Canadian	" 59,340,916	154,185,902	94,824,986	159½
" " United States	" 13,796,890	56,287,171	42,490,281	307·7½

From this it will be seen that the discounts in charter banks show an increase since Confederation of 243 per cent. The total production of coal shows an increase of 293 per cent.; the total consumption of coal shows an increase of 631 per cent.; the total average of fire insurance at risk in Canada, shows an increase of 263·7½ per cent. All these goes to prove the immense development which has taken place in the country as regards its industries, as regards its moneyed institutions, as regards the savings of the

people, and as regards the general indications and the general business prosperity of the country. In the face of all this knitting together, in the face of this better acquaintance and of consequent better appreciation, which has been so powerful an agent in our progress, during the twenty-one years of Confederation—in the face of all these evidences of great material development, I think the statement of my hon. friend was an extraordinary statement—an untrue statement—an unfortunate statement and one which had far better re-