THE PUBLIC DEBT.—The statement of the public debt of Canada on the 31st March last, as published by the Finance Department in the *Canada Gazette*, is as follows:—

LIABILITIES.

Payable in England	$187,616,502 55	
" " temporary loans	4,886,186 65	
" Canada	12,079,120 05	
Dominion Notes	16,104,014 98	
Savings Banks	38,926,755 52	
Trust Funds	8,139,072 47	
Province Accounts	16,907,532 78	
Mis. and Banking Accounts	1,058,198 69	
Total Gross Debt		$285,717,383 69

ASSETS.

Investments—Sinking Funds	$25,431,540 44	
Other Investments	6,199,881 07	
Province Accounts	9,912,919 40	
Mis. and Banking Accounts	9,480,688 36	
		$51,025,029 27
Total Net Debt		$234,692,354 42
do. 28th February, 1891		236,209,797 56
Decrease of Debt		$1,517,443 14

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IMPERIAL FINANCES.—The imperial returns for the year ending the 31st March were submitted to the House of Commons on the 23rd of April, and shew a financial statement of which every loyal subject of the Empire may well be proud. The national debt of Great Britain has been reduced in figures £6,512,000 during the period covered by the report, making a total reduction of over £30,000,000 during the administration of the present government. In 1880 the public debt was £774,000,000; it is now about £694,000,000, having been thus reduced by £80,000,000, or $400,000,000, during the eleven years intervening. This state of affairs evidences the general prosperity of the country, and Britain now ranks with the United States, these two English-speaking peoples