

which he had spoken, that constantly increasing population from which they drew so liberally to people the Western territory. How did we stand in reference to that? We had a population of 4,000,000 as against their many millions [50,000,000], AND THEY KNEW IT TO BE A FACT, THOUGH A DEEPLY REGRETTED FACT, WHICH THERE WAS NO USE IN CONCEALING, THAT MANY OF OUR PEOPLE DID GO TO THE UNITED STATES. *They knew that the settlement of these Western States and territories had been largely helped directly and indirectly by an immigration from our 4,000,000 of people—directly because many of our people had gone to these States, and indirectly because many had gone to the East to displace those who had went thence to the Western territories.* It was quite clear that a considerable number of our people would go to the manufacturing centres, and that others would go to the AGRICULTURAL REGIONS OF THE WESTERN STATES IN SPITE OF THE INDUCEMENTS OFFERED TO THEM IN OUR OWN NORTH-WEST."

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH'S CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE.

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH, in *The Bystander* for May says:—"An exodus to the United States is going on from all the Provinces. As many as 300 persons went from St. John in one week, and 400 from Montreal. An inquiry made by the *London Advertiser* shows that numbers are leaving Ontario, and most of them for the States." Also,

"It is only to be hoped that the **1,000,000 OF NATIVE-BORN CANADIANS** now on the south of the line will not be compelled to fight upon the Yankee side."

Canada's Debt versus The United States' Debt.

HON. MR. BLAKE says:—"While Canada had been doubling its national debt, the United States had taking care to present to the people of Europe the unique example of an enormous reduction in its national debt, and in the burdens of its people, and to that circumstance he attributed one of our greatest difficulties in competing with that country. There was no use of blinking the fact. He durst say Hon. gentlemen would say it was unpatriotic to state it, but it was true, and therefore it was proper to allude to it. The emigrant looked to a country where his burdens would be lighter, which presented a brighter prospect than in his own country. He was told by the United States that they had reduced their war debt over \$100,000,000, that they had reduced the load of interest, and that they were now on a career of relative productiveness. That was the bright statement they presented, and he wanted to know whether it was not prudent for the people of Canada, competing with the United States for the emigration of Europe, not to increase its public debt and public burdens,—not to present a contrast too unfavorable to that which was presented by the United States. . . . While our tax-paying power had not increased since the period of the last census, our gross expenditure had increased by 8,800,000, or nearly SIXTY-SIX per cent. (Hear, hear.)