

Winnipeg, the great distributing point for Manitoba and the North West Territories, and equal in amount to the sum credited to St. John, N.B. These figures have been the theme of an interesting address, lately delivered in the House of Commons by one of the Victorian representatives, in the course of which he directed attention to the importance of expending a fair share of the public moneys on works of vital interest to the future welfare of the Province. Mr. Prior is to be commended for the able manner in which he voiced the demands of his constituents. Facts formed the data from which his arguments were drawn, and his speech was couched in language free from extravagant terms or intemperate words. "It is a province," he said, "possessed of boundless and varied resources, resources so great that members from the province are almost afraid to tell the truth for fear of being looked upon as grossly exaggerating the facts. Let the Government grant railway subsidies where they are really needed; let them erect public buildings where needed; let them spend money on public works where they are needed; let them protect our manufacturers, farmers and artisans, and within the next few years we will see in British Columbia such a happy, prosperous and industrious people as have not their equal on this continent." In the course of his extended remarks, Mr. Prior stated that on the 30th June, 1890, deposits in the Government savings banks of Victoria had reached the very substantial figure of \$1,155,158, thus showing the healthy financial condition of the class of people who usually put their savings into small savings banks. The amounts deposited in the chartered banks at the same date aggregated \$2,788,271. The assessed value of the city is over \$25,000,000, and is rapidly being augmented, over \$1,500,000 representing the value of buildings now under construction.

THE COST OF CANAL ENLARGEMENT.—The amount of public moneys expended on the St. Lawrence system of canals, in order to ensure the safe passage of vessels of large tonnage from Lake Superior to Montreal, has already reached the very substantial sum of \$26,500,000,—exclusive of \$15,000,000 spent before the enlargement was begun. A further sum, estimated at \$14,500,000, will be required before the contemplated work is completed, of which \$12,000,000 will be needed to deepen the St. Lawrence canals proper, the balance being absorbed by the Sault. It may prove of interest to note the progress made thus far in this vast system of in-