

Mr. MACKENZIE—Much greater.

Hon. Mr. ROSE—There has been a very great increase, but I hardly think in a greater proportion. But I am speaking now more particularly of the tonnage engaged in foreign trade. Let me take one other test of the progress of the country.—I mean the increase of the population. The average annual increase has been :

In Ontario.....	4½ per cent.
In Quebec.....	2½ " "
In New Brunswick.....	2½ " "
In Nova Scotia.....	2 " "

Say an increase of 3½ per cent of the whole population. The same increase is shown if you take the number of ratepayers in Ontario, which was :

In 1864 .....	278,336
In 1865 .....	291,997
In 1866 .....	296,995

Or an increase of 3½ per cent. There has also been almost the same increase in the number of assessed acres, which was :

In 1864.....	18,144,000
In 1865.....	18,587,000
In 1866.....	19,017,000

Take next, the amount of Banking capital and business required for the operations of the country, and in this we find as good an indication as can be offered of its steady progress :

In 1858 the Discounts were.....	\$30,364,713
In 1868 " " " .....	\$51,175,582

An increase of 68 per cent. in ten years. A still more remarkable evidence of the growing wealth of the country is to be found in the amount of money deposited in the Banking Institutions. During the same period they rose from \$8,358,437 in 1858 to \$28,721,188 in 1868, or 350 per cent. increase. (Hear.) In viewing the facts, Sir, I think they point, under the blessing of a good Providence, to a certain and prosperous future before us. If we work together in harmony, if we endeavor to cement the Union, if we develop the varied and rich resources of the several Provinces, we have the elements within us to build up a prosperous and powerful community. In Lower Canada we have a people frugal, industrious, and attached to the soil—not a nomadic, but a steady, contented people, well adapted for manufacturing pursuits; while in the West we have immense agricultural, and in the East equally important maritime resources. I am not an enthusiast, but I say that although we have a rigorous climate and many difficulties to combat, we have correspondingly hardy, energetic and thrifty population, and in the extent and variety of our resources we have as certain a promise of a good future as any country ever before enjoyed. (Hear, hear.) Now, Sir, I would not wish it to be supposed that, in calling attention to these indications of the future prosperity of the country, I am desirous that we should rush into undue expenditure. On the contrary, I say that we ought to be most careful in our outlay, and consider well every shilling we expend. (Cheers.) I trust that whatever