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THE AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS. The leader of the Opposition stated that I intended my interest in the agricultural districts. He must have seen that I visited some of them last year, but not a word of them in his speech.

THE COUNTRY'S CREDIT. Then, sir, as to the effect upon our credit. I was able to show last year that our securities stood at \$65 and 90 as compared with \$52 and 82 in 1879.

THE RATE OF TAXATION. I come now to another point—namely, the predicted increase of taxation upon the consumer. It was proposed to increase the tariff by 10 per cent.

THE TARIFF AND THE PROVINCES. Sir LEONARD TILLEY—Another objection to the tariff was that it was going to break up the Union by distributing the tax in a manner unworthy of a man occupying his position.

the importation of those from the United States would increase. In reply to that, I will simply read a tabulated statement which I have in my hand, showing the value of the imports from the United States and other countries respectively since 1874.

THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY. In the next place it was said the tariff was going to destroy the shipping industry. Well, I know we cannot legislate very materially to destroy the shipping industry.

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BANKS AND RAILWAYS. Now we come to some other facts which are tests of the condition of the country. For the last year the deposits in the banks of the Dominion have increased by \$1,300,000,000.

THE EXPORT TRADE. Just here I may refer to a new objection raised by the hon. member for South Brant (Mr. Patterson) the other day, when he referred to the diminished exports. Why, then, to my mind diminished exports are an evidence of the improved prosperity of our country.

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SCHEDULE B—FREE LIST. Beavers, vanilla, nut vomica, belladonna leaves. Books—Educational for use of schools not sold and dumb exclusively.

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States Legislature that the Americans were disposed to push things to extremes and to persist in the violation of the municipal laws of the British provinces. Certainly Newfoundland, Sir LEONARD TILLEY, said that the Dominion was not a part of the Dominion, but then the Government should watch with extreme care all that passed in Newfoundland, as concessions made in Newfoundland would apply to the province might seriously affect the other provinces of British North America.

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