

Perhaps the most remarkable of the features of the Dominion, is the immense increase of its trade since Confederation. This increase is altogether greater than the most sanguine anticipated, before that event took place. In 1866-67 the total trade amounted to \$94,791,860; in 1871-72 it reached \$194,070,190; showing that the volume of trade had more than doubled within the period.

For the purpose of comparison we repeat the figures showing the total trade for the two last decennials:—

Years.	Total Trade.
1850.....	\$29,703,497
1851.....	31,805,461
1852.....	35,594,100
1853.....	55,782,739
1854.....	63,548,515
1855.....	64,274,650
1856.....	75,631,404
1857.....	66,437,222
1858.....	52,550,461
1859.....	58,299,242

And another between the years 1860 and 1869, inclusive, shows as follows:

Years	Total Trade
1860.....	\$68,955,093
1861.....	76,119,843
1862.....	79,398,067
1863.....	81,453,335
1864 ½ year.....	31,586,054
1864-5.....	80,644,951
1865-6.....	96,479,738
1866-7.....	94,791,860
1867-8.....	119,797,879
1868-9.....	130,889,946

These two post decennials show remarkable progress; but the first three years of the present show more remarkable progress still:

1869-70.....	\$148,387,829
1870-71.....	170,266,589
1871-72.....	194,070,190

The increase alone of these three years is almost as large as the total trade in 1850.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE LAST FISCAL YEAR.

The gross value of Goods imported into the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1872, was.....	\$111,430,527
The value of Exports for same.....	82,639,663
Aggregate trade of the Dominion.....	194,070,190
The amount of duties collected was.....	\$13,045,692.82
The aggregate of tons of shipping was, exclusive of British Columbia.....	12,516,600.00
Value of goods imported from G. Britain entered for consumption, 1871-2.....	61,900,702.00
do do 1870-1.....	49,168,170.00
Increase.....	12,732,532.00
Value of goods exported to G. Britain, 1871-2.....	25,637,996.00
do do 1870-1.....	24,173,224.00
Increase.....	1,464,772.00
Value of goods imported from United States entered for consumption, 1871-2.....	34,217,969.00
do do 1870-71.....	29,022,387.00
Increase.....	5,195,582.00

Exported to U. States, 1871-2....	31,896,816.00
do do 1870-1 ..	30,975,642.00
Increase.....	921,174.00

The chief items of exports for the last fiscal year 1871-2, exclusive of B. Columbia and Manitoba, were:—

Produce of the Mine.....	\$3,926,608
do Fisheries.....	4,348,508
do Forest.....	23,685,382
Animals and their products.....	12,416,613
Agriculture.....	13,378,562
Manufactures.....	2,389,435

It thus appears that the product of the forest is for the largest item of exports of the Dominion; and it will probably be a growing one for many years to come. The following statement shows a detail of the articles exported:

	Quantity.	Value.
Ashes, Pot.....	Brls 12,590	\$573,814
Ashes, Pearl.....	" 1,482	59,430
Timber Ash.....	Tons 6,970	68,499
Birch.....	" 25,304	173,045
Elm.....	" 23,431	229,849
Maple.....	" 618	4,429
Oak.....	" 88,712	1,280,420
White Pine.....	" 433,826	4,155,974
Red Pine.....	" 45,534	387,976
Tamarac.....	" 4,370	9,721
Walnut.....	M Ft. 1,571	51,003
Basswood, Butter-nut & Hickory.....	M Ft. 1,501	24,510
Standard Staves.....	Mille 2,802	516,538
Other Staves.....	" 7,408	296,290
Battens.....	Pcs. 68,050	2,838
Knees and Futtocks.....	" 3,046	3,433
Scantling.....	".....	256,343
Deals.....	Ft Hund 174,483	5,113,978
Deal Ends.....	" 43,388	25,193
Planks and Boards.....	M Ft. 882,061	8,527,219
Spars.....	Pcs. 31,312	227,602
Masts.....	" 422	13,225
Handspikes.....	" 614	149
Laths.....	Mille 148,009	161,145
Lathwood.....	Cords 1,432	9,490
Fire Wood.....	" 188,698	469,781
Shingles.....	Mille 109,389	240,730
Shingle Bolts.....	Cords 8,474	31,908
Stave Bolts.....	" 2,507	7,440
Oak Logs.....	M Ft. 725	8,028
Spruce Logs.....	" 6,812	27,559
Pine Logs.....	" 5,663	28,763
Sleepers & Railway Ties.....	Pcs. 936,326	194,698
Oars.....	Pairs 1,634	2,451
Other Woods.....	".....	496,165
Total.....		\$23,685,381

GENERAL FEATURES OF TRADE.

Mr. Bouchette, the Commissioner of Customs, in the report upon the Trade and Navigation of the Dominion for the fiscal year 1871, in his report to Hon. Mr. Tilley, Minister of Customs, makes the following statements:

"The comparative value of the goods entered for consumption, and the duties collected thereon, and the value of exports during the fiscal years 1869-70 and 1870-71, are as follows, omitting fractions, viz:—

	Entered for Consumption.	Duties.	Exports.
1869-70.....	\$71,237,603	\$9,462,940	\$73,573,490
1870-71.....	86,947,482	11,843,655	74,173,618
Inc. 1870-71.	15,709,879	2,380,715	600,128