

“ Looking at the two chief countries with which the great bulk of Canadian trade is carried on—Great Britain and the United States—we find that the value of goods entered for consumption from the former, has increased from \$38,595,433, in 1869-70, to \$49,168,170, in 1870-71, or about 27.4%, and that the amount entered for Consumption, from the latter (the United States) during the same periods respectively, was \$24,728,166 (1869-70), and \$29,022,387 (1870-71), or an increase of 17.3%. The value of our Exports to Great Britain, has, however, somewhat decreased, the Returns of 1869-70, showing \$24,950,925, and of 1870-71, \$24,173,224. Our Exports to the United States have also decreased, the value stated in the Returns for 1869-70, being \$32,984,652, and for 1870-71, \$30,975,642, leaving still an increase of Exports to the United States over Imports from that country of nearly \$2,000,000.

“ With the British West Indies the aggregate amount of the trade in Imports and Exports last year, has increased on the antecedent year by \$518,671, but this increase is entirely in our own Exports to those islands, and British Guiana. The import trade with the Spanish West Indies, which in 1869-70 amounted to \$2,423,421, suffered a reduction in 1870-71 to \$2,018,930. The Exports to Cuba, however, show an increase from \$1,280,268 to \$1,493,854.”

SHIPPING RETURNS.

The Shipping Returns exhibit a considerable increase in the tonnage, both British and foreign, engaged in the carrying trade with countries outside of the Dominion, both by sea and upon our inland waters, the total tonnage so employed being for the last two years as follows:—

	Inwards.	Outwards.
1869-70	5,796,125	5,619,745
1870-71	6,576,771	6,549,257

MANITOBA.

“ The Province of Manitoba figures for the first time in the annual tables of Trade and Navigation of the Dominion, laid before Parliament. The period covered by the returns however, covers the last half only of the fiscal year 1870-71. The tariff under which the Customs duties are at present collected, is that which existed at the time of the organization of that section of the country into a Province, and the rates of which are much below those imposed by the general Tariff of the Dominion. The value of goods imported into and entered for Consumption during the six months referred to, *i. e.*, from 1st January to 30th June, 1871, is \$286,337, and the amount of duties collected, \$15,723. The value of goods exported from the Province of Manitoba for the quarter ending 30 June, 1871, is \$30,520—the great bulk of which consists of furs dressed and undressed.

COMPARISON OF EXPORTS.

The values of the principal articles, the growth produce and manufactures of the

Dominion exports during the last three years; shows general increase;—

	1869-70.	1870-71.	1871-72.
Produce of the Mine	\$2,487,038	\$3,221,461	\$3,936,608
Produce of the Fisheries.....	3,608,549	8,994,275	4,343,508
Produce of the Forest	20,940,434	22,352,211	23,685,382
Animals and their products	12,138,161	12,582,925	12,416,613
Agricultural products	13,676,619	9,853,146	13,378,562
Manufactures..	2,133,659	2,201,331	2,384,455

VESSELS BUILT IN DOMINION.

The number and tonnage of vessels built in the Dominion during the fiscal year under consideration, are as follows:

	No. of Vessels.	Average ton. Tonnage.	Average ton. of Vessels.
Ontario.....	57	7,777	141 3-10
Quebec.....	80	20,664	258 3-10
Nova Scotia..	146	44,307	303 4-10
N. Bruns.....	108	36,253	308 8-10

This Statement, says Mr. Bouchette, shows that, not only the largest number of vessels and largest aggregate tonnage of shipping are built in the Maritime Provinces, but that the average tonnage of such vessels is as 306 to 258 compared with the Province of Quebec; and 3.6 to 14½ compared with Ontario—a difference, however, readily explained as regards the latter comparison from the inland position of Ontario.

DUTIES.

“ Comparing, by Provinces, the Customs' duties collected during the late fiscal year, with their respective collections the year preceding, we find that the per centage of increase in each Province, has been in—

Ontario	37.98 per cent.
Quebec.....	22.69 “
Nova-Scotia.....	17.41 “
New Brunswick.....	19.43 “

“ The proportion of the whole amount of duties collected in the Dominion, during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1871, which each of the four Provinces named contributed to the Customs' Revenue, stands as follows, viz:—

Ontario	28.20 per cent.
Quebec.....	50.26 “
Nova Scotia.....	11.32 “
New Brunswick.....	10.22 “

“ The gross amount of the Customs' duties collected in Canada, for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1871, compared with collections of the twelve months ending 30th June, 1870, shows an increase of upwards of 25½ per cent., in the former, over the latter period.”

It should be remarked that a very large portion of the duties collected in the Province of Quebec (principally at the port of Montreal) is upon goods consumed in all parts of the Dominion.