

The Dominion imported from the United States, \$1,230,852,786 ; of which was dutiable, \$654,282,785, and free, \$576,570,001.

The total trade aggregated, \$2,257,215,997, of which \$880,069,298 was free or 39 per cent of the total trade. Of this 39 per cent, the United States secured 13·5, leaving 15·5 per cent to Canada.

422. Looked at from the standpoint that the utmost possible free trade between all the countries of the world carries with it the greatest good of the greatest number, the United States secured the advantage during the Reciprocity Treaty, and Canada has secured the advantage since the abrogation of the treaty.

During the period 1850-54, before the Reciprocity Treaty, the yearly average imports of the United States from the British North American Provinces was \$6,984,127, and the increase during the period was 58·2 per cent.

During the reciprocity period the yearly average of the imports by the United States was \$26,328,644, and the increase on the first year of the period shown by the last year was 261·4 per cent.

During the period 1867-1894 the yearly average of the imports by the United States from Canada was \$36,656,000, and the decrease on the first year of the period shown by the last year was 8·4 per cent.

Putting aside the exceptional year 1894, the increase shown by 1893 over 1867 was 12·4 per cent.

When it is considered that the best authorities declare that the fall in prices in 1893 as compared with 1867 is equal to 32 per cent, it is plain that the increased business done by the United States in imports from Canada, judged by quantities, is very considerable.

During the period of 1850-54 before the Reciprocity Treaty, the yearly average of the imports by the British North American Provinces from the United States was \$10,150,712, and the increase during the period was 135·5 per cent.

During the Reciprocity Treaty the yearly average of the imports by the British North American Provinces from the United States was \$27,371,517, and the decrease shown by the last year of the period compared with the first year was nearly 20 per cent.

During the period of 1867-94, the yearly average of the imports by the British North American Provinces was \$44,000,000, and the increase of the last year of the period over the first year (1867) was 124 per cent.

The remark respecting the fall of prices made in the case of the imports by the United States applies with equal force to the case of imports by Canada.