

705. The value of the exports of iron and steel goods manufactured in Canada during the last six years, respectively, was :—

—	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Scrap iron.....	26,172	12,285	3,546	3,543	4,732	12,212
Iron stoves.....	2,609	4,030	2,562	3,447	2,964	3,649
“ castings.....	9,638	4,407	6,583	9,148	10,495	25,713
“ and hardware..	84,109	64,803	74,943	83,342	131,011	105,834
Steel and manufactures of.....	28,385	33,968	59,087	64,690	53,406	42,050
Sewing machines and machinery.....	143,815	137,960	97,031	151,954	93,316	119,253
Totals.....	294,728	257,461	243,762	316,124	295,924	308,711

‡ Pig-iron valued at \$6,202 included.

706. The value of the imports of iron and steel and manufactures of the same into Canada in 1892 was \$12,625,422, and the duty collected on the same, \$2,792,088 ; in 1893, value was \$13,199,523, duty, \$2,878,369 ; in 1894, value, \$11,310,771, duty, \$2,456,685 ; in 1895, value, \$9,249,749, duty, \$1,947,675.

707. Still further to aid in the development of the iron and steel industries, the Dominion Parliament adopted, in 1887, a Customs tariff designed to accomplish that end.

The total imports of iron and steel during the five years, 1882-86, immediately preceding the iron tariff were \$75,251,232, and during the five years, 1889-93, they were \$70,972,717, a decrease during the last period of \$4,278,515. Analysis, according to the degree of labour required in the manufacture of these imports, can be made by dividing them into classes.

The following table shows the imports from Great Britain and the United States separately :—

—	5 YEAR PERIODS.		FOR THE YEARS	
	1882-86.	1889-93.	1894.	1895.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interchangeable mechanism—				
Imports from G.B.....	620,305	309,745	38,534	36,550
“ U.S.....	4,749,556	2,547,892	434,376	569,256
Proportion — G.B.....	11.5 p.c.	10.8 p.c.	8.1 p.c.	6.0 p.c.
“ U.S.....	88.5 “	89.2 “	91.9 “	94.0 “
Hardware, cutlery, edged tools—				
Imports from G.B.....	4,759,913	3,096,052	476,149	380,676
“ U.S.....	8,434,503	6,698,444	1,283,733	1,167,384
Proportion — G.B.....	36.0 p.c.	31.6 p.c.	27.0 p.c.	24.6 p.c.
“ U.S.....	64.0 “	68.4 “	73.0 “	75.4 “