

IMPORTS OF SALT FOR HOME CONSUMPTION INTO CANADA, 1868-1901.

Year ended 30th June.	DUTIABLE.			FREE.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$	\$	Tons.	\$
1868.....				68,549	492,068
1869.....				50,197	442,571
1870.....	*185	2,265	330	95,163	540,557
1871.....	†2,090	17,882	3,732	81,462	304,137
1872.....				71,357	312,251
1873.....				56,633	287,388
1874.....				80,495	463,275
1875.....				71,822	316,439
1876.....				85,555	352,083
1877.....				86,862	348,020
1878.....				76,681	324,704
1879.....	103	1,451	230	87,143	400,924
1880.....	363	3,916	730	106,357	400,167
1881.....	1,294	6,355	2,254	115,820	488,278
1882.....	1,840	12,318	4,151	83,092	311,489
1883.....	6,068	36,223	13,904	123,374	386,144
1884.....	6,385	38,949	15,052	112,695	321,243
1885.....	5,199	31,726	12,263	85,786	255,719
1886.....	6,183	39,181	14,402	90,103	255,359
1887.....	5,206	35,670	12,655	101,521	285,455
1888.....	5,255	32,136	15,042	92,083	220,575
1889.....	5,595	38,968	15,563	90,424	253,009
1890.....	7,568	57,549	20,537	79,245	252,291
1891.....	7,570	59,311	21,056	97,746	321,239
1892.....	9,324	65,963	13,065	100,916	314,995
1893.....	10,689	79,838	15,306	95,788	281,462
1894.....	7,934	53,336	11,386	98,334	328,300
1895.....	4,249	29,881	5,873	100,846	332,711
1896.....	3,833	24,560	4,576	100,507	338,888
1897.....	5,956	33,470	7,693	107,922	312,117
1898.....	5,534	32,792	6,638	101,317	293,410
1899.....	5,891	32,839	7,018	91,523	267,520
1900.....	5,514	30,180	6,439	96,777	295,253
1901.....	5,813	34,087	6,297	108,136	339,887

* From 7th April. † To 1st April, 1871.

An Act was passed by the Parliament of Canada, in the Session of 1895, providing for a bounty to encourage silver smelting and the smelting of other ores of silver and gold. By that Act the bounty was not to exceed 50 cents a ton, nor to be more than \$150,000 in all. No more than \$30,000 in any one year was to be paid, and if the quantity of ore smelted was greater than would allow of 50 cents per ton, the bounty would be reduced proportionately.

The expenditure under the Act, between the years 1896-1900, was, \$150,000, all paid as bounty excepting \$285, expenses of administering the fund.

The particulars are:—

1896.....	33,329	tons	\$ 16,666
1897.....	89,490	"	30,000
1898.....	101,998	"	30,000
1899.....	88,995	"	43,184
1900.....	122,896	"	29,865
Expenses.....			285

Total expended..... 150,000