

BRITISH PREFERENTIAL TARIFF, 1898.

Its chief features are (1) a completion of the pro-British tariff of 1897, provided that beginning on 1st of August, 1898, all imports from Britain shall come into Canada on paying a duty of customs, twenty-five (25) per cent less than that levied on goods from foreign countries; (2) a provision to aid the West Indies by admitting their products at the full reduction of 25 per cent; a similar provision for any other British colony or possession the customs tariff of which is on the whole as favourable to Canada as the British preferential tariff is to such colony or possession; provided, however, (a) that manufactured articles admitted under such preferential tariff are bona fide manufactures of a country or countries entitled to the benefits of such tariff, (b) that such benefits shall not extend to the importation of articles into the production of which there has not entered a substantial portion of the labour of such countries, (3) a provision that the reduction is not to apply to wines, malt liquors, spirits, spirituous liquors, liquid medicines and articles containing alcohol; tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.

The following parts of the British Empire are included in the British preferential tariff arrangement:—The United Kingdom: Bermuda. British West Indies: Bahamas, Jamaica, Turks and Caicos Islands, Leeward Islands, Windward Islands, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, British Guiana, British India, Ceylon, Straits Settlement, New Zealand.

By the Budget of 1900 the preferential given to the above parts of the Empire was increased from 25 p.c. to 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ p.c. from July 1, 1900.

VALUE OF DUTIABLE GOODS IMPORTED INTO CANADA FOR HOME CONSUMPTION, AND THE DUTY COLLECTED THEREON, UNDER THE GENERAL AND PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS DURING THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1899 TO 1902.

	GENERAL TARIFF.		PREFERENTIAL TARIFF.		TOTAL.	
	Value.	Duty.	Value.	Duty.	Value.	Duty.
1899.						
Total, British Empire...	\$ 4,937,775	\$ 2,441,050	\$ 23,834,425	\$ 5,242,188	\$ 28,772,200	\$ 7,683,238
" Foreign Countries	57,897,955	17,302,397	2,763,017	639,203	60,660,972	17,941,600
" Post Entries.....		67,104		3,901		71,005
" imports of dutiable goods.....	62,835,730	19,848,936	26,597,442	5,885,293	89,433,172	25,734,226
1900.						
Total, British Empire..	5,754,338	2,835,195	27,095,791	5,639,036	32,850,129	8,474,231
" Foreign Countries	71,496,666	20,361,118			71,496,666	20,361,118
" Post Entries		51,823		1,938		53,761
" imports of dutiable goods.....	77,251,400	23,248,136	27,095,791	5,640,974	104,346,795	28,889,110
1901.						
Total, British Empire..	5,944,119	3,028,793	27,502,937	5,279,396	33,447,056	8,308,189
" Foreign Countries	72,522,700	20,755,784			72,522,700	20,755,784
" Post Entries		42,259		747		43,006
" imports of dutiable goods.....	78,466,819	23,826,836	27,502,937	5,280,143	105,969,756	29,106,979
1902.						
Total, British Empire..	6,467,674	3,211,523	30,635,889	5,728,951	37,103,563	8,940,474
" Foreign Countries	81,553,933	23,412,064			81,553,933	23,412,064
" Post Entries.....		72,714		280		72,994
" imports of dutiable goods.....	88,021,607	26,696,301	30,635,889	5,729,231	118,657,496	32,425,532