

VALUE OF TOTAL IMPORTS AND IMPORTS ENTERED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION BY PROVINCES, 1897 (COIN AND BULLION INCLUDED.)

PROVINCES.	TOTAL IMPORTS.		IMPORTS ENTERED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION.			Duty Collected.
	Dutiable Goods.	Free Goods.	Dutiable Goods.	Free Goods.	Total.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ontario.	25,948,471	17,145,777	24,686,164	16,967,589	41,653,703	7,100,737
Quebec.	32,731,088	20,320,802	25,947,520	20,422,510	46,370,030	7,846,075
Nova Scotia.	5,177,987	2,480,155	5,391,631	2,511,103	7,902,734	1,611,659
New Brunswick.	2,727,906	2,091,512	2,755,802	2,008,077	4,853,879	967,798
Manitoba.	2,101,650	757,316	2,141,916	731,752	2,873,668	644,281
British Columbia ...	4,979,865	2,051,996	4,848,826	2,077,678	6,926,504	1,558,889
Prince Edward Island..	274,028	142,519	277,340	144,655	421,995	110,138
The Territories... ..	170,495	119,942	171,566	119,942	291,508	*52,425
Total.....	74,108,590	45,110,019	66,220,765	45,073,256	111,294,021	19,891,997

*Includes \$9,873 duties collected at Fort Cudahy.

Of the total amount of duty collected, \$6,205,367, or 31.20 per cent, were collected on goods from Great Britain, and \$8,147,075, or 40.96 per cent, on goods from the United States. The next largest amounts were collected as follows:—On goods from Germany, \$1,489,756; France, \$969,540; and from Holland, \$920,096. The duties on imports from the West Indies were affected by the abolition of the sugar duties, and fell from \$1,337,754 in 1891 to \$207,429 in 1897. The imports of free goods from the United States were 50 per cent, while only 30 per cent of the imports from Great Britain were on the free list.

The figures in the preceding table must only be taken as indicative of the channels by which goods enter the Dominion, and not as by any means representing the individual consumption of each province. Quebec contains the principal ports of entry, by the St. Lawrence, and Ontario the principal ports of entry for goods from the United States; therefore, it is clear that a very large portion of the duty collected is really paid by the other provinces, and it is probable that the largest portion of the duty collected in the province of Quebec is actually paid by the province of Ontario. The same remarks are equally applicable to exports, even many products of Prince Edward Island being taken across to the mainland and thence shipped from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ports, to which provinces they are credited as exports.

The following table shows the growth of the imports of raw material since confederation:—