

- (4.) That the preference has resulted not only in arresting the continuous decline in British trade, but in stimulating the trade. If it had not been granted it is not very likely that the volume of British imports into Canada would be as large as it is to-day, to say the least.
- (5.) That the advantage given by Canada to the British manufacturer is proved beyond all question. If he has not fully availed himself of it that is not the fault of the Canadian Government or of Canadian fiscal policy.

#### IMPORTANT.

Since the foregoing report was prepared and typewritten, a cable has been received from the Customs Department, Canada, stating that the unrevised foreign trade statistics for the fiscal year ended the 30th June, 1902, show that the imports entered for consumption from Great Britain amounted to \$49,072,293, and from all countries to \$202,791,406. These figures are subject to final revision, but they may be considered approximately correct. The amount stated for Great Britain is an increase of \$6,054,129 over the previous year, or an advance of 14 per cent. The total imports from all countries increased by \$21,553,418, or at the rate of 12 per cent.

#### A.

##### TOTAL IMPORTATIONS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION INTO CANADA.

Year.					Dutiable.	Free.	Total.
					\$	\$	\$
1901	...	...	...	...	105,969,756	75,268,232	181,237,988
1897	...	...	...	...	66,220,765	45,073,256	111,294,021
Increases					39,748,991	30,194,976	69,943,967
<i>From Great Britain.</i>							
					\$	\$	\$
1901	...	...	...	...	31,701,654	11,316,510	43,018,164
1897	...	...	...	...	20,217,422	9,194,766	29,412,188
Increases					11,484,232	2,121,744	13,605,976
<i>From United States.</i>							
					\$	\$	\$
1901	...	...	...	...	53,600,278	56,884,730	110,485,008
1897	...	...	...	...	30,482,509	31,166,532	61,649,041
Increases					23,117,769	25,718,198	48,835,967
<i>From British Colonies enjoying Preference.</i>							
					\$	\$	\$
1901	...	...	...	...	1,709,816	1,863,766	3,073,582
1897	...	...	...	...	1,114,761	659,767	1,774,528
Increases					595,055	703,999	1,299,054
<i>From all other Countries not before mentioned.</i>							
					\$	\$	\$
1901	...	...	...	...	18,958,008	5,703,226	24,661,234
1897	...	...	...	...	14,406,073	4,052,191	18,458,264
Increases					4,551,935	1,651,035	6,202,970