Change in Tariff :—

1897	8.77
1898	10.81
1899	12.25
1900	14.41
1901	13.89
1902	15.45

Comparison of Canadian Trade with that of other countries.

There appeared in the public press recently a statement, ascribed to a statistician of note, that the ratio of progress of Canada's trade was shown to be the highest in the world. That corroborates the conclusions which Sir Richard Cartwright last session was able to deduce from a per capita comparison of Canada's trade with that of Great Britain, the United States, Australia, Belgium, France and Germany. Using the figures at that time obtainable, up to 1900, he proved beyond contradiction that Canada had increased at all points: in her imports, in her exports, in her total volume of trade, in a far greater ratio than the best of the others.

We reproduce the portion of that statement referring to Canada, Great Britain and the United States, for the total trade of which countries we are now able to secure more recent figures. We have not however the exports of Great Britain for 1902.

		Canada.	United States.	Great Britain.
Total imports, per capita,	1890....	$24.44	$12.60	$54.63
" " " "	1895....	22.91	11.10	51.85
" " " "	1900....	34.79	10.60	62.23
Total exports, per capita	1890....	19.57	13.69	42.60
" " " "	1895....	22.04	12.56	35.57
" " " "	1900....	36.21	19.16	42.16
Total trade, per capita,	1890....	44.01	26.29	97.23
" " " "	1895....	44.05	23.66	87.42
" " " "	1900....	71.00	29.76	104.39
" " " "	1901....	71.80	30.00	101.76
" " " "	1902....	77.68	29.18	

This statement tells its own story. While the trade of Great Britain and the United State have thus, some time ago, started on the descending scale we are still mounting, and mounting with an accelerating degree of progress.

The returns for the last four months of the new fiscal year, beginning July 1st, show an increase in our exports of $7,761,957 over the same four months of last year; while the returns from the United States, obtainable for the three corresponding months only, show their exports have decreased, as compared with the same months last year, $19,496,847.