

This secret must also be known to a few United States and Canadian subordinate officials. It is a power which a few individuals ought not to possess unknown to the general public, who have suffered, or do suffer, or may suffer, from its palpable abuse, as exhibited in these pages.

Without further reference to the fundamental doctrine among freemen, that all men are equal before the law, and the indisputable claims of justice and equity, may I very respectfully entreat, in the interests of good-neighbourhood between two kindred peoples, bound together by many a tie, such a just and open examination into this matter, that the welfare of States and Provinces, of Classes and Communities, shall no longer be subject to a secret process of wrong-doing known to very few individuals, but deeply affecting the best interests of both nations, and at present continuing in undisturbed security.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

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Official Compiler of the Analytical Index to the Documents of the Halifax Fisheries Commission.

WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA, Dec. 16th, 1886.

LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, CANADA.

TO THE MOST HONOURABLE THE MARQUIS OF LANSLOWNE,

Governor-General of Canada:

MY LORD,—

The discovery by me of the mathematical proof of the fabricated construction of the Canadian Trade Tables removes the last objection which can be urged against public inquiry into the whole matter.

It may be argued that as long as I failed to exhibit proof of artificial construction, based upon mathematical formulæ, it was fitting that you should continue to receive the Annual Trade Tables from the Minister, just as the Minister continued to receive them from the Commissioner of Customs.

The Minister says:—

"The undersigned has the honour to present to your Excellency the Tables of Trade and Navigation of the Dominion of Canada, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1885, as prepared from Official Returns and laid before him by the Commissioner of Customs."

I have now the honour to submit to your Excellency the mathematical proof that these same tables, together with those of many prior years, have been secretly manufactured by means of a mathematical formula, which converts them, in respect of the Fish Trade with the United States, and in respect of the Differences between "Imports" and "Entries for Home Consumption," into the equivalents of the sums of selected co-efficients of the successive expansions of $(1+t)$ to the power of n .

Your Excellency is aware, from numerous acknowledged communications addressed by me to your predecessor and yourself, that this subject has occupied my attention for many years, as an outcome of official work, and that I have not failed in my duty in bringing it under your special notice, and assigning proper motives for the act.

It is with a certain feeling of regret that I am now able to furnish your Excellency with the Formulæ which prove the deceptions and make it impossible for the matter to be any longer evaded. I have always had before me the interests of millions of unsuspecting and loyal people, the well-being and good-neighbourhood of contiguous States, and the claims of honest dealing, which together outweigh all other considerations.

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