

20 per cent. *ad valorem*; trees (plant and shrub), ornamental and fruit, 15 per cent. *ad valorem*; tallow, 2 cents per lb.; wheat, 20 cents per bushel.

Inclosure 4 in No. 11.

*Memorandum C.*

*Washington, February 6, 1866.*

IN reference to the Memorandum received from the Committee of Ways and Means, the Provincial Delegates regret to be obliged to state that the proposals therein contained in regard to the commercial relations between the two countries are not such as they can recommend for the adoption of the respective Legislatures. The imposts which it is proposed to lay upon the productions of the British provinces on their entry into the markets of the United States, are such as, in their opinion, will be in some cases prohibitory, and will certainly seriously interfere with the natural course of trade. These imposts are so much beyond what the delegates conceive to be an equivalent for the internal taxation of the United States, that they are reluctantly brought to the conclusion that the Committee no longer desire the trade between the two countries to be carried on upon the principles of reciprocity. With the concurrence of the British Minister at Washington, they are therefore obliged respectfully to decline to enter into the engagement suggested in the Memorandum; but the present views of the United States may soon be so modified as to permit of the interchange of the productions of the two countries upon a more liberal basis.

No. 12.

*Mr. Elliot to Mr. Hammond.—(Received March 7.)*

Sir,

*Downing Street, March 6, 1866.*

I AM directed by Mr. Secretary Cardwell to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Earl of Clarendon, the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Governor of Canada, inclosing a copy of a Proclamation warning all citizens of the United States that their right to fish in the inshore waters of Canada will cease with the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty on the 17th of March.

I am, &c.

(Signed) T. FREDK. ELLIOT.

Inclosure 1 in No. 12.

*Viscount Monck to Mr. Cardwell.*

Sir,

*Government House, Montreal, February 19, 1866.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit, for your information, a copy of a Proclamation warning all citizens of the United States that their right to fish in the inshore waters of Canada will cease with the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty on the 17th of March.

I have, &c.

(Signed) MONCK.

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*Proclamation.*

Province of Canada.

VICTORIA, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern, greeting.

Whereas a certain Treaty was made between Her Majesty and the United States of America on the 5th of June, 1854, providing for reciprocal trade: