

IMPORTS OF THE PROVINCES.

First Period.....	\$ 771,549,129
Second "	1,091,127,887
Third "	1,316,091,664

It will be observed that there has been a steady increase in the trade of the country, which rose in total bulk from \$1,400,000,000 during the reciprocity term to \$2,400,000,000 under that of protection. The annual average during the thirty-five years was as follows:—

<i>Period.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>	<i>Imports.</i>
Reciprocity.....	\$51,993,567	\$64,304,094
Revenue tariff..	76,510,433	99,193,353
Protection.....	90,789,170	109,674,305

Of course the addition of new territory, the creation of fresh lines of communication, and the development of canal, river and lake navigation, as well as the increase of population, had a good deal to do with this progress in trade, but after making every allowance it remains obvious that the tariff change has been an important factor. The effects of this expansion in trade have been very great. Indirectly every individual has profited; farms have dotted the whole vast country with wide cultivated areas; artisans and manufacturers unite in building up the cities; the North-West is growing with a rapidity fully equal to that of the Western States of the Republic; comfort is everywhere visible and paupers almost unknown. Necessarily, the progress thus made does not contrast in flashiness with that of the United States. It has not the same "boom" element in its composition, but for all that the development of Canada has been one of sure, solid and beneficial growth; a progress which has ensured prosperity to the humblest citizen and success to all who wish to labour for it. The growth of the cities, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and other centres has been phenomenal, and if the National Policy of protection had done nothing else, it would have been fully justified by the industrial growth of the country. Mr. Erastus Wiman, the millionaire resident of New York, who for political motives affects Canadianism which his policy and antecedents disprove, and a gentleman who is cer-