To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Gilbert John Elliot Murray-Kynnynmond, Earl of Minto, G.C.M.G., &c., &c., Governor General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,---

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, 1898, as prepared from Official Returns and laid before him by the Commissioner of Customs.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. PATERSON, Minister of Customs.

OTTAWA, 10th January, 1899.