

Coffee, a column is added to the schedule showing the annual imports of that article. No correct information can be obtained for estimating the gradual diminution of the legal importation of silk and other East India Goods, subject to the same restrictions as Teas, but it may be safely asserted that a great reduction has taken place. When these facts are represented to the East India Company they will not fail to perceive that, without an effort on their part to supply the Canadas with privileged goods upon infinitely lower terms than they can be procured under the present system, the few conscientious individuals who still persevere in the legal trade must inevitably abandon it. Under such circumstances it is conceived, that the Company will be disposed either to send supplies direct to Quebec, or to enter into an arrangement with Government in order that the present trade with the United States may be legalised, an event which would not materially affect the Company's monopoly, while it would prove a great benefit to these Provinces both in a moral and financial point of view.

The annual consumption of Teas in the two Provinces, has been frequently stated at 10 or 12,000 chests, and there is reason to believe that it is not over-rated.

When the Canada trade Act first arrived, its commercial clauses excited alarm in the minds of those engaged in the export trade of the country; but, as it is now believed that we are not confined in our importations from the United States to the articles enumerated in the schedules; as the expected Union of the Provinces promises great increase of agricultural products, facilities in bringing them to the shipping ports, and improvements in their preparation for foreign markets; the restrictions imposed by the Law in question, are rather considered temporary disadvantages, the effects of which this growing Country will gradually overcome. At present therefore the Committee is unwilling to insist upon some defects of the act, and more particularly as an anxious desire is felt at the present crisis, to avoid giving unnecessary trouble to Government.

Schedule of the importations of Tea and Coffee at the Port of Quebec for 9 years, from 1814 to 1822.

Years.	lbs. Hyson Tea.	Pounds of all other sorts of Tea.	Total lbs. Tea.	Pounds of Coffee
1814				
1815	16,178	298,272	487,371	168,962
1816	18,285	200,684	314,450	1,269,633
1817	15,978	239,170	218,969	335,441
1818	13,035	334,923	254,248	35,995
1819	9,573	270,924	348,008	50,778
1820	7,259	159,808	280,497	43,091
1821	4,639	162,216	167,067	55,378
1822			166,865	73,173
			134,379	94,929