

increased considerably, but not much faster than the trade with England(*a*), or than the increase of the population of these regions and the denudation of the American forests would lead us to expect. The truth is, that although the lake cities may for a time be supplied by Michigan lumber, the Atlantic States must have ours, for which they must pay us what it costs us to procure it, and a reasonable profit besides. If they put a duty on it they but enhance the price of house building, and consequently of house rent, in every one of the Eastern cities, of which public injury a few lumber manufacturers in the well-nigh exhausted limits of Maine will alone reap the temporary benefit(*b*). The restricted interpretation given by the American Government to the clause affecting lumber has no doubt checked the increase of trade. The words are that lumber is to be reciprocally admitted free, if "unmanufactured in whole or in part." Under this phrase the

(a) Exports of lumber from Canada—

	To all Countries.	To Great Britain.	To the U. S.
1851.....	\$5,085,628	\$3,873,080	\$1,147,268
1852	5,548,132	3,918,088	1,590,316
1853	8,666,160	6,162,568	2,383,184
1854	9,275,780	7,246,968	1,975,030
1855	7,127,104	4,370,668	2,694,236
1856	8,894,948	5,935,892	2,897,548
1857	10,427,656	7,212,132	3,121,556
1858	8,354,755	5,106,696	3,207,964
1859	8,556,691	5,204,248	3,301,819
1860	10,061,147	6,130,776	4,846,611
1861	8,693,638	6,408,789	2,065,870
1862	10,051,147	4,896,533	3,252,589
1863	12,264,178	7,713,316	4,175,290
1864 (half-year)....	3,653,321	3,653,321	1,586,107
1864-5	13,008,595	7,971,991	4,758,539

(b) The value of Plank and Boards exported to the United States since 1851 is given below, together with the price per M. feet; and the slight increase in this price, not greater than that in the price of pine-lumber shipped to England, affords, it is believed, a remarkable illustration that the consumer, not the producer, of imported articles chiefly suffers by (*i. e.* pays) the duty that may be imposed upon it.

Exports of Planks and Boards to the United States—

VALUE.	PRICE.	VALUE.	PRICE.
1851.....\$774,116	\$7 00 per M.	1859...\$2,676,447	\$8 00 per M.
1852....1,144,092	7 75 "	1860...3,027,730	9 75 "
1853....1,866,712	9 00 "	1861....1,507,546	9 50 "
1854....1,579,821	9 75 "	1862...2,279,567	9 75 "
1855....2,313,259	10 50 "	1863...2,963,426	10 00 "
1856....2,483,687	10 75 "	1864 ¹ / ₂ yr.1,075,624	9 75 "
1857....2,557,206	11 50 "	1864-5. 3,292,451	10-00 "
1858....2,890,319	7 75 "		