

7. The SHIPPING INTEREST, which has hitherto found its best employment in the Colonial Timber Trade, but which would suffer to an alarming extent, if that Trade were abandoned, while the maritime wealth and power of Foreign States would be built upon the ruins of our own.

8. The REVENUE of the country, which would experience positive injury by any change in the existing scale of duties, inasmuch as such change would eventually operate as a tax on the consumer, in the shape of additional price.*

* These various topics are treated and commented on at considerable length by Sir Howard Douglas and Mr. Bliss, in their recently published pamphlets on Colonial Trade, a perusal of which we would recommend to those who are desirous of obtaining full information on this most important subject. Mr. Bliss, in his "Statistics of the Trade, Industry, and Resources of British America," has compiled, with great care, from official returns, a body of Tables which throw much light on the direct as well as inter-colonial commerce of our North American Provinces.