

The amended tariff, if applied to the whole Canadian imports of iron and steel for the year ending 30th June 1886, shows the following result as near as can be estimated :

Particulars.	Percentage.	Imports from Britain.	Imports from other Countries.	Total Imports.
		\$	\$	\$
Free goods - - - - -	86 per cent.	2,568,531	—	2,988,155
Do. - - - - -	14 per cent.	—	419,624	
Imports subject to 12½ per cent. duty or less - - - - -	93 per cent.	808,637	—	863,491
Imports subject to duty of over 12½ per cent., but not over 25 per cent. - - -	7 per cent.	—	54,854	
Imports subject to over 25 per cent. duty - - -	62 per cent.	559,760	—	904,274
	38 per cent.	—	344,514	
	43 per cent.	2,684,354	—	6,283,779
	57 per cent.	—	3,599,425	
Total - - - - -	—	6,621,282	4,418,417	11,039,699

The above statement does not embrace military stores and articles imported by and for the use of the Canadian Government which are admitted *free* of duty.

In the adjustment of duties it will be seen that a large discrimination has been made on the whole in favour of British as against foreign industry, the higher rates of duty being imposed on manufactures the largest proportion of which in the aggregate are being imported from foreign countries.

By the changes made it cannot be claimed that any "great British industry has been unexpectedly attacked."

All goods purchased prior to the recent changes (May 13) will be admitted at the old rate of duty, and as it will take Canada some time to attain any marked development in iron manufacture, imports will be made as usual in the heavier lines from Great Britain for a few years. Canada will still remain a valuable customer for the British iron manufacturer, and in many important branches of the trade the imports will be large for many years to come.

Canada has expended over \$100,000,000 in perfecting a trans-continental line of railway communication between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, which will be of the greatest advantage to Imperial interests.

In ceasing to be dependent on foreign sources for the production of materials which exist in profusion within her borders, and by the development of her great natural resources Canada may hope to attain a more prosperous position and become a source of strength to the British Empire.

IMPORTS.—IRON AND STEEL MANUFACTURES into CANADA from the UNITED STATES and GREAT BRITAIN.

	Whence imported.	1868. N.B.—Not included in totals at end.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	Total. 1877-86, i.e., 10 years.
*Interchangeable Mechanism	G.B.		58,418	70,386	67,347	72,263	83,702	232,910	176,344	89,000	64,437	57,005	972,419
	U.S.		380,077	312,732	482,878	368,492	427,192	1,369,008	1,704,442	752,102	434,820	462,093	6,702,032
Hardware, Cutlery, and Edge tools	G.B.		1,002,637	927,897	799,532	942,806	970,228	1,104,069	1,150,145	949,757	671,402	890,156	6,567,618
	U.S.	2,077,618	2,146,851	2,781,435	1,736,121	1,124,560	1,555,251	1,602,605	1,899,540	2,033,388	1,428,681	1,566,795	17,018,223
Machinery	G.B.	1,475,503	130,739	68,683	79,299	102,033	236,688	816,341	907,031	465,825	149,042	136,406	3,203,967
	U.S.		496,522	494,460	409,006	631,541	849,468	1,520,971	2,437,172	1,381,452	1,033,683	608,380	10,236,145
Castings and Forgings	G.B.		137,112	195,235	139,029	230,978	193,177	304,161	383,074	362,000	276,443	215,600	2,476,838
	U.S.		48,416	337,799	279,957	221,652	255,194	523,341	455,233	419,997	294,206	268,416	2,597,211
Rails and railway supplies	G.B.	758,300	1,741,091	1,306,570	964,185	2,279,710	3,127,296	3,125,686	2,913,753	2,067,522	2,125,781	1,428,447	21,070,861
	U.S.		84,149	234,125	98,251	84,766	65,421	33,380	675,105	1,344,816	485,573	439,345	3,506,821
Other forms of iron	G.B.	2,929,186	2,773,174	2,268,081	1,935,442	3,120,230	3,571,300	4,304,750	5,010,650	3,736,151	3,330,583	3,346,972	33,466,562
	U.S.		139,366	714,803	590,683	536,490	471,979	599,181	591,873	744,588	537,555	431,820	5,851,014
Pig Iron	G.B.	—	540,612	307,929	181,186	263,400	457,103	633,206	842,234	490,551	394,909	387,052	4,588,172
	U.S.	—	137,323	90,901	50,625	108,466	258,577	380,809	302,515	229,574	136,202	199,460	1,943,532

* "Interchangeable Mechanism" includes Sewing Machines, Fire-arms, Locomotive Engines, and Agricultural Implements.