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period to \$128,213,582, or a total volume of trade amounting to \$217,565,510.

Taking the four older Provinces for comparison the figures show a decrease of imports as compared with the previous year of \$2,480,476, and a decrease of exports amounting to \$2,039,079. The decrease of the imports is not at all to be regretted and is rather the sign of a healthy caution than of a loss of prosperity. The decrease in the exports is, of course to be regretted, but it is not serious in amount and need cause no alarm. It is probably to be accounted for by the prevailing dullness of business in the United States.

The Inland Revenue returns show that the total revenue accrued during the year was \$6,589,848, against \$5,431,255 for the previous year, or an increase of 21½ per cent. This increase, as compared with 1872-3, has occurred as follows: Upon excise, \$1,099,388; revenue Public Works \$35,322; culling timber, \$16,146; bill stamps, \$7,737. The increased excise revenue is made up as follows: Upon spirits, \$678,224; tobacco, \$387,714; petroleum, \$36,663; manufactures in bond, \$6,226; seizures, \$1,240. There is a small increase on malt liquor and other articles, amounting to \$10,679. This very considerable increase is mainly due to two causes; first the additional rate of duty on spirits and tobacco, imposed by the act of last session and which was in operation for ten weeks of the fiscal year: and secondly to the withdrawal from bond of large quantities of excisable goods in anticipation of the advance on the then existing tariff. A small part of the increase is also probably due to a growing population and larger demand for this class of goods, but the additional revenue derived from this source would not be considerable and be most probably included in the second of the above causes.

Banking Matters.—Arrangement for amal-

gamation has been arrived at between the Provisional Directors of the Imperial Bank of Canada, located at Toronto, Ont., and the Directors of the Niagara District Bank, of St. Catharines, Ont., to be carried into effect as soon as the conditions of the arrangements have been complied with, and the necessary legislation (which has already been applied for) obtained. It is rumored that the Maritime Bank of this city is about to amalgamate with the Merchants Bank of Montreal.

Duties on Tea.—A deputation of merchants interested in the Tea Trade waited upon the Minister of Finance to urge on the Government the necessity of imposing a ten per cent. duty on all Teas imported into Canada from the United States. However it is exceedingly creditable to the Government to say that they did not see the force of favoring monopoly where it would be so manifestly at the expense of the consumers. Their plea was to protect a direct trade with China.

Valuable Publications.

We will from time to time publish a list of publications which we can recommend to our readers.

THE MERCHANT AND BANKER—a weekly edition of the *New York Bulletin*—is an epitome of commercial matters that should be in the hands of all those whom its name implies it is intended for. Its articles on all subjects it handles are well written and it is admittedly an authority on commercial and financial matters.

THE COAST REVIEW.—This monthly published by J. G. Edwards at San Francisco at \$2.50 a year, is worth double the price. It is devoted to Insurance, Mining, and Metallurgy, Finance and Trade, and is an authority on all these matters. Like all our Pacific contempo-