

is enforced at the present time it will be seen, from the foregoing facts and figures, that it merely amounts to a bonus to the Province of Quebec of half a million dollars, and a direct burden to the other provinces. This question is not a new one, as it has been agitated for years, and many appeals have been made to the various governments without obtaining redress, but it has now obtained such proportions as to become a matter of extinction to some branches of the trade, although affecting the whole to an alarming extent.

And should this appeal be found impracticable, justice would demand that all be placed on an equal footing by abolishing the law concerning Canadian tobacco, and make it free.

We, therefore, as an association, make our most urgent appeal for justice.

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Extract from the report of the Special Committee on depression of trade.

TOBACCO.

THURSDAY, April 6th, 1876.

Mr. DAVID H. FERGUSON called and examined :

By Mr. Workman :—

1. You are in the tobacco business?—Yes.

2. Will you state to the Committee any grievance you may conceive you have in regard to the present condition of the revenue laws respecting tobacco?—About two years ago we were doing a fair business in cut tobacco in Montreal. Since then there has been a large increase in