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THE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF.

Does the preferential tariff encourage British trade?

The trade and navigation tables of the Dominion of Canada, containing the values of imports entered for consumption and of exports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1902, have not yet been published, but the usual unrevised statement for that year is before us. The figures published in this report are as far as possible, revised each month, and are therefore substantially correct, and near enough so for the purposes of this article.

The following table embodies the enumeration of 100 dutiable articles selected from different classes of goods imported into Canada, and their respective values, showing their source of origin, first from Great Britain under the preferential tariff; second, from the United States under the general tariff; third, from all countries including Great Britain and the United States; and fourth, the duty imposed upon them; and it should be borne in mind that the duty upon the British goods under the preferential tariff is only two-thirds of that imposed upon imports from other than British countries. There are hundreds of other articles enumerated in the report of the same character as those here named.

The countries of origin, values, and proportions of the whole value of these 100 different articles may be classified as follows:

Country.	Value.	Proportion.
Great Britain.....	\$18,747	0.2 per cent.
United States.....	10,806,584	96.6 "
All other countries.....	335,875	3.2 "
Total	\$10,661,206	100.0 "

No article enumerated in the list as having been imported from Great Britain under the preferential tariff amounts in value to as much as \$1,000; and of the 100 articles enumerated, only 67 came from that country.

These facts are further illustrated in the following table:

SELECTED LIST OF 100 ARTICLES, AND THEIR VALUE, IMPORTED INTO CANADA IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1902 FROM GREAT BRITAIN UNDER THE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF, AND FROM ALL COUNTRIES UNDER THE GENERAL TARIFF.

	Duty.	Great Britain.	United States.	All Countries.
Baking Powder.....	6c. lb.	354	\$93,532	\$93,709
Bells and Gongs.....	30 p.c.	945	23,944	25,806
Beats, pleasure.....	25 "	430	14,772	15,202
Brass nails, tacks, etc.....	30 "	498	7,395	9,862
Brooms and whisks.....	20 "	72	3,523	3,615
Cane, reed and rattan, n.o.p.....	15 "	497	38,044	38,591
Farm wagons.....	25 "		95,512	95,512
Freight wagons, drays, etc.....	25 "		28,434	28,434

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	Duty.	Great Britain.	United States.	All Countries.
Finished parts of carriages, n.o.p.....	25 p.c.	71c	63,154	63,870
Train or horse cars.....	30 "	....	6,071	6,071
Box and flat cars.....	30 "	....	442,479	433,931
Sleighs.....	25 "	....	11,361	11,361
Wheelbarrows, trucks, etc.....	30 "	122	45,002	45,189
Bicycles.....	30 "	321	87,696	88,164
Childrens carriages, etc.....	35 "	934	10,240	11,177
Carpet sweepers.....	30 "	....	9,067	9,067
Cash registers.....	30 "	....	109,921	109,921
Clothes wringers.....	35 "	....	16,916	16,916
Copper nails, tacks, etc.....	30 "	365	7,032	7,454
Copper wire.....	15 "	11	89,836	93,891
Glue, liquid.....	25 "	338	14,408	14,921
Liquorice paste.....	20 "	314	28,836	98,307
Yeast, compressed.....	3c. lb.	....	68,799	68,799
Electric light carbons, n.o.s.....	35 p.c. over 6	1	25,488	29,250
inch diameter.....	15 "	....	47,933	48,086
Emery wheels, etc.....	25 "	494	23,251	23,892
Fibre, indurated, etc.....	25 "	58	33,031	32,089
Fireworks.....	25 "	45	11,638	19,780
Glass bulbs for electric lights.....	10 "	....	27,852	20,894
Powder and other explosives.....	3c. lb.	486	93,706	98,222
Gutta percha and rubber boots and shoes.....	25 p.c.	142	147,496	147,655
Gutta percha and rubber belt.....	25 "	146	29,735	30,625
Gutta percha and rubber mats.....	35 "	564	37,741	39,065
Gutta percha and rubber sheet.....	25 "	56	19,388	19,951
Cultivators.....	20 "	29	22,834	22,863
Drills, grain.....	20 "	....	50,092	50,092
Forks.....	25 "	116	7,700	7,816
Harrows.....	20 "	12	36,718	36,730
Harvesters.....	20 "	....	900,179	900,179
Hay tedders.....	25 "	....	3,028	3,028
Horse rakes.....	20 "	....	180,658	180,658
Mowing machines.....	20 "	....	599,050	599,050
Plows.....	20 "	....	214,069	214,193
Reapers.....	20 "	....	36,329	36,329
Agricultural impts, parts of.....	20 "	93,	489,734	489,827
Butts and hinges—iron, n.o.s.....	30 "	295	28,955	29,220
Shoe tacks—iron.....	25 "	2	3,880	3,882
Locomotives, railway.....	35 "	....	611,925	611,925
Fittings, iron, for pipe.....	30 "	776	237,460	232,428
Iron or steel bridges.....	35 "	837	107,575	108,402
Portable engines.....	25 "	....	261,188	261,188
Threshers and separators.....	25 "	....	147,634	147,634
Typewriting machines.....	25 "	....	129,913	129,940
Nails and spikes, cut.....	5c. lb.	233	32,492	32,722
Nails, wire, n.o.p.....	5c. lb.	10	12,829	12,862
Mouldboards.....	5 p.c.	....	178,640	178,704
Screws iron or steel, "wood screws".....	35 "	329	13,795	14,124
Skates.....	35 "	....	4,504	19,105
Stoves and parts.....	25 "	334	169,670	172,791
Stove plates, sad irons, etc.....	25 "	150	10,063	10,216
Switches, railway.....	30 "	....	20,221	20,221
Tubes bicycle.....	10 "	170	16,048	16,550
Wire, door and window screen.....	30 "	864	9,751	10,660
Axes.....	25 "	14	50,134	50,143
Glove leathers.....	10 "	195	163,676	174,347