

They imported of beef 2,417 barrels, of which 1,999 were from the United States. Of butter the importations were 16,536 cwt., of which Nova Scotia supplied 4,192 cwt., Canada 2,466 cwt., and the United States 7,454 cwt. Of leather-ware the total importations were to the value of £61,936. Of tea 461,830 lbs., and of tobacco 291,750 lbs.

For the reasons already given, the trade of which I have endeavoured as regards the Provinces to give a few examples, can by proper arrangements be carried on to a very large extent indeed with Canada before Confederation takes place. Of course as soon as that desirable event has actually been completed, there can be no doubt of the large increase of trade which will immediately follow.

It might not be uninteresting before closing these remarks to say something in reference to the Coal fields of Nova Scotia, and the extent of the trade which already exists in that article. Whilst I was in Nova Scotia I visited Pictou and the Coal districts in its vicinity. The present Railway system of Nova Scotia consists of the Railway from Halifax to Truro, with a branch to Windsor, at the head of Minas Bay. The Nova Scotia Government are now constructing as a Government work an extension of the Railway from Truro to Pictou, which will be completed in about a year from this time. This Railway runs through the Coal district. There are two principal Coal Mining Companies now at work, one, the General Mining Association, has been in operation for a considerable time, and has at present three mines in actual operation, and one more which they are opening out. The shafts of these mines vary from 2 to 600 feet in depth. The seam of Coal which