

On the other hand, the Imports for the same years were as follows :

1769—Rum	£23,895		
Pork	8,643		
Flour	27,339		
Groceries, &c.	16,357		
European Dry Goods	80,000		
		£156,261	Sterling.
1770—Rum	£21,421		
Red Wines	10,200		
Flour	8,394		
Groceries, &c.	11,772		
European Dry Goods, not given, but estimated at the value of	90,000		
		141,787	"
1771—Rum	£20,199		
Wines	5,740		
No Provisions.			
Groceries, Salt, &c.	19,352		
European Dry Goods, not given, but estimated at	100,000		
		145,291	"
1772—Rum	£26,151		
Wines	3,500		
No Provisions.			
Molasses, Salt, Groceries	12,956		
European Dry Goods given	125,000		
		168,607	"
1773—Rum	£33,828		
Wine	15,119		
Pork	5,000		
Groceries, &c.	13,468		
European Dry Goods, estimated	130,090		
		197,406	"

It may appear remarkable that there should have been such a falling off in the imports, as compared with those under the French Régime; but we know that the colony in Canada, consisting of about 70,000 souls, could not have existed without large contributions of the necessaries of life from France; that the French colonial policy was such as to debar all hope of success in rendering the colony self-sustaining. The effects of a change of Government are manifest in the facts of trade which I have just cited.