

so large an exporter of raw material as the United States. It has been more or less a feature of the different tariffs that we have had since Confederation to allow raw material for manufacturing purposes to come into the country, if not entirely free, at a much lower duty than manufactured articles. I find the following figures in the Trade and Navigation returns :—

IMPORTS for home consumption from Great Britain for 5 years from 1875 to 1879 inclusive.

1875.....	\$ 60,347,067
1876.....	40,934,260
1877.....	39,572,239
1878.....	37,431,180
1879.....	36,295,718

\$214,380,464

Duty collected on above :—

1875.....	\$ 8,881,997 81
1876.....	6,075,759 82
1877.....	6,377,596 23
1878.....	6,445,985 38
1879.....	5,561,933 02

\$33,343,272 26

Rate of taxation on dutiable and free goods 15·55 per cent.

IMPORTS for Home Consumption from United States for five years from 1875 to 1879 inclusive.

1874-5.....	\$ 50,805,820
1875-6.....	46,070,033
1876-7.....	51,312,669
1877-8.....	48,631,739
1878-9.....	43,739,219

\$240,559,480

Duty collected on the above :—

1874-5.....	\$ 3,860,087 10
1875-6.....	4,117,223 40
1876-7.....	4,426,394 79
1877-8.....	4,794,599 63
1878-9.....	5,529,150 64

\$22,727,455 56

Rate of duty on dutiable and free goods for this period 9·44 per cent.

Excess of rate on British over U.S. goods, 6·11 per cent.

IMPORTS from Great Britain for fourteen years from 1880 to 1893 inclusive.

1880.....	\$ 34,461,224
1881.....	43,583,808
1882.....	50,597,341
1883.....	52,052,465
1884.....	43,418,015
1885.....	41,406,777
1886.....	40,601,199
1887.....	44,962,233
1888.....	39,298,721
1889.....	42,317,389
1890.....	43,390,241
1891.....	42,047,526
1892.....	41,348,435
1893.....	43,148,413

\$602,633,787

Duty collected on above :—

1880.....	\$ 6,737,997 05
1881.....	8,772,949 97
1882.....	10,011,811 00
1883.....	9,897,785 16
1884.....	8,001,370 74
1885.....	7,617,249 45
1886.....	7,817,357 45
1887.....	9,318,920 08
1888.....	8,972,739 84
1889.....	9,450,242 70
1890.....	9,576,965 75
1891.....	9,114,271 75
1892.....	9,074,200 71
1893.....	9,498,747 08

\$123,862,608 73

Rate of taxation on British goods dutiable and free from 1880 to 1893, inclusive 20·55 per cent.

IMPORTS from the United States from 1880 to 1893, inclusive.

1880.....	\$ 29,346,948
1881.....	36,704,112
1882.....	48,289,052
1883.....	56,032,333
1884.....	30,492,826
1885.....	47,151,201
1886.....	44,858,039
1887.....	45,107,066
1888.....	48,481,848
1889.....	50,537,440
1890.....	52,291,973
1891.....	53,685,657
1892.....	53,137,572
1893.....	58,221,976

674,338,043

Duty collected on above :—

1880.....	\$ 4,521,311 08
1881.....	5,657,292 75
1882.....	7,082,722 29
1883.....	8,158,023 35
1884.....	7,420,461 79
1885.....	6,636,405 83
1886.....	6,790,080 78
1887.....	7,299,591 68
1888.....	7,131,006 23
1889.....	7,413,354 83
1890.....	8,220,299 55
1891.....	7,799,318 12
1892.....	7,814,666 93
1893.....	7,636,075 81

99,580,611 00

Rate of taxation on United States goods, dutiable and free, from 1880 to 1893, inclusive, 14·76 per cent.

The rate of taxation on British goods during the period from 1880 to 1893, was 5·79 per cent higher than on United States goods.

I would not call it a discrimination, but the operation of the tariff during the first period of five years was rather more against British trade than it has been during the last fourteen years. The difference is not very great, but whatever difference there is, is against the first period. I account, as I