

EXPORT OF THE COAL DUTY.

In 1870 the Parliament of Canada imposed a duty of 50 cents per ton on all imported coal and removed it in 1871, with the following result:—

Imports in 1869,—	389,485,	the year before the duty.
do 1870,—	272,595,	the year of the duty.
do 1871,—	484,826,	the year after the duty.
Cost to the consumer in Montreal, in 1869,	\$5 to \$8	per ton.
do 1870,	\$4.50	do
do 1871,	\$5 to \$10	do
Productions in Nova Scotia, 1869,	511,795.	
do 1870,	568,277.	
do 1871,	596,418.	

We thus see that while the duty in no way increased the price of coal to the consumer, it yet diminished our imports to the extent of 116,890, and enabled the Nova Scotia collieries to increase their shipments by 56,482.

Table of distances from Sydney to the following ports:—

	Miles.	Depth of Water.
Sydney to Quebec	720	...
do Montreal.....	900	23 feet.
do Toronto.....	1,200	13 do
do Chicago.....	2,161	14 do
do Miramichi.....	300	22 do
do St. John's, Newfoundland.....	400	...
do St. John, N.B.....	540	...
do Halifax, N.S.....	240	...
do Portland, U.S.....	580	..
do Boston, U.S.....	600	..
do New York, U.S.....	750	..