

CANADA.

THE EARL OF ELGIN TO SIR JOHN PACKINGTON.

[No. 64.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 18th December, 1854.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Blue Book for 1853, together with the Public Accounts and Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Province for the same year. Evidences of progressive prosperity, not less striking than those to which I called attention in my despatches, No. 116 of the 22nd December, 1852, and No. 58 of the 16th August, 1853, which accompanied the Blue Books for 1851 and 1852 respectively, are furnished in these documents.

2. The value of Imports into the Province for 1853 is stated at £6,571,527 19s. 10d.,—for 1852, at £4,168,457 8s. 5d.; and the duties on Goods entered for consumption in 1853, at £845,467 15s. 3d.,—in 1852, at £607,613 18s. 10d. As a further proof that this progress is continuous, I may mention that the Imports for the half year ending 5th July, 1854, are valued at £3,836,245 6s. 10d., and the Duties of Customs collected during the same period, at £464,935 9s. 4d., while the Imports for the corresponding half year in 1853, were £2,811,970 10s. 1d., and the Duties, £367,128 4s. 10d.

3. The Exports for 1853 are valued at £4,890,678 14s. 3d., for 1852, at £3,145,398 14s. 4d.

On each of the following heads under which they are classed in these returns,

Produce of the Mine,
of the Sea,
of the Forest,
Animals and their Produce,
Vegetable food, and other Agricultural products,