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STATE OF TRADE WITH BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN
PROVINCES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

TRANSMITTING

*A report on the state of trade between the United States and the British
North American Possessions.*

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printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
February 3, 1871.

SIR: I transmit for the information of the House of Representatives, the report of J. N. Larned, who was appointed special agent under a joint resolution of Congress approved June 23, 1870, to inquire into the extent and state of the trade between the United States and the several dependencies of Great Britain in North America.

Very respectfully,

GEO. S. BOUTWELL,
Secretary.

HON. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker House of Representatives.

BUFFALO, *January 28, 1871.*

SIR: You intrusted to me, a few months ago, the task of collecting information in compliance with the joint resolution of Congress approved June 23, 1870, which directed that an inquiry should be made relative to the state of trade between the United States and the British North American Possessions. The subject is an important one, and I have endeavored to investigate it with as much thoroughness as the time allowed me would permit.

Between the United States and the British dependencies that lie adjacent to us upon our northern border, the intercourse of trade ought, in the natural order of things, to be as intimate and as extensive as the intercourse that exists within this Union between its States at large and any corresponding group of them. Indeed, the natural intimacy of connection between the provinces of the Dominion of Canada and our own