

In the published letters I had the honour to address to the Hon. F. T. Frelinghuysen, Secretary of State, dated Oct. 16th, 1882, Nov. 1st, 1882, Nov. 30th, 1882, I pointed out with considerable detail, the concerted agreement between the Canadian and United States Export and Import figures during the fiscal year 1872-73. I now turn to the year 1874, which exhibits further developments of surprising concerted fraud.

During the fiscal year 1873-74, as manifested by their work when analyzed, the conspirators adopted two standards, by which to adjust their forged returns. These standards are as subjoined:—

666,303	The Ottawa Standard.
303,666	The Washington Standard.
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969,969	The General Standard.

Mr. Commissioner Johnson of the Canadian Customs Department revealed his work by the abstraction of \$666,303 from the Exports of the Province of Quebec in 1874, as shown by the document entitled "Appendix—Memorandum concerning Article XXI of the Treaty of Washington." This fact is illustrated on page 19 of the Congressional Record for January 7th, 1881, (a) being a copy of my published letter to the Governor General of Canada, entitled "Falsified Departmental Reports," dated Nov. 23rd, 1880, page 34, which letter formed the subject of very distressing discussion and deception in the Senate and Commons of Canada. The record will attach itself to the life history of the misguided speakers and conscious hearers. (1)

The subtraction of 666,303 from 969,969, revealed the guide or standard, 303,666, (being 666,303 reversed,) of Dr. Edward Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington.

Mr. Hamilton Andrews Hill of Boston, who prepared the Exhibits presented at Halifax for the Government of the United States from Dr. Young's official figures, accidentally omitted in his enumeration of the United States Fish Exports in 1874, certain free Foreign articles exported by the United States to Canada in that year.

Mr. Hill gave \$79,153 (2) as the total value of the Foreign and Domestic United States Exports of Fish to the Dominion of Canada in 1874, omitting the Free Foreign items.

"Herring" to Nova Scotia,	\$ 320 (3)
"All others not elsewhere specified" to Quebec, &c.,	7,346 (4)
Total omitted,	7,666

The addition of these items makes a total of \$86,799 instead of \$79,153, an unimportant difference *per se*, but when the omission is added to the total Foreign and Domestic Exports of Fish and Shell Fish.

(a) On page 1071 of the "Documents and Proceedings of the Halifax Commission," and also on page 435 of the original copy of the British evidence, there will be found the following figures in the summary statement of imports and exports:—

Year.	Imported from United States.	Exported—		Total.
		To United States.	To other countries.	
1874,	\$728,021	\$1,012,205	\$2,802,283	\$4,504,578

According to the official trade returns these figures have been distorted to the following extent:—
The imports from the United States are about \$110,000, or 16 per cent. *in excess* of the trade returns. (See page 8.) The exports to other countries are more than half a million dollars, or 24 per cent. *less* than the trade returns. The total exports are consequently more than half a million dollars short in 1874.

The several provinces have been defrauded by the compiler of this table to the following extent:—

Province.	Compiler's Statement.	Trade Returns.	Difference.
Ontario,	\$78,597	\$78,597	—
Quebec,	112,350	778,672	\$666,303
Nova Scotia,	3,700,149	3,791,152	1,003
New Brunswick,	388,220	393,772	5,543
Prince Edward Island,	135,234	135,234	—
Total,	\$4,504,578	\$5,177,427	\$672,849

(Letter to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, entitled "Falsified Departmental Reports.")

(1) "Debate in the Senate of the Dominion of Canada, on Tuesday, January 18th, 1881, on charges made by Professor Hind. See Senate Documents, also *Hansard*. "Commons Debates" on Wednesday, February 9th, 1881—in reply to motion for correction of record.

(2) Documents and Proceedings of the Halifax Commission, page 335d.

(3) Commerce and Navigation Reports for 1874, page 32d.

(4) Commerce and Navigation Reports for 1874, page 32c.