

2. How many hands do you employ, and what is the average rate of wages for men and women ?

3. What is the annual quantity and value of your manufactures ?

4. What is the amount of capital invested in and required to carry on your business ?

[The answer to this question will be considered confidential, and the amount invested in various branches of manufacture only stated in the aggregate.]

5. Do you use steam or water-power, and what is the extent of the water-power in your locality ?

6. What are the facilities for obtaining raw materials, and are hands generally to be obtained on fair terms ?

7. What are the principal obstacles to the success of your business ?

8. What effect has you manufactory had on the prosperity of your neighbourhood and on the value of real estate ?

9. What other branches of manufacture could be engaged in with advantage, and what amount of capital would be required to carry them on ?

10. What articles now imported could be made with advantage in the Province and what raw materials are being wasted in, or exported from the country ?

11. Is any article of raw material which you require, subject to a high rate of duty ?

12. Will the late changes in the tariff increase your business, and what further alterations do you think necessary ?

13. Whither, in your opinion, would reciprocity in manufactures with the United States, or an incidentally protective tariff be, in the present state of Canadian Manufactures, most beneficial to the manufacturing interests of the country ?

14. What suggestions can you offer as likely to promote the development of manufacturing enterprise in Canada ? Your answer within ten days is respectfully requested.

Yours faithfully,

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## RAILWAY RETURNS.

### Returns of the Great Western Railway.

	1857.	1858.
Week ending June 18.....	\$44,437,79½	\$37,584,53½
" " " 25.....	46,135,78½	38,179,99
" " July 2.....	40,778,71	32,948,04
" " " 9.....	40,572,92	32,440,48
" " " 16.....	36,354,85	33,904,36
" " " 23.....	34,832,94	31,556,74
" " " 30.....	33,916,32	28,337,46
" " Aug. 7.....	33,977,21½	27,729,25½
" " " 14.....	36,498,92½	32,337,14½

### Returns of the Grand Trunk Railway.

	1857.	1858.
Week ending July 10.....	\$48,826,82	\$38,883,97
" " " 17.....	45,623,54	36,982,17
" " " 24.....	42,377,06	36,267,43
" " " 31.....	42,529,29	39,429,55
" " Aug. 7.....	44,943,03	36,744
Total traffic from 1st of July, 1858, to date.....		\$207,896,58
do. Same period last year.....		255,787,06