

## THE MINISTER OF FINANCE,

To whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives on the Reciprocity Treaty, and also, the Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of St. Paul, Minnesota, has the honour to Report to His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

The Committee base their Report on the concurrent Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, respecting the Treaty, which are given in their Report. But the Committee omit entirely to give the text of the Treaty, which the undersigned now supplies in the Appendix.

The omission of the text can be readily accounted for, when it is observed, that the Committee do not venture in the slightest degree to impugn the action of Canada under the Treaty, but rest their whole case upon alleged breaches of its intention and spirit, by fiscal legislation on manufactures and other subjects, which are not even incidentally alluded to in it.

It would be a sufficient reply to these complaints of the Legislature of New York, and of the Committee on Commerce, for the undersigned to point out that no accusation of an infraction of the Treaty is made, and that the other points upon which they dwell may fairly enough be subject for future discussion, in connection with the fiscal legislation of the United States themselves, but ought not to be made the substance of complaint in connection with that to which they bear no relation.

The undersigned has, however, no desire to avoid the discussion of the points raised in the Report referred to, and it is especially his duty to correct many of the statements therein.

Before passing to the consideration of the Report, it is necessary to dispose of the allegation in the preamble of the Resolution of the New York Legislature, that—