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1870.

IMPORTS.

Imports entered for immediate consumption.....	\$34,199 29
Imports entered warehouse.....	186,142 57
Total imports.....	<u>220,341 86</u>

EXPORTS.

Exports of domestic merchandise.....	152,596 00
Exports of foreign dutiable goods.....	20,133 47
Total exports.....	<u>172,729 47</u>

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The special deputy collector at Pembina, Mr. N. E. Nelson, who furnishes this statement to me, writes that the entire amount of exports to Manitoba, through Minnesota, is not represented in it, for the reason that large quantities of domestic goods, such as tobacco, sugars, sirups, gunpowder, matches, liquors, &c., are entered for exportation in bond at other districts, free of the internal revenue tax, and, simply passing in transit through the Minnesota district, do not appear in its returns. The same is true of a large quantity of foreign goods reexported to Manitoba. The United States imports from that province, which consist almost wholly of raw furs and buffalo robes, are probably all entered in the Minnesota district, since the large shipments made by way of Hudson's Bay go abroad.

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Our present trade with that vast new region of richly productive territory in the basin of Lake Winnipeg, which the pioneer forces of civilization are just preparing to invade, is inconsiderable; but its future possibilities are beyond calculation. The time is approaching very near when it is clearly destined to give a new phase to the question of relations between this country and British North America, and when it will bring to bear upon that question the pressure of an inexorable geographical necessity, that will compel it to some solution.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding my report, it is proper that I should acknowledge the extreme courtesy with which I have been assisted in procuring information by the members of the Canadian government, and by all of its officials, as well as by those of this Government, to whom I have had occasion to apply.

Respectfully submitted.

J. N. LARNED.

Hon. GEORGE S. BOUTWELL,
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\$60,402
151,645

212,047

174,913
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189,461