

Total Value of woollen and knitted goods imported into Canada:

Year ending March, 1922	\$20,680,208
Year ending March, 1923	\$29,484,079
Increase, approximately 43%	

Yardage, imported into Canada:

Year ending March, 1922,	12,208,523 yds.
Year ending March, 1923	18,795,613 "
Increase, approximately 54%	

Hosiery and socks imported into Canada:

Year ending March, 1922,	257,089 doz.
	prs.
Year ending March, 1923	610,372 doz.
	prs.
Increase approximately 138%.	

At the present time, the Canadian mills are working short time with reduced staffs, while the market is being supplied from Great Britain.

While sympathizing with Great Britain's desire to increase her exports which have been seriously reduced to other countries by prevailing conditions, it is not felt that the Government should force Canadians to close their mills and throw their hands out of employment, forcing them to emigrate to the United States in order to obtain employment.

DUTIES ON WOOLLEN AND KNIT GOODS

	British %	Inter. %	General %
Item 557 Yarns, woollen & worsted, n.o.p.	20	27½	30
" 558 Yarns, 30¢ or over	12½	17½	20
" 563 Dress goods in grey under 6 oz.	15	22½	25
" 564 Felt, pressed	15	22½	25
" 565 Blankets	22½	30	35
" 566 Flannels, plain, lustres, etc.	20	30	35
" 567 Clothing, cloths, tweeds, etc.	27½	35	35
" 568 Undershirts, drawers, knitted goods	20	30	35
" 568A Socks and stockings, all kinds	25	32½	35
" 572 Carpets and rugs	25	30	35

Note: In June 1922 the Preference on Items 556, 567, 568 was increased by 2½%, lowering the British duty to the figures given.

COMPARISON OF THE WOOLLEN INDUSTRY OF CANADA BEFORE AND AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BRITISH PREFERENTIAL TARIFF.

Full information on this subject appears in a pamphlet entitled, "Commercial Series No. 4 - The Woollen Industry of Canada"

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