

MEMORANDUM

ON THE

Commercial Relations, past and present, of the British North American Provinces with the United States of America.

The undersigned, Joint Plenipotentiaries of Her Britannic Majesty, with full powers for the negotiation and conclusion of a Treaty with the United States relative to Fisheries, Commerce and Navigation, deem it fitting that, at the outset of the negotiations with which they have been charged, they should submit for the consideration of the Secretary of State some suggestions in regard to the commercial relations between the United States and the Canadian Dominion, which may not be unworthy of attention.

All the figures used in this memorandum are taken from the official documents of the United States Government, except when otherwise stated.

When the British North American Provinces or Canada are spoken of, all the Provinces now composing the Dominion, and also the Island of Newfoundland, are included therein.

An impartial examination of the commercial relations that have existed between the United States and the British North American Provinces for the last fifty years, cannot fail to establish, we venture to think, beyond all doubt, that the traffic between them has been exceedingly valuable to both countries, but that the United States have,