

APPENDIX (O.)

The new vessels built in Prince Edward Island during the year 1863, number 100, of an aggregate burthen of 24,991 tons old measurement. Calculating the value of this shipping at £5 sterling per ton, the amount of £124,955 has to be added to the general exports £209,472 9s. 6d. sterling—giving a total of £334,427 9s. 6d. sterling, exports, against £293,431 4s. 11d. sterling, imports, leaving a balance in favor of the Colony of £40,996 4s. 7d. sterling, for the year 1863.

The principal articles of export—excluding shipping—are agricultural products. Of these the following amounts were shipped during the year 1863.

Oats,	1,459,130	Bushels.
Barley,	74,959	“
Potatoes,	408,122	“
Oatmeal,	201	Tons.
Dry Fish,	15,086	Quintall,
Pickled Fish,	7,570	Barrels.

The principal articles imported are Materials and Rigging, &c., for the new vessels built here, Cloathing of all kinds, Coal, Crockery, Flour, Ironmongery, Salt, Spirits & Wines, Tobacco, Tea and West India produce.

From the United Kingdom this Colony has imported nearly half its requirements, and to the United States it has exported rather more than half its products during the year 1863.

The new vessels built in Prince Edward Island for the past 34 years have averaged 70 vessels 11,934 tons for each year.

In 1854, 106 vessels, 24,111 tons, and in 1857, 104 vessels, 24,060 tons were built. As stated before, last year 100 vessels 24,991 tons were built, being the greatest amount of tonnage ever launched from Prince Edward Island in any one year.

The Revenue of Prince Edward Island for the year 1863 as appears by the Treasurers Accounts, amounted to £41,125 16s. 3d. sterling, being very nearly 35 per cent. in excess of any previous year.

The Revenue of 1854 was the next largest ever received, viz:	£30,689	1s.	0d.	sterling,
“ of 1860 came next in amount,	28,742	8s.	11d.	“
“ of 1855 “ “	28,054	1s.	5d.	“

The average Revenue for the past 10 years, 1853 to 1862, both years included, has amounted to £26,926 3s. 7d. sterling, yearly.

The expenditure of Prince Edward Island for the year 1863, amounted to £36,441 9s. 0d. being about £2,000 sterling, in excess of the previous year, but nearly £5,000 sterling, less than in 1860, and scarcely exceeding that of the years 1856 and 1854.

The average expenditure for the past 10 years, 1853 to 1862, both years included, amounted to £31,810 9s. 6d. sterling, yearly.

As to prospects of the coming year, it is impossible to predict with anything like a feeling of certainty, the protracted hostilities in the United States, and the agitated state of political feeling in Europe, alike preclude any certain inferences.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

FRANCIS LONGWORTH,
Controller.

N. B. It should be borne in mind that the importation of Flour in 1862 was 16,353 Barrels, in 1863 it was 44,868 Barrels. There is no duty on Flour.