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THREE YEARS' TRADE OF THE DOMINION.

The opening of a New Year is perhaps the fittest time for looking our position as a people fairly in the face, and trying to discover what we have gained and what we have lost during the recent past. It is the time in which the manufacturer, the banker and the broker, the merchant wholesale and the merchant retail, make up their accounts, and it is therefore, not unfit that the country at large should balance its books, and see what the result has been. The books of the Dominion are, however, made up to the 30th June in each year to facilitate their publication for Parliamentary inspection, and as we can get meantime no extended accounts of the Dominion trade we must content ourselves with the three years' trade up to June 30th, 1875, together with some statistics for the next four months from some official returns. The annexed tables show the total dutiable and free goods imported to and entered for consumption in the Dominion for the last three years by Provinces. The Province of Prince Edward Island does not figure in 1873, but this is followed by the totals for the three years also by Provinces.

Dutiable.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$25,006,786	25,073,139	27,009,159
Quebec.....	31,764,049	33,406,892	35,185,804
Nova Scotia.	5,817,362	6,564,751	7,849,899
N. B.....	6,226,689	6,941,880	6,953,428
Manitoba.....	818,110	1,472,220	980,426
B. Columbia.	1,569,112	1,676,792	1,977,112
Prince E. I..	.....	1,100,179	1,548,559
Totals for Dominion	\$71,202,108	76,235,853	81,504,477

Free.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$23,239,654	23,405,218	16,589,305
Quebec.....	22,517,109	18,573,978	16,775,388
Nova Scotia.	5,215,355	4,342,629	3,682,057

	1873.	1874.	1875.
N. B.....	4,022,984	3,281,991	3,277,205
Manitoba.....	211,020	381,429	262,883
B. Columbia.	567,364	371,554	566,440
P. E. Island.	831,517	412,438

Totals for Dominion }	\$56,312,486	51,188,316	41,565,806
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Free and Dutiable.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$48,245,440	48,476,357	43,598,554
Quebec.....	54,281,158	51,080,870	51,961,282
Nova Scotia.	11,032,717	10,907,380	11,531,956
N. B.....	10,849,673	10,223,871	10,230,633
Manitoba.....	1,029,130	1,853,659	1,243,309
B. Columbia.	2,076,476	2,048,336	2,543,532
P. E. Island.	1,913,696	1,960,997

Totals for Dominion	\$127,514,594	127,404,169	123,070,283
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These tables show that the total imports for the three years have declined about 3½ per cent., while the free goods have declined about 26 per cent., and the dutiable goods imported have increased nearly 14½ per cent.,—this of course being in a great measure caused by changes in the customs dues. Nothing can more clearly show the shock trade has received during the past year, for it is the import trade of a country which most truly denotes its condition. The moment a period of depression sets in, merchants become alarmed and imports decline; when trade is brisk and money plentiful they buy freely and imports increase. Ontario and Quebec have been more chary of importing goods during the last year, the former having imported 9½ per cent. and the latter rather more than 4 per cent. less than in 1873. Nova Scotia imported 4½ per cent. more and New Brunswick 5½ per cent. less in 1875 than 1873. The other provinces all show an increase on 1873—Manitoba at the rate of 17 per cent., British Columbia of 18 per cent., and Prince Edward Island on 1874 of 2½ per cent.

The next tables give the total exports of the Dominion by Provinces for past three years, classified as in government returns, Prince Edward Island being again unrepresented for 1873.

Produce of the Mine.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$4,003,726	1,135,418	879,024
Quebec.....	274,582	216,414	195,674
Nova Scotia.	764,884	1,050,186	685,900
N. B.....	203,608	223,340	187,704
Manitoba.....	.....	.....	.....
B. Columbia.	1,224,362	1,351,145	1,929,294
P. E. Island.	713	454

Totals for Dominion }	\$6,371,162	3,977,216	3,878,050
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Produce of Fisheries.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$95,295	78,597	94,838
Quebec.....	803,234	778,672	652,859
Nova Scotia.	3,497,435	3,791,052	3,738,165
N. B.....	339,952	393,772	451,905
Manitoba.....	.....	823	737
B. Columbia.	43,361	114,118	133,986
P. E. Island.	135,233	308,37

Totals Dominion of Can.	\$4,779,277	5,292,368	5,380,527
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Produce of Forests.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$8,889,463	7,332,811	4,472,720
Quebec.....	14,157,318	13,115,106	14,175,205
Nova Scotia.	1,349,973	1,356,752	1,151,162
N. B.....	3,978,981	4,711,812	4,584,738
Manitoba.....	55	.....	.....
B. Columbia.	211,026	260,116	292,468
P. E. Island.	51,118	105,487

Totals Dominion of Can.	\$28,586,816	26,817,715	24,781,790
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Animals and their Products.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$5,556,210	4,742,020	3,606,400
Quebec.....	7,630,990	8,189,613	7,298,890
Nova Scotia.	338,799	334,449	439,335
N. B.....	184,92	208,902	264,338
Manitoba.....	244,642	776,431	585,687
B. Columbia.	259,292	330,625	411,810
P. E. Island.	97,125	94,047

Totals Dominion of Can.	\$14,235,025	14,697,169	12,700,507
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Agricultural Products.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$5,766,722	7,573,157	7,309,025
Quebec.....	9,004,703	11,256,657	8,800,400
Nova Scotia.	216,689	225,340	179,816
N. B.....	64,231	110,856	112,317
Manitoba.....	110	10	3
B. Columbia.	2,885	5,296	9,727
P. E. Island.	419,426	787,070

Totals.....	\$14,995,340	19,590,142	17,258,358
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Manufactures.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$588,481	528,451	473,672
Quebec.....	1,097,159	917,404	1,126,262
Nova Scotia.	374,767	418,808	250,085
N. B.....	858,791	477,898	435,009
Manitoba.....	1,407	4,213	2,531
B. Columbia.	1,197	443
P. E. Island.	6,446	5,391

Totals.....	\$2,921,802	2,353,663	2,293,040
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Miscellaneous Articles.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$234,057	233,337	235,449
Quebec.....	191,517	162,732	157,077
Nova Scotia.	19,630	5,410	1,867
N. B.....	20,086	15,377	13,809
Manitoba.....	2
B. Columbia.
P. E. Island.	2,944	979

Totals.....	\$465,292	419,800	409,181
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New Ships.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....
Quebec.....	782,900	796,675	789,450
Nova Scotia.
N. B.....
Manitoba.....
B. Columbia.
P. E. Island.

Totals.....	\$782,900	796,675	789,450
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Total Produce, &c., of Dominion.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$25,082,954	21,613,791	17,131,128
Quebec.....	33,942,403	35,432,673	33,195,817
Nova Scotia.	6,522,169	7,182,097	6,446,330
N. B.....	5,649,741	6,141,957	6,049,910
Manitoba.....	246,216	781,481	588,958
B. Columbia.	1,742,123	2,061,743	2,777,285
P. E. Island.	713,006	1,301,465

Totals.....	\$73,245,606	73,926,748	67,490,893
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Coin and Bullion.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Ontario.....	\$1,248,891	1,026,000	807,000
Quebec.....	2,492,066	901,703	156,479
Nova Scotia.	94,323	67,652	76,353
N. B.....	10,707
Manitoba.....
B. Columbia.
P. E. Island.	490

Totals.....	\$3,845,087	1,995,835	1,039,837
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