

VALUE OF GOODS IMPORTED AND EXPORTED
BY CANADA IN 1895, 1896, 1897, CLASSIFIED
BY COUNTRIES.

BRITISH EMPIRE, <i>Great Britain</i>	1895. \$	1896. \$	1897. \$
Imports dutiable.....	23,353,931	24,576,345	20,190,468
" free.....	7,711,002	8,425,652	9,138,108
Exports.....	61,856,990	66,689,253	77,227,502
British Africa.....Imports	96,359	75,021	27,273
" Exports.....	72,010	154,465	127,183
Australasia.....Imports	117,941	213,683	147,900
" Exports.....	428,267	518,233	1,422,426
East Indies.....Imports	233,345	359,096	417,053
" Exports.....	41,132	8,841	15,804
Guiana.....Imports	173,412	194,031	102,700
" Exports.....	346,430	274,536	271,457
West Indies.....Imports	1,205,335	1,767,178	1,455,489
" Exports.....	1,858,940	1,661,821	1,047,449
Hong Kong.....Imports	2,291	3,742	2,850
" Exports.....	2,903	14,742	15,265
Newfoundland.....Imports	727,332	550,867	428,058
" Exports.....	1,837,996	1,782,309	1,692,798
Other colonies.....Imports	145	2,602	
" Exports.....	7,787	5,078	19,489
<i>Total Imperial</i>Imports	33,620,793	35,577,217	31,512,409
" Exports.....	66,426,355	71,109,278	82,238,023
UNITED STATES.			
Imports, dutiable.....	30,556,589	34,415,039	39,524,792
" free.....	24,426,211	24,875,127	26,605,825
Exports.....	34,164,567	36,421,168	41,933,792
EUROPE.			
Austria.....Imports	183,453	204,637	442,742
Belgium.....Imports	446,597	927,457	1,189,441
" Exports.....	251,402	98,031	354,584
Denmark.....Imports	4,701	12,907	10,963
" Exports.....	16,345	42,894	28,757
France.....Imports	2,636,342	2,782,629	2,507,128
" Exports.....	335,282	581,540	690,696
Germany.....Imports	4,983,369	6,454,705	5,785,546
" Exports.....	626,976	757,531	1,045,432
Holland.....Imports	247,408	297,251	373,749
" Exports.....	140,264	139,828	104,422
Italy.....Imports	339,500	435,774	373,700
" Exports.....	34,325	50,759	108,627
Norway.....Imports	41,899	53,109	43,175
" Exports.....	65,501	41,262	74,861
Portugal.....Imports	54,845	46,503	37,455
" Exports.....	58,781	41,666	36,745
Russia.....Imports	4,635	15,905	16,310
" Exports.....	42,967	47,823	4,508
Spain.....Imports	420,155	346,940	285,847
" Exports.....	34,101	83,814	50,452
Switzerland.....Imports	255,863	336,467	222,045
" Exports.....	640	285	1,019
Turkey.....Imports	130,780	355,995	132,501
<i>Total European</i>Imports	9,749,587	12,770,343	11,511,342
" Exports.....	1,606,634	1,886,433	2,500,103
China.....Imports	941,059	1,030,598	1,046,204
" Exports.....	367,853	659,673	761,976
Japan.....Imports	1,572,937	1,548,232	1,329,980
" Exports.....	10,307	8,253	44,946
Brazil.....Imports	91,948	113,665	226,041
" Exports.....	612,639	608,749	407,089
Argentina.....Imports	23,604	936	19,902
" Exports.....	502,520	317,097	556,254
*West Indies.....Imports	3,984,731	4,681,642	553,713
" Exports.....	1,520,056	1,150,017	1,197,911
**Bullion, short returns, &c.....Imports	5,814,223	7,391,389	6,868,401
**Bullion, short returns, &c.....Exports	8,427,872	8,739,184	8,213,159
<i>Total Imports into Canada</i>	110,781,682	118,011,508	119,218,609
<i>Total Exports from Canada</i>	113,638,803	121,013,852	137,950,833

CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

We present in this issue a table compiled from official sources which exhibits the extent of the business done by Canada with Great Britain, the other Colonies and foreign countries. The statistics are so grouped as to show the total of our imports from and exports to all other parts of the Empire, those also from and to the United States, Europe, and South America. Since an effort has been initiated by Canada to establish Inter-Imperial trade, which is to be further developed after July next, there will be close attention paid to the respective channels through which our foreign trade flows, and the table we present will be valuable for comparisons. There having been much said regarding the operation of the tariffs in force in the years covered by the table in giving better terms to the States than the old country, we show their respective amounts of free and of dutiable imports. In 1897 the proportion of free imports to the total from Great Britain was 31.15 per cent., and from the United States 40.20 per cent. This seeming discrimination against Great Britain is accounted for by the greater amount of raw materials we import, which are free of duty, being the products of the United States. The most striking feature in the table is the small proportion of our trade with European countries, and with South American ones, compared with that done with the United States and the British Empire. The totals for 1897 were as follows:—

	Gt. Britain.	Other Colonies.	U. S.	All others.
Imports to..	\$29,328,576	\$2,183,833	\$66,140,617	\$16,889,389
Exports from..	77,227,562	5,010,521	41,933,792	6,338,758

Another salient feature is the contrast between the proportion of imports to exports in the trade with Great Britain and the trade with United States. Canada in 1897 sent 77 millions' worth of goods to Great Britain and took back from her 29 millions' worth, whereas this country sent 42 millions to the States, and took back 66 millions' worth. The contrast is very significant as an illustration of the superior value to us of the British trade. Since 1893 we have only increased our exports to the States by 5 millions, while those to Great Britain have increased over 13 millions. In the same period, 1893 to 1897, our total exports were enlarged by \$19,600,000, over 90 per cent. of the increase being in our exports to Great Britain and the States. Although we favour the movement to develop Inter-Imperial trade, yet, as it now forms only 46 per cent. of our total foreign trade, it is evident that it will take a length of time to raise its volume to such an extent as to render its value largely in excess of the business done with countries outside the Empire.

Miss Olive G. Otto, formerly cashier at East St. Louis, Ill., for the Prudential Insurance Company, of America, has filed suits against that company aggregating \$100,000 for arrest and prosecution on charges of embezzlement.

* This comprises the Dutch, French, Spanish, Danish, West Indian Island, the British are given above.

**The average amount of bullion imported and exported in each year is about 4½ millions, and goods are estimated to be short returned for about 3 millions.