

The relative bearing of the Customs Tariff upon the Commerce of each Province of the Dominion is exhibited in the following table:—

No. 7.—Percentage of Duty on Total Value of Imports, Dutiable and Free.

Years.	Ontario.	Quebec.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Manitoba.	British Columbia.	Prince Edward Island.	Dominion.
	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.
1868.....	08·85	14·04	12·40	13·59	.....	.....	.....	12·00
1869.....	08·62	12·68	12·50	13·58	.....	.....	.....	11·78
1870.....	09·26	14·78	13·00	14·85	.....	.....	.....	12·65
1871.....	09·87	13·81	12·42	14·63	06·18	.....	.....	12·32
1872.....	10·30	12·50	10·75	13·62	04·97	19·12	.....	11·70
1873.....	08·76	10·94	10·75	11·79	05·23	13·79	.....	10·17
1874.....	08·84	12·83	12·56	13·72	03·75	16·13	11·50	11·25
1875.....	11·02	13·03	12·94	13·40	13·78	16·28	16·17	12·48
1876.....	11·72	14·58	14·35	17·73	14·03	16·29	22·01	13·76
1877.....	11·23	12·27	13·84	15·77	15·92	18·18	19·25	12·63
1878.....	12·05	14·13	14·39	16·57	19·90	18·96	18·09	13·74
1879.....	14·53	15·35	16·75	19·80	24·04	21·15	24·68	15·78
1880.....	18·25	13·76	17·24	21·31	24·26	25·63	24·60	16·34
1881.....	18·27	15·79	18·35	21·25	22·60	24·08	26·58	17·56
1882.....	17·63	17·24	20·20	21·76	20·50	23·35	26·93	18·18

In an examination of this table, it is necessary to bear in mind that the percentage is based upon the value of all goods imported, dutiable and free, and the proportion of free goods imported in one province in excess of another, will so far lessen the percentage of duty. So, also, the province importing the largest proportion of goods subject to the higher rates of duties, such as spirits and tobacco, will show a proportionately higher average percentage.