

THE WORLD TRADE OF CANADA.

Inter Imperial Exports and Imports of the Dominion during the Five Fiscal Years 1902 to 1906.

COUNTRIES.	1902.		1903.		1904.		1905.		1906.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.
<i>British Empire.</i>										
1 Great Britain.....	49,435,388	117,320,221	59,068,706	131,202,321	61,960,909	117,591,376	60,538,811	101,938,771	69,317,186	133,004,937
2 Bermuda.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	559,942	*	398,694
3 British Africa.....	15,806	3,842,070	49,121	1,948,126	69,141	2,380,456	21,372	1,883,362	297,659	1,759,719
4 British Australasia—										
4 Australia.....	153,057	2,586,554	98,532	2,929,861	102,169	2,622,756	161,470	2,194,223	226,197	2,082,219
5 New Zealand.....	4,180	353,693	41,903	462,538	19,254	592,827	51,276	540,633	302,075	734,054
6 British East Indies.....	1,593,503	47,137	2,160,458	96,940	3,369,576	18,828	2,695,202	23,733	3,420,454	21,554
7 ".....	171,141	506,086	583,255	514,334	2,191,064	482,750	2,512,643	468,538	2,087,366	457,659
8 ".....	1,531,152	1,974,379	1,830,253	2,184,833	4,815,828	2,179,774	6,077,013	2,404,232	5,453,994	2,359,722
9 ".....	8,181	8,181	231,379	46,671	138	68,503	416,295	33,188	454,452	59,237
10 Hong Kong.....	10,450	28,477	143,714	37,755	124,821	39,359	126,116	306,538	167,546	40,281
11 Newfoundland.....	1,118,567	2,381,082	1,197,372	2,516,576	1,076,757	2,899,751	1,059,417	3,473,713	1,758,807	3,213,866
12 All other.....	5,844	22,740	1,227	36,031	7,754	76,229	2,675	31,450	1,105	59,871
Totals, British Empire.....	54,039,090	129,070,620	65,408,020	141,975,986	73,675,411	128,951,609	73,662,290	113,877,323	83,466,805	144,311,803

* Included with B. W. Indies prior to 1905.

GREAT BRITAIN'S DUTY.

Speaking before the Leeds Chamber of Commerce upon the matter of inter-imperial trade, Mr. Winston Churchill, M.P., referred recently to the impetus which was hoped for from the approaching Conference of Colonial Prime Ministers. He looked for a marked extension of the system of inter-colonial preference. One direction in which he believed the Mother Land could improve trade prospects with and between the self-governing colonies was to take the same pains to obtain information about the conditions of such trade as about that of the foreign nations of the world. The Board of Trade collected information about the tariffs and commerce of the foreign nations of the world, but there was no similar body which collected information to anything like the same extent about the great self-governing colonies in the British Empire. It was an oversight. The consequence was that the Foreign Office or the Board of Trade could tell far more about the commercial legislation which was in prospect in some foreign countries than about the legislation which might be under consideration in the great self-governing colonies. There was a matter which could be and which ought to be set right. Glancing at the consular service in foreign countries with its new diplomatic order of "commercial attaches," and at the system of commercial correspondence which has been established in the colonies, Mr. Churchill intimated that, in his view, the expenditure of a little money, even in these days of retrenchment, might be attended in this direction with success. The Imperial Institute might become and was being made much more every year a great sample store of all the raw material and fabrics which were being produced in the Crown colonies and throughout the Empire.

In concluding his remarks upon the desirability of developing the most advantageous economic relations within the Empire, the speaker said: This is not a matter of party. It is far above all party questions. The waves of party advance and recede, surge up on the beach and recoil in their turn, but the strong tide of the British Empire rises steadily."



METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

In 1906 the new assurances issued by the Metropolitan Life and paid for, amounted to \$401,402,538, consisting of Industrial, \$288,515,643 and Ordinary \$112,886,895. The income was \$66,695,827, and the total assurance in force was \$1,692,868,585.

The daily average of the company's business during the year was: 412 per day in number of claims paid; 6,163 per day in number of policies placed and paid for; \$1,320,403.09 per day new assurance placed and paid for; \$138,000.09 per day in payments to policy-holders and addition to Reserve; \$81,465.58 per day increase of Assets.

GROWTH IN TEN YEAR PERIODS.

YEAR	Income for the year	Assets at end of year	Surplus at end of year	Outstanding insurance at end of year
Dec. 31st, 1896	\$4,593,393.57	\$3,705,970.61	\$791,996.03	\$124,164,590.00
" " 1906	29,548,991.91	30,628,987.89	5,091,417.49	487,165,855.00
" " 1906	66,695,825.76	176,429,015.04	16,229,479.92	1,692,868,586.00