

Trade Commissioners were appointed in Great Britain, South Africa, Japan and France.

A trade with the British West Indies was stimulated by extending the preferential tariff to them.

Financial assistance was given towards construction of Pacific Cable which is now in operation.

The prepayment of Canadian Custom duties in Great Britain was arranged for.

Monthly returns of imports and exports have been published since 1900. Formerly trade returns were published annually—and the information was too ancient at time of publication to be of practical business value.

Iron and steel industries and silver lead mining were aided by means of bounties.

Machinery for Beet Sugar factories and placer mining was placed on the Free List.

An assay office was established in Vancouver.

Acting upon strong representations from our Government, the Imperial Government placed large orders aggregating millions of dollars in Canada for military supplies during the progress of the Transvaal war.

Magnificent exhibitions of the country's resources were under the direction of the Government, made at Paris, Glasgow, Buffalo, Wolverhampton, Cork and Japan. No expense was spared—and the Exhibits redounded greatly to our benefit.

Substantial financial assistance was in 1903 given towards the Dominion Industrial Exhibition, Toronto.