

CANADA RAILWAY LOAN.

TRADE and SHIPPING.

	TOTAL.	From Great Britain.
	Dollars.	Dollars.
*IMPORTS.		
Canada - - - - -	48,610,477	28,984,609
Nova Scotia - - - - -	14,381,662	6,315,988
New Brunswick - - - - -	7,086,595	2,284,440
	70,078,734	37,585,036
*EXPORTS.		
Canada - - - - -	53,030,789	12,766,608
Nova Scotia - - - - -	8,830,693	764,472
New Brunswick - - - - -	5,534,726	2,594,651
	68,296,208	16,125,791

TONNAGE.

	Tons.	Tons.
Entries Inwards—		
Canada - - - - -	938,946	
Nova Scotia - - - - -	929,929	
New Brunswick - - - - -	807,161	
		2,676,036
Entries Outwards—		
Canada - - - - -	1,113,386	
Nova Scotia - - - - -	772,017	
New Brunswick - - - - -	754,876	
		2,640,279
		5,316,315
Shipping owned in—		
Canada - - - - -		230,429
Nova Scotia - - - - -		403,409
New Brunswick - - - - -		308,696
		943,533

* Exclusive of coin and bullion.

—No. 2.—

The Secretary to the Treasury to Sir F. Rogers.

Sir,

Treasury Chambers, 15 March 1867.

I AM directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to state, for the information of the Duke of Buckingham, that before consenting to propose to the House of Commons a resolution upon which to found a Bill for providing a guarantee of interest upon the contemplated loan of 3,000,000 £. for the purpose of enabling the North American Confederation to construct a railway from Halifax to Quebec, my Lords would wish to be informed in what way and after what examination the line and surveys have been approved by the Colonial Office, and whether the Secretary of State has satisfied himself that the line could be constructed without further application for Imperial guarantee; and in that case they would be glad to be furnished with a detailed statement, showing how that conclusion has been arrived at.

My Lords would further require that the sufficiency of the Colonial revenues to meet the charges to be imposed upon them in respect of this loan should be made out to their satisfaction, after a searching investigation; and they are prepared to enter into this inquiry as soon as the delegates from the three Provinces concerned shall furnish them with the requisite materials, together with all necessary explanation for enabling them to form a judgment in this matter.

I am, &c.

(signed) George Ward Hunt.