

APPENDIX



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CUSTOM HOUSE RETURNS.

CUSTOM HOUSE, CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,

2nd April, 1864.

To His Excellency GEORGE DUNDAS, Esq., *Lieutenant Governor, Commander-in-Chief, &c. &c. of Prince Edward Island.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

I herewith have the honor to submit to your Excellency the Annual Returns of Trade and Navigation for the Province of Prince Edward Island, for the year ending the 31st December, 1863.

The year 1863 has been an extraordinarily prosperous one for Prince Edward Island, owing principally, no doubt, to the very bountiful harvests with which God in His great mercy favored us, to the very remunerative prices our Agricultural Products obtained in the neighbouring Colonies and the United States, and to the high average price of Tonnage in the United Kingdom throughout the past year.

The total value of goods imported into Prince Edward Island in 1863 was £293,431 4s. 11d. sterling, against £211,240 18s. 6d. sterling in 1862, shewing an increase of £82,190 6s. 5d. sterling.

The Impost and Excise Duties on these goods amounted to £30,704 17s. 8d. sterling, against £25,704 6s. 5d. in 1862, shewing an increase of £6,000 11s. 3d. sterling.

The total value of goods exported from Prince Edward Island in 1863 was £209,472 9s. 6d. sterling, against £150,549 2s. 1d. sterling, in 1862, shewing an increase of £58,923 7s. 5d. sterling.

These returns shew that the value of the Imports into Prince Edward Island in 1863, exceeded the value of the Exports during the same year by £83,958 15s. 5d. sterling. This is accounted for by the fact that a large portion of the materials used in the construction and outfit of the new vessels built here for sale in the United Kingdom, appears in the accounts as imports, while the new vessels do not appear as exports.