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CANADIAN TRADE IN 1905

The total trade of Canada, as shown by statistics prepared by the Customs Department for the fiscal year ending June 30 last, increased about a quarter of a million dollars. There was a falling off during the past year of over eight million dollars in exports of domestic produce, and about two millions in exports of foreign produce, as well as a reduction of about three-quarters of a million in coin and bullion, but this was a little more than made up for in the increased volume of imports for consumption. It is worthy of note that the exports of domestic manufactures for the last year was \$1,250,000 in excess of the previous year. The total aggregate trade of the Dominion on the basis of imports for consumption and domestic exports was \$465,228,307, compared with \$464,981,972 for 1904. The summary of the trade for the past two years is as follows:

	1904.	1905.
Imports for consumption	\$251,460,737	\$261,911,435
Domestic exports	198,414,439	190,854,946
Foreign exports	12,641,239	10,617,115
Coin and bullion..	2,467,557	1,844,811
Totals.	\$464,981,972	\$465,228,307
Duty collected.	40,952,810	42,021,386
The details of the trade are as follows:		
	1904.	1905.
Imports—		
Dutiable goods..	\$148,902,381	\$150,914,668
Free goods..	94,684,043	100,688,332
Coin and bullion..	7,874,313	10,308,435
Totals..	\$251,460,737	\$261,911,435
Domestic exports—		
The mine...	\$33,626,739	31,932,325
Fisheries.	10,759,029	11,114,318
Forest	33,091,922	33,235,688
Animals and their products.	63,812,117	63,337,458
Agriculture ..	37,138,875	29,994,150
Manufactures..	19,864,049	21,191,333
Miscellaneous...	121,708	49,675
Totals.....	\$198,414,439	\$190,854,946

Another Tariff Edition.

As soon as the proposed revision of the tariff has been made and adopted by the Dominion Parliament, thus becoming the law of the land, a full and absolutely correct reproduction of it copied from the official document, will be published in the Canadian Manufacturer. It is impossible at this time to say just when that event will occur, probably about the latter part of next year. In the same special edition will be published in full, as heretofore, the tariff of the United States, both under the one cover, a convenience which will be fully recognized by our readers.

PROTECTION MUST BE THERE.

Last week Mr. George, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, had a interview with Mr. Balfour, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in his speech at last Wednesday's banquet, Mr. George told his hearers something of the message he left with British Ministers. We may be sure that Mr. George was sympathetically received, and learnt from the lips of British Ministers how warmly British public opinion appreciates Canada's general attitude towards the Empire. Mr. George, speaking on behalf of Canadian manufacturers generally, assured British Ministers that Canada did not dream of asking for a protective tariff against the United Kingdom, but she did ask, and must, in her own industrial interests, insist upon a competitive Canadian tariff which would at least put Canadian manufacturers on an equivalent footing with the manufacturers of the United Kingdom, considering the difference in the rates of wages, and the older, wealthier, and more highly specialized character of British undertakings. In a word, there must be a Canadian tariff, but Canadians desired that Great Britain should have absolute fair play, and a paramount and preferential place among all outside caterers for Canadian markets. It is obvious, as Mr. George says, that Canada will, as the years go on, prove to be a much more profitable market for British manufacturers even than it has been in the past, inasmuch as its purchasing power is destined to undergo illimitable expansion as the country develops. We can well believe with what interest Mr. Balfour heard Mr. George's views, for they have a most important bearing on the British fiscal struggle in which Mr. Balfour is at this moment playing so important a part.—Canadian Gazette, London, England.

If there is anything that Canadian manufacturers generally or in any other way dream of and hope for, and are determined to have, if possible, is a protective tariff against the United Kingdom as well as against all other countries. There may be a preferential tariff