

with the United States could never be carried out, and if carried out, it would be of no service to the people of Canada. Now, the following table shows that in certain articles our exports to the United States are more than our exports to all the rest of the world. The figures are for the year 1893 :—

	United States.	All other countries.
	\$	\$
Products of the mine....	4,756,280	573,610
Products of the forest...	13,859,960	12,499,950
Fresh-water fish and salt-water fish, fresh.....	1,287,822	4,642
Horses .....	1,123,339	337,818
Swine .....	130,093	15,997
Sheep .....	1,088,814	159,041
Poultry .....	52,114	9,013
Bones .....	58,444	10,282
Hides .....	385,246	7,122
Sheep pelts .....	66,939	16
Wool .....	228,030	281
Flax .....	124,082	.....
Berries .....	96,104	115
Fruit, N.E.S. ....	24,646	1,114
Barley .....	638,271	306,084
Beans .....	351,058	4,624
Hay .....	854,958	597,914
Straw .....	25,117	932
Maple sugar .....	48,174	1,477
Trees, shrubs and plants.	11,969	232
Potatoes .....	259,176	162,782
Vegetables .....	105,836	10,404
Other articles.....	27,096	1,577
Fertilizers .....	7,706	.....
Furs .....	6,664	2,103
Grindstones .....	24,754	948
Gypsum .....	27,091	2,366
Household effects.....	1,246,085	37,081
Lime .....	97,898	8,207
Barrels .....	10,631	6,297
Household furniture....	123,872	50,749
Wood pulp.....	424,253	1,640
Other manufactures.....	249,752	117,727
Bullion .....	309,459	.....
	28,132,233	14,932,145

Mr. AMYOT. Will the hon. gentleman say what he is reading from ?

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. PERRY. If the hon. gentleman will have a little patience, he can speak after I am done. If he does not understand, I will speak to him in French.

Mr. AMYOT. I only wanted to know from what the hon. gentleman is reading. Is he ashamed of his book ?

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that my hon. friend has a perfect right to inquire, as he has done, what the hon. gentleman is quoting from, and I do not see that there can be any objection on the part of the hon. gentleman to say what he is quoting from.

Mr. LAURIER. My hon. friend can take care of his own case.

Mr. ACTING SPEAKER (Mr. HAZEN). It would seem to me, unless the speaker is willing to be interrupted, that the question cannot be raised.

Mr. PERRY. I am quoting from the blue-book—le livre bleu—which I got under the immediate supervision of the hon. Postmaster General. Hon. gentlemen opposite have the political impudence to say that we ought not to have free trade with the United States. It is true, in 1891, they went through the sham of opening negotiations ; at all events, they told the people at large that they had opened negotiations for trade with the United States on a certain basis. That was a short time before the general elections—they must always have such things to do service for them in the elections ; and they knew perfectly well that nothing would captivate the minds of the people of this country to a greater extent than the promise of free trade with the United States. On that they dissolved Parliament and went to the country on that and that alone. They carried the elections ; and in less than a month after, a flat denial was given to their statement by Mr. Blaine. He told them they were liars—that nothing of the kind had ever taken place, nor could take place on the basis offered by the Government of Sir John Macdonald. I have no doubt that they may have some other promise previous to the next elections, which must be soon—or perhaps they may hold on to the very last day before they issue the writs ; because they are trembling in their boots, and they are not scrupulous as to the statements they make. They are willing to make any sort of statements for political purposes.

An hon. MEMBER. Order.

Mr. PERRY. It is order. I know it does not suit the hon. gentleman, but it is the fact. Now, Sir, for the information of hon. gentlemen I will read Mr. Blake's letter. It is dated Washington, 29th January, 1891. Now, that was very near the eve of that general election. You will all remember that the writs were issued some time in February, and the election took place on the 5th March. Mr. Blaine wrote to Mr. Baker :

I authorize you to contradict the rumours you refer to. There are no negotiations whatever on foot for a reciprocity treaty with Canada, and you may be sure that no scheme for reciprocity with the Dominion, confined to natural products, will be entertained by this Government. I know nothing of Sir Charles Tupper coming to Washington.

J. G. BLAINE.

This was a direct contradiction of the statement made by Sir Charles Tupper and hon. gentlemen opposite. They rode that horse out for election purposes and they got into power on its back, but no sooner did they