

In the export trade of the United States Canada, receiving \$37,380,000, also makes a good showing.

To European nations we find the following :

Belgium.....	\$26,690,000
Portugal.....	4,990,000
Sweden and Norway.....	4,940,000
	\$36,620,000

To these countries \$760,000 less than to Canada.

Spain.....	\$14,610,000
Italy.....	15,931,000
Russia.....	7,760,000
	\$38,300,000

To these countries only \$920,000 more than to Canada.

Netherlands.....	\$23,820,000
Denmark.....	3,310,000
	\$27,130,000

To these countries \$10,250,000 less than to Canada.

Spanish West Indies.....	\$14,040,000
British West Indies.....	9,550,000
All other West Indies.....	9,830,000
	\$33,420,000

To Canada \$3,960,000 more than to all these islands.

To Mexico.....	\$14,200,000
Central American States.....	6,580,000
British Honduras.....	460,000
All other North America.....	390,000
	\$21,630,000

To Canada \$15,750,000 more than to all the rest of North America.

Brazil.....	\$14,050,000
Colombia.....	3,110,000
Argentine Republic.....	2,720,000
Venezuela.....	4,720,000
Chili.....	3,130,000
Guianas.....	2,160,000
Uruguay.....	1,030,000
All others in South America.....	2,300,000
	\$33,220,000

To Canada \$4,160,000 more than to all South America.

The total exports to Asia and Oceanica were as follows :

British possessions in Australia.....	\$12,890,000
China.....	8,700,000
British East Indies.....	4,400,000
Hawaiian Islands.....	4,940,000
Japan.....	4,800,000
Hong Kong.....	4,740,000
Dutch East Indies.....	2,100,000
All others in Asia and Oceania.....	1,240,000
	\$43,810,000

Only \$6,430,000 more than to Canada.

The grand aggregate value of the export trade of the United States in 1891 was \$872,270,000.

AS TO IRON.

WE are in receipt of the following letter :—

Editor CANADIAN MANUFACTURER :

DEAR SIR,—You are continually advocating increased protection for pig iron: Will you please give facts and figures showing why this is necessary? It is not an argument to say that because there are not more blast furnaces it should be so. Consider the cost of erecting a furnace in any section of the

country, and then figure out the cost of production and show that the bounty of \$2 per ton and the duty of \$4 per ton is not sufficient to produce a dividend that will tempt capitalists to go into the business. Evidently the Nova Scotia Steel and Forge Company think there is a margin. I believe in protection and in the N.P., and I agree with you on the sugar question, but am afraid you would place the ironmasters in just the same position as the sugar men, and make us who use pig iron pay the piper for no more reason.

Kindly state the actual import of pig iron into Canada from all sources.

Our correspondent is a large consumer of pig iron, whose works are in Ontario, and he is in error in supposing that the Dominion bounty upon the domestic production of the article is \$2 per ton—it is only \$1 per ton.

The importation of pig iron into Canada for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, including kentledge and cast scrap, amounted to 87,613 tons valued at \$1,148,078, upon which duties to the amount of \$350,453.97 were paid. Of these importations 64,107 tons came from Great Britain and 23,170 tons from the United States.

It is difficult if not impossible to state the weight of articles manufactured of cast and wrought iron and steel imported into Canada but we have the following facts, reference being had to the trade of 1890.

Imports into Canada of manufactures of iron—dutiable—in 1890—weights given :—

ARTICLES.	Weight, pounds.	Value.	Duty Paid.
Axles, blanks and forgings.. *	9,614,620	\$20,914	\$8,463 40
Bar iron, n.e.s. +	20,371,456	309,889	118,242 13
Boiler plate..... +	6,029,184	100,036	34,987 17
Cast iron pipe..... +	8,894,368	104,423	49,902 31
Chains..... +	3,417,344	78,499	3,925 99
Spiegel, steel blooms and crop ends, etc. +	1,392,000	18,895	1,391 20
Forgings of iron and steel, n.e.s. *	454,104	20,569	8,157 37
Hoop, band and scroll iron.. +	9,145,808	154,109	46,318 54
Slabs, blooms, etc. +	1,684,592	15,923	6,768 02
Iron bridges and structures.. *	2,914,442	86,183	38,241 61
Cast iron, cast scraps and kentledge..... +	175,226,000	1,148,078	350,453 97
Iron and steel rivets..... *	69,156	6,721	3,053 40
Malleable iron and steel castings..... *	1,769,264	60,830	19,678 26
Nails and spikes, composition +	61,981	5,661	1,131 20
Nails and spikes, wrought, etc. +	1,427,326	44,060	22,494 73
Nails and spikes, cut..... *	197,977	7,709	1,979 77
Plates of iron and steel, n.e.s. +	1,593,200	14,327	4,310 37
Plow plates, etc., cut to shape *	2,576	181	22 62
Tramway bars and rails..... +	2,980,000	47,845	8,941 83
Railway fish plates..... +	5,632,000	77,089	33,787 50
Channel bars and angles.... +	1,412,830	26,415	9,722 39
Beams, girders and shapes.. +	10,234,680	159,328	19,924 05
Bridge plates..... +	10,503,024	163,103	20,387 58
Wood screws..... *	7,146	2,046	533 58
Sheet iron, Canada plates, etc +	52,102,288	833,425	104,209 77
Swedish iron nail rods..... +	2,194,976	37,414	7,482 80
Wire fencing and fencing wire *	135,305	5,032	1,995 86
Wire, covered..... *	363,308	66,886	17,624 50
Wire, n.e.s. +	8,258,432	164,513	41,448 25
Wire rope..... +	361,424	27,230	6,808 25
Wire spring steel..... +	241,248	6,712	1,342 40
Nuts, washers, rivets, bolt blanks, etc. *	1,620,594	89,624	58,612 26
Scrap wrought iron and steel +	107,176,160	678,574	95,693 62
Steelingots, slabs, blooms, etc. +	22,002,512	528,961	126,161 88
Picks, mattocks, etc. *	98,695	6,955	2,725 86
Total.....	469,590,019	\$5,118,158	\$1,257,024 44

Imports of manufactures of iron—dutiable—weights not given :—