

INCREASED TRADE.

As previously reported in these columns, the Government reports as to the trade of Canada are of a very satisfactory character. The fiscal year 1891 showed an import trade of \$211,762,420 contrasted with \$209,514,733. This is an increase of over two millions. It is, no doubt, a considerable augmentation, nevertheless the national exports show an almost equally encouraging increase, the balance of trade against us being, all things considered, scarcely changed to our disadvantage. The export figures were, for 1891, \$98,417,296. With the exception of 1882, this is the largest amount of export trade Canada has yet had to record. The total exports of 1890 amounted to \$96,749,149. It will be interesting to our readers to be informed that the export of Canadian produce to the Mother Country and her colonies reached, last year, \$47,137,203, while our export to all other countries was \$41,663,863. Other countries took of our mineral products \$1,751,465 and the British Empire, \$1,032,681. The other export figures were as follows:

	British Empire.	All other countries.
Produce of the fisheries...	\$ 4,195,515	\$ 5,519,886
Produce of the forest.....	11,752,768	12,529,247
Animals and their produce	21,310,629	4,657,112
Agricultural products.....	6,020,266	7,646,592
Manufactures.....	2,823,491	3,472,758
Miscellaneous articles.....	1,853	43,194
Bullion.....		129,328
Estimated amount short returned at inland ports		2,913,994
Total Canadian produce	\$47,137,203	\$41,663,863
Total foreign produce..	6,220,662	3,395,568
Total.....	\$53,357,865	\$45,059,431

Unfortunately, in the only department in which the demands of Great Britain—animals and their products—exceeded that of all other countries, the appearances are not specially promising for the future. This is accounted for in two ways. First, because of the excessive pressure brought to bear upon the British authorities to exclude Canadian cattle because it has been reported that disease exists somewhere in the Northwest; and secondly, because some of the interested Canadian ranchmen have been kicking up a fuss, on account of American fat cattle being allowed to enter British Columbia for immediate slaughter without being subjected to a protracted quarantine. This "grievance" has been worked up to proportions of the most alarming character by interested parties—Canadian Northwest ranchers and British graziers.

To the former, it has proved to be a veritable boomerang. They tried to force British Columbia to buy their cattle at their own prices. Their agitation both at home and abroad drew special attention to them, and now the few cases of sickness there may or may not be among them have been magnified and exaggerated to an extent which may result in their being placed at the mercy of the consumer in this country, instead of the consumer being utterly at their dictation. We must confess that we sympathize with the Northwest ranchers in what may prove to be to them a most serious set-back to their prospects. It might not possibly be out of place to remind them that the mills of the gods

though in this case they have not ground slowly, are accustomed to grind "exceedingly small." British Columbia was to have been placed between the mill-stones. Accident or Providence has placed the cattlemen in close proximity to those mill-stones.—*B. C. Commercial Journal.*

PILOTAGE.

All who are interested in matters pertaining to shipping in the Straits will be pleased to learn that the Government has taken into full consideration the communication of the British Columbia Board of Trade on the necessity of action to regulate the matter of pilotage, and to provide against the practice at present obtaining of ocean vessels running so near in shore to take on or discharge their pilots. The unfortunate but, nevertheless, mutual, jealousy existing between certain interests in Nanaimo, Westminster and Victoria, would appear to make it difficult to carry out the suggestions of the Deputy Minister of Marine who proposes that the three pilotage authorities in question agree to maintain a pilot vessel below Race Rocks, the expenses to be divided between them and taken out of the already ample pilotage dues at present collected. If the idea will only work, it is a capital one, and in the meantime has been laid before the three Boards concerned for their consideration.

Something must be done, and if the suggestion referred to does not meet the case, other action must be taken. It will never do to have such a thing as even the possibility of navigation hereabouts being called in question, as upon Victoria as a safe and easily accessible port, depends its future advancement. In this connection, the contemplated extensive outer and inner wharf improvements, for which provision is to be made in the estimates, are most important; but of what use can they possibly be if the slightest suspicion attaches to the approaches, however remote they may be, to the places at which vessels land and take on cargoes?

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