

While the Conference was holding its sittings the Minister of Finance issued an elaborate tabulated circular, which was privately distributed amongst the Executive Council and the delegates of the other Provinces, relative to one of the topics which engaged its attention, viz., the trade of Canada in relation to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. As the Honourable Mr. Howland kindly favoured me with a copy, I am enabled to give the following details :

The report contains thirteen tables, all of which are very exhaustive. The first three illustrate the Canadian export and import trade with the sister colonies for the four preceding years ; and so far afford results as important as they are satisfactory. The total imports into Canada by the St. Lawrence from the Lower Provinces amounted in 1858 to 317,148 dollars ; in 1859 to 352,222 dollars ; in 1860 to 415,812 dollars ; and in 1861 to 478,130 dollars ; forming respectively 1.45 per cent., 1.13 per cent., 1.14 per cent., and 1.15 per cent. of the entire imports of the Province.

The exports from Canada to the English American Colonies were, in 1858, 960,428 dols. ; in 1859, 840,475 dollars ; in 1860, 723,534 dollars ; and in 1861, 1,030,939 dollars ; or respectively 4.08 per cent., 3.39 per cent., 2.08 per