

THE TRADE OF CANADA.

According to the last published official returns is:—Exports, \$90,203,000; Imports, \$110,894,630, on which \$22,187,869 duty was collected. The average duty per centage on the total value of imports entered for consumption— including free goods, is about 19%; per head of population, \$4.75, and the cost of collection, 04%.

Our principal customers are: Great Britain \$40,000,000; United States \$40,000,000; Newfoundland \$1,500,000; British West Indies \$1,500,000; Brazil and South America, \$1,500,000; Spanish West Indies, \$1,000,000; France and Germany, \$600,000 and all others \$4,000,000.

We buy from England \$40,000,000, from the United States \$48,000,000, France \$2,200,000, Germany \$2,400,000, British West Indies \$1,000,000, Spanish West Indies \$2,500,000, Brazil and South America \$1,000,000, China \$1,000,000, Japan \$1,000,000, Newfoundland \$500,000.

The Dominion possesses about 13,500 miles of Railway, valued at \$730,000,000. Her canals cost \$50,000,000 and public works \$175,000,000. The gross debt is about \$290,000,000; net debt \$240,000,000; Revenue \$40,000,000 and the average interest paid on debt 3.45%. The paid up capital of Canadian Banks is \$60,000,000.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

HOME.

	For Canada Points and the United States.	For Newfoundland and Great Britain.
Letters.....	3 cents every ounce	5 cents every half ounce.....
Post cards.....	1 cent each.....	2 cents each.....
Open printed circulars.....	1 cent each.....	2 cents each.....
Newspapers, &c.....	1 cent every 4 ozs.....	1 cent every 4 ozs.....
Letter Registration.....	5 cents each.....	5 cents each.....

Local drop letters 1 cent each; drop newspapers $\frac{1}{2}$ cent each and if under 1 oz. may be mailed to any Canadian post office for $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.

FOREIGN.

COUNTRIES.	LETTERS. For every half oz.	CARDS.	NEWSPAPERS For each two ozs.
For Europe generally, Turkey, Egypt and North Africa....	5 Cents	2 Cts.	1 Cents.
" West Indies (except French W. I. and St. Bartholomew)			
Cuba, Hayti, Bermudas, Sandwich Islands, Japan	5 "	2 "	1 "
" Mexico, Central Am. States, New Granada, Colombia,			
West Coast.....	5 "	2 "	2 "
" Brazil, Guianas, Honduras and Peru.....	10 "	2 "	2 "
" East Indies, Ceylon, Burmah, Hong Kong, Straits Set-			
tlements, Singapore, Java, Sumatra, &c.....	10 "	2 "	2 "
" Aden, Persia, Mauritius, Zanzibar, African West and			
Gold Coast, Liberia.....	10 "	2 "	2 "
" Cape of Good Hope, Natal.....	15 "	—	2 "
* " South and West Australia and Figii Islands.....	7 "	—	2 "
" New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania and			
New Zealand.....	15 "	—	2 "

* Additional charge made on delivery.

FOREIGN MAIL ROUTES.

Mails for Great Britain and Europe leave either Quebec or Halifax every Thursday, and New York every Wednesday and Saturday.

Letters for Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan and Figii Islands go by way of San Francisco once a month; also for Sandwich Islands, Japan and China via C. P. R. fortnightly. Letters for Mexico, Isthmus of Panama and South America, Bermuda and the West India Islands, go by way of New York twice a week on the principal sea routes, and fortnightly on the less important ones. Letters for St. John, Newfoundland, Bermuda and the West India Islands, leave once every two weeks for the first place, and once a month for the others. Letters for all other parts of the world are sent by Great Britain. Letters intended to go by way of New York or San Francisco should be so addressed.