

REPORT.

The Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report on the extent and condition of the manufacturing interests of the Dominion, beg leave to submit the following as their

SECOND REPORT.

That in pursuance of their instructions, they caused circulars to be forwarded to the leading Manufacturers of the Dominion, with the following interrogatories :

1. How many establishments are there engaged in the manufacture of your productions in the county or city in which you carry on business ?
2. How long has each been in operation ?
3. What amount of capital is invested in that enterprise in your municipality, as nearly as you can ascertain ?
4. How many are employed in the aggregate in those establishments.
5. Are you able successfully to compete with Foreign manufactured goods ? If not, why ?
6. Has the business in which you are engaged been generally of a profitable character ?
7. Would an increased duty on goods, such as you manufacture, have a tendency to stimulate the investment of capital in your business ?
8. Would increased investment so stimulate the trade as to cause over production ?
9. During what period has your business been most prosperous ?
10. Do you export any of your manufactures ? To what country and with what results ?
11. Is the demand for your manufactures equal to your production, or means of production ?
12. From what country (if any) are the goods imported which compete with your manufactures ?
13. How are the manufacturing interests affected by the present Patent Law ? Is there any change you would recommend as being desirable in said Patent Law ?
14. State any other facts within your knowledge that may be of service to the Committee, in relation to the business in which you are engaged.

In response to these circulars, 232 replies have been received, embodying statistics for 736 manufacturing establishments. Of these replies 156 are from Ontario, 62 from Quebec, 6 from Nova Scotia, and 8 from New Brunswick.

The capital invested in those establishments is \$33,765,523, and the number of hands employed in them is 38,140.

A very large number of manufacturers have not been heard from, but the Committee have not thought it desirable to postpone the presentation of their report on that account in view of the near approach of the close of this Session of Parliament. They nevertheless feel satisfied that a sufficiency of information has been obtained to enable the Committee to form a correct estimate of the condition and importance of the manufacturing interests of the Dominion.