

Your Government are aware from previous communications which I have already forwarded to you, that great dissatisfaction is felt in this country amongst mercantile firms interested in the iron trade in consequence of the action of the Government of the Dominion in proposing the imposition of these duties, and the matter has also formed the subject of discussion in both Houses of Parliament, where much adverse opinion has been expressed.

I think it right to call your attention to the feeling which exists in this country, and have no doubt that your Government will give due consideration to the various representations which have been made upon the subject.

The Marquis of Lansdowne.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) H. T. HOLLAND.

No. 38.

COLONIAL OFFICE to the BARROW-IN-FURNESS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,

Downing Street, July 8, 1887.

I AM directed by Secretary Sir Henry Holland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult.,\* enclosing a memorial adopted by the Barrow-in-Furness Chamber of Commerce relating to the Canadian Tariff Bill and the duties on iron and steel.

Sir Henry Holland has forwarded a copy of this memorial to the Governor-General of Canada to be laid before his Ministers, from whom he doubts not that it will receive due consideration together with other representations upon the same subject which have been already communicated to the Governor-General.

I am, &c.  
The Secretary to the (Signed) ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.  
Barrow-in-Furness Chamber of Commerce.

No. 39.

COLONIAL OFFICE to THE BRITISH IRON TRADE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,

Downing Street, July 9, 1887.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant,† enclosing copies of a printed memorandum as to the proposed increase of Canadian tariff duties.

I am to inform you that a copy of this memorandum was received in this department, and communicated to the Governor-General of Canada in a despatch, dated the 25th of May.‡

I am, &c.  
The Secretary to the British Iron Trade. (Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

No. 40.

COLONIAL OFFICE to the LEEDS INCORPORATED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,

Downing Street, July 15, 1887.

WITH reference to your letter of the 4th ult.,§ and to the reply from this Department of the 14th of June,|| respecting the Canadian duties on iron, steel, and cloth, I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to inform you that papers on this subject will shortly be given to Parliament, including a minute by the Canadian Finance Minister.

I am, &c.  
The Secretary to the (Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.  
Leeds Incorporated Chamber of Commerce.