

wholesale dealer and of the retail dealer; therefore I claim that every province that imported any of that liquor from the city of Toronto, contributed to the revenue of this country just in proportion to what they drank. If I were to show from these figures—and the figures I have quoted will show it—that for each man, woman and child in Toronto, they consumed 10 gallons of spirituous liquor and 24 gallons of malt liquors, that would not be correctly stating the fact. I do not claim that it is so, and for that reason I want to show this House how ridiculous it is for any hon. gentleman to go to the blue-books and try to prove that a province, be-

cause it does not contribute directly to the revenue, is, therefore, a drag upon the rest of the Dominion. Taking the blue-books and referring to the Province of Ontario in another way, I think I can show this House, that Ontario does not stand in that proud position that the hon. gentleman would lead this House to believe. I have taken the provinces as provinces to show the population, the value of the imports, the value per head of the imports, the value of the exports, the value per head of the exports, the Customs duties, and the Excise duty, and the amount contributed per head in each province :

Province.	Popula- tion.	Value Im- ports for Consumption.	Per Head	Value Exports.	Per Head	Customs Duty.	Excise Duty.	Customs and Excise Duty per Head.
		\$	\$ c.	\$	\$ c.	\$	\$	\$ c.
Prince Edward Island.	125,000	585,859	4 69	887,755	7 10	160,223	43,119	1 63
Nova Scotia.....	500,000	9,304,148	18 61	9,468,409	18 94	2,288,337	318,712	5 21
New Brunswick.....	370,000	6,620,394	17 89	6,977,855	18 86	1,505,337	312,320	4 91
Quebec.....	1,700,000	45,485,026	26 76	44,348,693	26 09	9,952,451	2,793,543	7 49
Ontario.....	2,200,000	43,684,687	19 86	28,314,586	12 87	8,356,683	3,914,727	5 58
Manitoba.....	125,000	2,555,285	20 44	988,384	7 90	649,027	253,320	7 22
British Columbia.....	80,000	4,387,486	54 84	5,763,467	72 04	1,078,507	143,875	15 28
North-West Territories	150,000	142,699	0 95			24,342		0 16
	5,250,000	112,765,584	21 48	96,749,149	18 43	24,014,908	7,779,616

Average value imports per head.....	\$21 48
do exports do.....	18 43
Average Customs duty do.....	4 60
do Excise do.....	1 48
Prince Edward Island imports, estimated at.....	\$2,685,000
do do exports do.....	2,303,750
do do Customs duties, estimated at.....	575,000
do do Excise do.....	185,000

Now, I want to show by these figures how unfair it is to go to the blue-books and take this mode of calculation. Every hon. gentleman in this House knows that the reason why British Columbia is credited with \$15.28 per head, is because the goods that come to British Columbia are imported there directly, instead of being imported to other provinces and redistributed. To show how ridiculous those figures are when taken from the blue-books, and not explained to the House, I may say that in 1889-90, the years these figures are taken, Prince Edward Island imported only \$585,859; whereas in 1872, or nineteen years ago, before Prince Edward Island came into the Dominion, she imported \$1,801,935, or over three times as much as she is credited with importing last year. I quote these figures to show how ridiculous is the position that the hon. gentleman from Centre Toronto wished to put Prince Edward Island in, by the figures he quoted the other night. I leave it to himself, and I give him these figures, and I think I can safely say that he will not find a false figure in the lot, even although they are taken from the blue-books, and he must have seen them all. I thought when we came to submit the question of the tunnel to this House, whatever other province we might find opposed to the project, it would not be the Province of Ontario. I have taken the trouble to prepare statistics to show the House how much Prince Edward Island imports from Ontario. † Of flour, we imported to the value of Mr. McLEAN.

\$335,000; of farm implements, and I believe this is far below the mark, \$150,000; organs and sewing machines, \$20,000; pianos, \$10,000; of waggons, I have the amount down as \$30,000, but to my astonishment, when I made enquiries from some of the manufacturers, I found that a friend of mine in Summerside, Mr. McLeod, imported last year from one Ontario manufacturer waggons to the amount of \$26,000, and the Island imported from Ontario sundry other goods to the extent of \$440,000. I believe that I am actually far below the correct figures in those I have given. It is, however, difficult to arrive at really satisfactory figures with respect to the trade between the Island and the mainland, but undoubtedly the total imports from Ontario amount to \$985,000. I claim that if we were looking for favours for the Island with respect to the tunnel scheme we should appeal to Ontario, and I will attempt to show the House the grounds on which we could do so. The Province of Nova Scotia exchanges goods with the Island almost to the value of what she receives; New Brunswick does the same. In the case of Quebec this is not done to the same extent, but she exchanges goods largely with the Island. But to Ontario we contribute yearly \$100,000 more than we export from the Island to all countries outside of the Dominion. According to the blue-books, Prince Edward Island exported to countries outside of the Dominion products to the value of \$887,755, while we imported from Ontario goods to the