

TREMENDOUS EXPANSION OF CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE

Canada's grand aggregate of foreign trade for the fiscal year reached the splendid total of \$550,854,246, an increase of \$111,823,856 over 1896, and of \$80,708,957 contrasted with the previous year, or 12.5 per cent. and 17 per cent. respectively.

The imports from Great Britain totalled \$298,781,761 against \$298,538,811 for the year before. Of this the dutiable goods amounted to \$27,746,823, a gain of \$7,334,814. Imports from Britain free of duty totalled \$18,500,138, an improvement of \$1,425,126 compared with 1904. The exports to Britain of Canadian merchandise was \$17,456,471 for the preceding year only amounted to \$97,114,867.

The remarkable feature of returns is the great improvement in the commercial dealings between Canada and Britain. The increase in Canada's aggregate trade over the previous year amounted to about eighty million dollars. Of this amount the British trade contributes in value for the year 1906. Comparing last year's imports for consumption from Britain, amounting to \$13,176,183, with those for 1897, when the preference was inaugurated, totalling \$2,122,185, there is shown an improvement of no less than 138 per cent. The increase in the amount of imports for consumption from Britain was nearly nine millions.

Canada imported from the United States goods to the value of \$190,720,485, of which \$94,350,167 were dutiable and \$96,370,318 free.

For the preceding year the total imports amounted to \$186,040,890, made up

of \$83,236,604 dutiable and \$102,804,286 free.	sumption 290,242,408	261,925,554
It will be noted that there is a considerable disparity between the imports of free goods from Britain, compared with those from the United States. This is owing to the fact that Canada has to import from the United States much raw material for manufacturing which cannot be obtained from the Mother Country. The exports of Canadian merchandise to the United States last year amounted to \$83,546,406, the total for the preceding year being \$70,426,745. According to these returns the United States supplied 60 per cent. of Canada's imports for consumption, compared with 24 per cent. from Britain. However the gain in imports from Great Britain was 15 per cent. and from the United States 8 per cent.	Total imports 550,854,246	166,040,890
The surplus on German goods has played havoc with imports from that country. Three years ago the value of imports for consumption from Germany amounted to \$12,232,567, whereas last year they dropped to a little over seven millions.	From France 7,698,050	7,201,679
Canada's imports from France last year were \$7,698,050, a gain of about half a million dollars. Canada exported to France Canadian goods to the value of \$2,110,344, as compared with \$1,478,996 for the year previous.	From Germany 7,040,091	6,642,139
The following is a comparative statement of the trade returns:	Free 1,933,213	1,633,627
IMPORTS.	Grand total \$256,886,830	\$293,316,872
Grand total 1906.	To Britain 127,456,471	97,114,867
Dutiable 176,771,933	To U. States 83,546,406	70,426,745
Free 117,495,633	To France 1,715,912	1,235,536
Entered for consumption 326,826,344	Grand aggregate trade 550,854,246	470,131,289
Aggregate trade 452,780,500	Total imports 550,854,246	166,040,890
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Home produce 452,780,500	From Germany 7,040,091	6,642,139

PREMIER NOBLE OF BENGAL.



Maharajah Adhiraj Bijay Chund Mahtab Bahadur (Mahtab III), Maharajah of Burdwan, who rules 2,000,000 people in a territory of 4194 square miles, was born in 1831, succeeded the late ruler in 1887 (as an adopted son), and was recently installed on the Burdwan Gadi by the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal. He is the only Eschatriya Prince in India and head of the community. He supports at his own cost a college at Burdwan, where free education is imparted to the youth of Bengal up to the first standard, a high school at Kalna, and a free Sanskrit chaitospathi, or college, and a girls' school at Burdwan. He maintains numerous temples at Burdwan and Kalna, where the poor are daily fed, and almshouses, where doles of rice and flour are distributed daily to all who apply for them.

FIRE AGAIN MAKES 200 OF HULL'S POPULATION HOMELESS

Flames Started by Boy Smoking Cigarette in Barn — Thirty-Seven Houses Were Destroyed and Forty Families Deprived of Shelter — Fire Confined to Poor District.

OTTAWA, Aug. 10.—Two hundred of Hull's population are homeless tonight and a loss of \$35,000 has been caused through the careless smoking of a cigarette by a lad in a barn on Wall street. The fire started shortly after eleven o'clock and before it was controlled, two hours later, thirty-seven houses were burned, depriving forty families of shelter. Most of the houses are small frame buildings, and Poirier's grocery store being the most pretentious structure. His loss will amount to about \$5,000, with an insurance of \$2,000. The remaining houses are worth not more than \$500 each, and there are perhaps a score on which there is \$300 insurance.

With a high wind from the southwest prevailing, the fire was a repetition of former conflagrations. Fortunately the direction of the wind was away from the more populous and wealthier quarter of the city. The dwellings on Wall, Woburn, Ann and St. Catherine streets were lit up before the flames were subdued. Some exciting scenes were witnessed as the occupants of houses in the path of the flames strained out with their belongings. The articles were taken up in a rough manner so that in many cases, although saved from the fire, they were racked to pieces. The Hull brigade worked nobly, assisted by Chief Provost and a detachment from Ottawa.

At one o'clock the flames were pretty well under control, and a heavy fall of rain put the finishing touches on the outbreak. At the commencement of the blaze the fire fighters were handicapped by insufficient pressure. Finally good pressure was obtained from the new pump works at Hull, and it was not quite ready for service. Reliance for a time had therefore to be placed on the old pumping apparatus.

Finally good pressure was obtained from the new pump house, and everything went well. A number of the homeless people have been provided with quarters in Levinge's Hall, others in the Chinese mission, and still others in the western part of Ottawa. Hull and the western part of Ottawa, which caused a loss of between six and seven million dollars, devastated the neighboring city across the river, and also several thousand people homeless, also led their origin in the former city. And as late as August 9th, an unlucky date it would seem, the fire water system were opened. Only two were received from the Sons of St. John, bid \$15,300 and J. H. Nesbitt, St. Stephen, \$5,785. Action was deferred until after the arrival of F. A. Barbour, the consulting engineer, who is expected here on Saturday. It is regarded as probable that Mr. Nesbitt's tender will be accepted.

DON HANSON DROWNED NEAR ST. STEPHEN

ST. STEPHEN, Aug. 9.—While out sailing about 8 o'clock this evening off the point of St. Stephen, the body of Don Hanson, ex-mayor of Calais, was drowned by the capsizing of the boat. The two other occupants, Wm. A. Murchie and C. C. Whitlock, were saved.

Hanson's body was recovered about twenty minutes after the accident, but all efforts at resuscitation proved unavailing.

The entire community has been saddened by the fatality, which occurred off De Monts where a number of prominent Calais families have summer cottages. Mr. Murchie, who is a senior partner of the firm of James Murchie and Sons Company, Ltd., lumber dealers, and Mr. Whitlock, a prominent Calais grocer, and Mr. Hanson were in a boat when it suddenly capsized. Mr. Whitlock, who was the only one of the party who could swim, and through his efforts Mr. Murchie was taken ashore though both were in an exhausted condition.

Mr. Hanson, who was 24 years of age, was drowned in the Shallowes, his body was recovered about twenty minutes later.

Physicians were hastily summoned from Calais and at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Blair, M.D., and Mr. Mason, were still endeavoring to restore life but it was feared there was no likelihood of success.

Mr. Hanson, who was an only son, was a student at Dartmouth, and a fine manly young fellow. He was very popular among a large circle of friends. His father, who was mayor of Calais last year, and is leading lawyer and politician, together with his mother and three sisters, survive.

At the meeting of the St. Stephen town council held this evening tenders for the erection of the power house for the fire water system were opened. Only two were received from the Sons of St. John, bid \$15,300 and J. H. Nesbitt, St. Stephen, \$5,785. Action was deferred until after the arrival of F. A. Barbour, the consulting engineer, who is expected here on Saturday. It is regarded as probable that Mr. Nesbitt's tender will be accepted.

LIST OF SHAREHOLDERS IN THE PEOPLES' BANK.

Following is a list of the share holders in the Peoples' Bank which is about to be taken over by the Bank of Montreal. This list is taken from the government report of 1905.

Value of share \$150.

Name.	Residence.	Amount Paid.
Armstrong, George	Fredericton, N. B.	\$ 150
Alford, S. Edith	St. John, N. B.	1,200
Brown, John	Eureka, California.	150
Babbitt, George N.	Fredericton, N. B.	3,000
Babitt, D. Lee	do	300
Balton, Mrs. F.	Ottawa, Ont.	1,500
Barbour, Elizabeth	St. John, N. B.	1,500
Bridges, Edith, estate	Fredericton, N. B.	3,000
Beek, James S.	do	1,200
Charters, Emma	New Maryland, N. B.	600
Calder, J. Hugh	Fredericton, N. B.	3,600
Colter, Geo. J., executor	New Brunswick, N. B.	1,500
Currie, J. Z. M. D.	Cambridge, Mass.	20,400
Coulthard, G. E. estate	Fredericton, N. B.	3,000
Clark, W. G.	do	3,000
Clark, Harriet H.	do	450
Dunphy, Hattie E.	Penikese, N. B.	150
Edgcombe, Fred B.	Fredericton, N. B.	3,000
Edgcombe, A. W.	do	750
Ester, Emma L.	Wolfville, N. S.	2,400
Ester, Herbert S.	Fredericton, N. B.	300
Goodspeed, B.	Ottawa, Ont.	\$550
Edgcombe, Fred B.	Fredericton, N. B.	3,000
Edgcombe, Arthur C.	do	900
Forester, Vesta E.	Toronto, Ont.	1,150
Grosvener, C. A.	Benton Ridge.	2,250
Goodspeed, B.	Penikese, N. B.	600
Goodspeed, Lulu	do	900
George, Mamie P.	St. Mary's Ferry, N. B.	1,800
Hilyard, Bertha L.	Fredericton, N. B.	1,350
Hazen, F. B. estate	St. John, N. B.	3,000
Henry, Catherine	Prince William, N. B.	150
Hunter, Eliza B.	Fredericton, N. B.	1,350
Jaffrey, Margaret B.	St. Mary's Ferry, N. B.	750
Kilburn, John	Fredericton, N. B.	750
Kilburn, John, Jr.	do	300
Kitchen, William	do	5,550
Landry, P. A. executor	do	3,000
Lord, Ellen J.	do	900
Maxwell, Elizabeth S.	do	150
Murray, E. S. R.	St. John, N. B.	1,050
Murray, Margaret	do	1,050
Murray, Helen C. F.	do	1,050
Murray, W. H. estate	do	1,350
MacGibbon, Colin F.	Montana, U. S. A.	150
McFarlane, Peter, estate	Fredericton, N. B.	300
McCready, J. W.	do	450
McLean, Sarah	Nashwan.	300
McLennan, Mrs. Jessie	Fredericton, N. B.	1,350
Perley, Charlotte H.	Fredericton, N. B.	2,100
Perley, Alice E.	Boston, Mass.	900
Randolph, A. P. estate	Fredericton, N. B.	25,350
Randolph, A. H. P.	do	13,750
Randolph, Helen C. F.	do	8,550
Randolph, R. S. F.	do	8,550
Randolph, C. S. F.	do	8,550
Richard, David W.	do	150
Scully, Wm. H.	do	300
Stearns, Mrs. Jessie	St. John, N. B.	1,500
Stearns, Emma J.	Fredericton, N. B.	600
Turnbull, Julia C.	St. John, N. B.	7,650
Turnbull, W. Rupert	do	1,500
Turnbull, Margaret	do	1,500
Thompson, Eliza F.	Fredericton, N. B.	1,950
Thompson, F. P.	do	6,750
White, Helena A.	do	7,500
Wark, Elizabeth F.	Cardigan, N. B.	2,400
Total		180,000

TRAIN WRECK IN TEXAS.

Fifty Passengers Shaken Up, But No One Was Killed.

BOWIE, Tex., Aug. 10.—Between 40 and 50 passengers were injured, none fatally, but several severely, when a north bound passenger train on the Fort Worth & Denver City R. R. was wrecked a few miles south of Fruitland, Tex., last night. A sleeping car and a chair car rolled down an embankment. The wreck, it is said, was caused by a defective track.

There was no panic, although most of the occupants of the derailed cars were women and children.

The severely hurt were taken to Bowie and Fort Worth. All the injured live in the southwest.

Makes Child's Play of Wash Day

Read the Directions on the Wrapper

SURPRISE SOAP

A PURE HARD SOAP

COUNTRY MARKET.

Wholesale.	Price.
Turnips, per bbl.	0 00 1 50
Beef, western	0 08 0 09 1/2
Beef, butchers, carcass	0 08 1/2 0 09
Pork country, per lb.	0 06 0 07
Lamb	0 10 0 11
Mutton, per lb.	0 08 0 07
Veal, per lb.	0 07 0 08
Pork, per lb.	0 08 1/2 0 10
Ham, per lb.	0 16 0 20
Roll butter, per lb.	0 18 0 20
Tub butter, per lb.	0 18 0 20
Eggs, case, per doz.	0 16 0 17
Durkey, per lb.	0 16 0 18
Fowl, per pair	0 20 0 25
Potatoes, new, per bus.	0 50 0 75
Hides, per bib.	0 09 0 10
Calf hides, per lb.	0 00 0 24
Lambskins, each	0 10 0 20
Sheepskins, each	0 08 0 60
Cabbages, per cr.	0 00 5 00
Rhubarb	2 00 0 01
Chickens, per pair	0 65 1 00

FISH.

Ripping herring	2 75 0 0 0
Mackerel	0 10 0 20
Codfish, large dry	4 50 0 00
Medium	4 50 0 00
Cod, small	3 00 0 25
Finnan haddies	0 05 0 05 1/2
Herring, Gd. Man.	2 50 0 00
Bay herring, hf. bbls.	2 00 2 50
Cod, fresh	0 02 1/2 0 02 1/2
Salmon, per lb.	2 00 2 10
Smoked herring	0 10 0 10
Shelburne herring, pr. lb.	5 55 5 50
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	0 11 0 12
Salmon, per lb.	0 18 0 20

RETAIL.

Lamb	0 10 0 17
Beef, corned, per lb.	0 09 0 10
Beef, fresh, per lb.	0 09 0 15
Pork, per lb.	0 08 0 09
Bacon, per lb.	0 18 0 20
Tripe, per lb.	0 10 0 06
Butter, dairy rolls	0 22 0 26
Butter, tubs	0 20 0 23
Lard, per lb.	0 14 0 15
Eggs, per doz.	0 20 0 25
Onions, per lb.	0 05 0 06
Cabbage, each	0 06 0 10
Tomatoes	0 06 0 10
Strawberries	0 10 0 00
Turkeys, per lb.	0 10 0 12
Chickens	0 07 0 12 1/2
Potatoes, per peck	0 00 0 30
Fowl, per pair	0 20 0 25
Colony	0 10 0 15
Lettuce	0 10 0 15
Parsley	0 05 0 10
Rhubarb	0 00 0 05
Caulflowers	0 02 0 00
Beans, new	0 08 0 00
Carrots	0 10 0 05
Cauliflowers	0 10 0 05
Beans, green	0 10 0 00
Squash	0 04 0 00
Corn, per dozen	0 25 0 00
Tomatoes, per lb.	0 10 0 00

ESKIMOS.

Salmon scarce, 18 to 25c what there is	0 00 0 12
Smell, per pound	0 15 0 17
Fresh cod, per lb.	0 09 0 10
do, per lb.	0 07 0 08
Finnan haddies	0 05 0 06
Smk'd bladders, per doz.	2 14 0 00
Bonell's cod, per lb.	0 12 0 00
Smk'd herring, per bx.	0 09 0 10

GROCERIES.

Cheese, per lb.	0 12 1/2 0 12 1/2
Rice, per lb.	0 03 1/2 0 03 1/2
do, per lb.	0 04 0 03 1/2
Cream of tartar, pure	0 20 0 23
do, per lb.	0 17 1/2 0 18
Bicarb soda, per keg	2 10 2 20
Salt soda, per lb.	0 00 1/2 0 01 1/2

Molasses—

Extra choice, P. R.	0 24 0 27
Barbados	0 03 1/2 0 03 1/2
New Orleans (terrace)	0 00 0 00

Sugar—

Standard granulated, yellow bright	0 08 1/2 0 08 1/2
Barbados	0 03 1/2 0 03 1/2
Pulverized sugar	0 06 0 07

Coffee—

Java, per lb, green	0 24 0 28
Jamaica, per lb.	0 24 0 28
Salt	0 00 0 00
Liverpool, ex vessel	0 58 0 63
Liverpool, per sack	0 61 0 63
Liverpool butter salt	0 61 0 63
per bag, factory filled	0 65 1 00

Spices—

Nutmegs, per lb	0 40 0 50
Cassia, per lb, ground	0 18 0 20
Cloves	0 00 0 25
Cinoves, ground	0 30 0 33
GINGER, ground	0 15 0 20
Pepper, ground	0 15 0 20

Tea—

Congou, per lb, finest	0 32 0 34
Congou, per lb, common	0 15 0 00
Colon, per lb	0 32 0 40

Tobacco—

Black chewing	0 45 0 60
Frisht, chewing	0 47 0 63
Smoking	0 23 0 30

FRUITS, ETC.

Currants, per lb.	0 06 0 06 1/2
Apples, dried	0 08 0 09 1/2
Walnuts, Grenoble	0 14 0 15
Almonds	0 12 0 15
Filberts	0 10 0 11 1/2
Fruits, California	0 07 1/2 0 10
Brazils	0 15 1/2 0 15 1/2
Pecans	0 14 0 15
Dates, lb, pkg	0 06 1/2 0 07
Dates, new	0 02 1/2 0 05
Beef tongue, per lb.	0 10 0 06
Beef, roasted	0 09 0 11
Figs, new, per lb.	0 11 0 12
Figs, per lb.	0 11 0 12
Malaga, London layers	2 50 2 50
Malaga, clusters	2 75 4 00
Malaga, black, basket	2 00 2 00
Malaga, Calabrese, cluster	2 00 2 00
do, do	3 10 3 25
Jamaica oranges, pr. bbl	0 00 0 00
Valencia oranges	0 00 0 00
Talains, Sultans, new	1 50 0 00
Bananas	1 50 2 25
Cocoanuts	0 00 0 00

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