

In two years before the Treaty the catch of a 90-ton vessel was 300 barrels of Mackerel :—

Value of catch.....	\$3,600.00
General charges deducted—For bait.....	\$ 75.00
For barrels and packing.....	300.00
	375.00
	\$3,225.00

During the last two years under the Treaty the catch of a 90-ton vessel was 600 barrels of Mackerel :—

Value of catch.....	\$8,700.00
General charges—For bait.....	\$200.00
For barrels and packing.....	780.00
	980.00
	\$7,720.00

It might have been expected that the information placed on record prior to and at the Convention, would have influenced to some extent the action of the opponents of Reciprocity,—as far at least as to prevent mis-statements respecting matters of fact. Such has not been the case. On the contrary, the latest production (Mr. Derby's characteristic pamphlet) in which the question of Reciprocity is viewed from the United States Protectionists' stand-point, reproduces figures seemingly from Hon. Secretary Chase's Report, published in 1863, which are inaccurate in so far as they profess to represent the values of exports from the United States to Canada and to the Maritime Provinces; the evidence of which can be produced,—viz., the unequivocal statements of the writer of Mr. Chase's Report.

But the time for discussing the subject has passed away; it is, therefore, hardly worth while to try to correct the misconceptions or misrepresentations of those whose *rôle* seems to be to oppose an enlightened commercial policy. It will, however, be useful to show what the trade of the United States has actually been with the Maritime Provinces,—how much that trade has increased since the Treaty came into operation,—how very small the trade is, comparatively speaking, which exists between Canada and her sister Colonies,—and to indicate how much more intimate the commercial relations of all the British North American Provinces might easily and profitably become. For, while fully admitting the importance and necessity of forming commercial alliances with other distant countries, it is believed that the facts hereinafter adduced will lead to the conclusion, that the present is a favorable opportunity for extending our mercantile connections with the Colonies that lie between Canada and the Atlantic ocean.

With that object in view, the following tables,* carefully prepared from official sources in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island, are submitted for the consideration of the statesmen, as well as of the merchants of Canada :—

* The writer deems it his duty thus publicly to thank the Colonial Secretaries, and other Officers of the Maritime Provinces, for so kindly and promptly responding to his inquiries,—especially for furnishing the tables of Colonial Trade here given.