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**CUSTOM HOUSES (CANADA, &c.)**

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**RETURN of the IMPERIAL OFFICERS OF CUSTOMS  
at the Ports in Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brun-  
swick, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland,  
on the 1st January 1852.**

(*Mr. Hume.*)

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*Ordered, by the House of Commons, to be Printed,  
27 May 1852.*

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CUSTOM HOUSES (CANADA, &c.).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 29 April 1852;—for,

“ RETURNS of the IMPERIAL CUSTOM HOUSES in *Canada*, on the 1st day of January 1852, stating the Name of the Place, Number of Officers in each Custom House, the Salaries and Allowances to the said Officers, and Expenses of Establishment of each Custom House, and by whom Paid, and the Aggregate Expenditure out of the Public Taxes of 1850-52 :”

“ Of the Amount of REVENUE collected at each of the Imperial Custom Houses :”

“ And, similar RETURN for *Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland.*”

(*Mr. Hume.*)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
27 May 1852.

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RETURN of the IMPERIAL OFFICERS OF CUSTOMS at the Ports in *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland*, on the 1st January 1852; stating the Name of the Place, the Number of Officers at each Port, the Salaries and Allowances of the said Officers, the Incidental Expenses of such Establishments at each Place, and the Aggregate Expenditure paid for the same out of the Revenues of the United Kingdom, in the Years 1850 and 1851.

NAME OF THE PLACE.	Number of Officers.	Salaries and Allowances on the 1st January 1852.			Incidental Expenses of Establishment in the Year 1851.			By whom Paid.	Aggregate Expenditure paid out of Revenues of the United Kingdom, in Years															
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		1850.			1851.												
<b>CANADA:</b>													£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.						
Quebec - - - -	4 Imp <sup>l</sup> officers	770	-	-	157	4	-	Paid by the Crown, out of the revenues of the United Kingdom -	-	-	-	832	10	8										
Montreal - - - -	3 ditto -	650	-	-	25	8	8		-	-	-	536	8	3										
TOTALS for Canada - -	7 Imp <sup>l</sup> officers	1,420	-	-	182	12	8		-	-	-	1,368	18	11										
<b>NOVA SCOTIA:</b>																								
Halifax - - - -	4 Imp <sup>l</sup> officers	1,200	-	-	172	4	5	Paid by the Crown, out of the revenues of the United Kingdom -	4,770	11	3	3,789	4	1										
Pictou - - - -	2 ditto -	400	-	-	-	-	-																	
Liverpool - - - -	2 ditto -	450	-	-	-	-	-																	
Yarmouth - - - -	2 ditto -	250	-	-	-	-	-																	
Lunenburg - - - -	1 ditto -	150	-	-	-	-	-																	
Windsor - - - -	1 ditto -	120	-	-	-	-	-																	
Digby - - - -	1 ditto -	120	-	-	-	-	-																	
Parsborough - - - -	1 ditto -	120	-	-	-	-	-																	
Guysborough - - - -	1 ditto -	120	-	-	-	-	-																	
Sydney—Cape Breton - -	2 ditto -	500	-	-	20	-	-																	
Arichat - - - -	1 ditto -	120	-	-	-	-	-																	
TOTALS for Nova Scotia -	18 Imp <sup>l</sup> officers	3,550	-	-	192	4	5	-	-	-	4,770	11	3	3,789	4	1								
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK:</b>																								
St. John - - - -	3 Imp <sup>l</sup> officers	850	-	-	92	0	9	Paid by the Crown, out of the revenues of the United Kingdom -	2,661	15	10	1,580	16	1										
St. Andrew - - - -	2 ditto -	400	-	-	23	6	4																	
Miramichi - - - -	1 ditto -	200	-	-	15	-	-																	
TOTALS for New Brunswick	6 Imp <sup>l</sup> officers	1,450	-	-	130	16	1	-	-	-	2,661	15	10	1,580	16	1								
<b>PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND:</b>																								
Charlotte Town - - - -	2 Imp <sup>l</sup> officers	550	-	-	24	4	9	Paid by the Crown, out of the revenues of the United Kingdom -	575	16	10	574	4	9										
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND:</b>																								
St. John - - - -	3 Imp <sup>l</sup> officers	700	-	-	30	9	9	Paid by the Crown, out of the revenues of the United Kingdom -	858	-	9	880	9	9										
Harbour Grace - - - -	1 ditto -	150	-	-	-	-	-																	
TOTALS for Newfoundland	4 Imp <sup>l</sup> officers	850	-	-	30	9	9	-	-	-	858	-	9	880	9	9								

A STATEMENT showing the Nature of the Duties executed by the Imperial Officers specified in the foregoing Return.

IN consequence of the repeal of the Imperial duties of customs in the North American colonies, under the operation of the Act of the 9 & 10 Vict. c. 94, the Imperial officers have ceased to be receivers of customs' duties, which are now levied and collected by officers specially appointed for that purpose by the respective Colonial Governments of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland. Hence, there being no longer any Imperial custom-houses for the collection of revenue in those colonies, the Return has been framed and prepared to meet the existing state of things.

It is to be observed, in explanation, that the Lords of the Treasury, with the view of providing for certain duties connected with Imperial interests, have deemed it expedient that certain officers should be stationed at the principal ports of those colonies, who are called Comptrollers of Customs and Navigation Laws, with assistants acting under them, whose salaries are entirely defrayed out of the revenue of the United Kingdom.

Their duties are, to enforce the provisions of the Act of the 12 & 13 Vict. c. 29, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Laws in force for the Encouragement of British Shipping and Navigation;" also the provisions of the Imperial Act of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 89, entitled, "An Act for the Registering of British Vessels," and to take care that the various prohibitions and restrictions prescribed by the British Possessions' Act of the 8 & 9 Vict. c. 93, are duly enforced; to verify the manifests of all British vessels clearing for the United Kingdom in the manner required by the Customs' Regulation Act of the 8 & 9 Vict. c. 86, ss. 3 & 4; and to grant certificates of clearance for all vessels clearing for the United Kingdom, as prescribed by the 36th section of the Act of the 8 & 9 Vict. c. 86, and the 22d and 23d sections of the British Possessions' Act of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 93, in order to entitle goods to be entered as being of and from any British possession (if any benefit attach to such distinction), and to enforce the provisions of the last recited Act, sections 24, 25, 26 & 27, which prohibit vessels laden with wood goods clearing from ports in the North American colonies, at certain times of the year, with any part of their cargo on deck. And it is also their duty to observe, so far as the same may relate to the British possessions abroad, the Passengers' Act of the 12 & 13 Vict. c. 33, and 14 Vict. c. 1; and the Merchant Seamen's Acts of 7 & 8 Vict. c. 112, and 13 & 14 Vict., c. 93.

It forms a material part of the duty of the Comptrollers of Customs and Navigation Laws to furnish the Inspector-general of Imports and Exports, and the Registrar-general of Shipping, in London, with the various Statistical Returns, which are necessary to enable those officers to prepare the various Accounts of Trade and Navigation, which are annually required to be laid before Parliament.

(signed) *E. Pemberton.*

Plantation Account Office, Custom House,  
21 May 1852.