

PROPORTION OF FREE GOODS AND RATES OF IMPORT DUTY.

Particulars.	Australia.	Canada.	New Zealand.	U.S. of America
Year ended	31/12/09	31/3/10	31/12/09	30/6/09
Percentage of free merchandise	41.10	38.55	50.20	46.77
Equivalent <i>ad valorem</i> rates of duty on—	%	%	%	%
Spirits, wines, and malt liquors	149.20	136.12	160.20	71.60
Tobacco, and preparations thereof	165.85	20.57*	145.56	85.13
Other dutiable merchandise	21.36	24.24	22.02	40.88
Other merchandise dutiable and free.	12.19	14.89	10.30	20.74
Total dutiable merchandise	30.95	26.71	36.21	43.15
Total merchandise dutiable and free	18.23	16.41	17.91	22.99
Customs duty per head	£ s. d. 2 1 4	£ s. d. 1 14 5	£ s. d. 2 14 7†	£ s. d. 0 13 11

* Unmanufactured tobacco is admitted to Canada free of duty. † Exclusive of Maoris.

Notwithstanding the increase in the proportion of free goods entered for consumption in the Commonwealth from 35.18 per cent. in 1906 (the last full year of operation of the 1902 tariff) to 41.10 per cent. in 1909, the average rate of duty on all merchandise has increased from 17.59 to 18.23 per cent. The average rate of duty on all dutiable imports has increased from 27.14 in 1906 to 30.95 per cent. in 1909. Excluding liquors and tobacco, the average rate of duty has increased from 17.04 in 1906 to 21.36 per cent. in 1909.

From the above table it will be seen that, excluding spirits, etc., and tobacco, the average rates of duty charged on dutiable goods in the Commonwealth and in New Zealand are substantially the same, though the larger proportion of free goods in the latter country somewhat reduces the average rate on dutiable and free goods as compared with the Commonwealth. On the same basis, *i.e.*, excluding spirits and tobacco, the average rates of duty in Canada are materially higher than in the Commonwealth or New Zealand, though the inclusion of these goods reverses the position. The lower average rate for Canada on total imports is due to the smaller relative proportion of liquors and tobacco imported into that country, in which connection it may be mentioned that, during 1910, 81 per cent. of the value of tobacco imported therein was unmanufactured tobacco admitted free of duty and subject only to excise on manufacture.

§ 13. Trade of the Individual States of the Commonwealth.

1. **Character of Data.**—The tables on pages 666 and 667 shew the trade of each State of the Commonwealth for the quinquennium immediately preceding Federation and for the years 1901 and 1905 to 1909.

Owing to the many differences existing between the statements of trade hitherto published by the various States and by the Commonwealth, and to the frequent alteration of the figures in succeeding editions of the several publications, it is not possible to furnish an exact statement of the trade of the several States. The figures here given, therefore, should be regarded as merely approximate.

2. **Record of Transhipments.**—In order to ensure a correct detailed record of the export trade of the Commonwealth, it has been the practice of the Department of Trade

and Customs, since the 1st September, 1903, to record goods transferred by sea from one State to another State of the Commonwealth, for transshipment abroad from the latter State, in the following manner:—

- (i.) As an outward interstate transfer from the State from which the goods are originally moved.
- (ii.) As an inward interstate transfer to the State in which the goods are transhipped.
- (iii.) As an export (oversea) from the State in which the goods are transhipped abroad.

The record thus obtained in each of the several States does not indicate the proportion of the export trade of the Commonwealth actually contributed by each State, nor does it correctly indicate the amount of interstate trade.

In order to obtain a proper record of the trade of each State with oversea countries, and with other States of the Commonwealth, it is necessary to take into account the goods transhipped, not only in, but also from each State. The exact practice may be understood by giving an example. Five thousand tons of copper are, let us suppose, to be exported from Tasmania to Germany, the available oversea ship starting from a New South Wales port. The following records would then be made, viz.:—

- (i.) An "outward interstate transfer" of 5000 tons of copper from Tasmania to New South Wales.
- (ii.) An "inward interstate transfer" to New South Wales from Tasmania of 5000 tons of copper.
- (iii.) An "oversea export" of 5000 tons of copper from New South Wales to Germany.

In this supposed case the trade is virtually, so far as Tasmanian trade is concerned, a direct export from Tasmania to Germany, and forms no essential element of the trade of New South Wales, either interstate or oversea.

3. Adjustment of Data.—In the tables hereinafter the necessary adjustments have been made, so far as sea-traffic is concerned. But goods transferred overland from one State to another, and subsequently exported to oversea countries, are at present necessarily included in the exports from the State in which the goods are shipped oversea. In such cases no adjustment is possible, because the necessary data are not available.

4. Abolition of Interstate Records.—With the cessation of the "book-keeping" method of distributing the revenue from customs and excise among the several States of the Commonwealth, all record, by the Commonwealth Government, of interstate trade has from the 13th September, 1910, been discontinued. It will therefore not be possible, in future, to publish returns of the internal trade of the Commonwealth.

5. Trade of States.—The following summary table shews the progress of the trade of the Commonwealth with oversea countries and of the trade between the several States. The periods selected for comparison are the quinquennium immediately preceding Federation (1896-1900), the quinquennium immediately following (1901-5), and the latest year (1909). The results shew that the total oversea trade of the Commonwealth has increased by 55.63 per cent., viz., from £74,856,000 per annum in the earlier period to £116,490,732 in 1909, while the interstate trade has risen from £27,484,000 to £42,711,233, equal to 55.40 per cent.

TRADE DEVELOPMENT, COMMONWEALTH, 1896 to 1909.

Development in period	1896-1900.	1901-5.	1909.	1896-1900.	1901-5.	1909.
Mean population	3,636,000	3,904,000	4,321,511	Result per Inhabitant.		
Overseas imports	£33,763,000	£39,258,000	£51,171,896	£9 5 8	£10 1 1	£11 16 10
.. exports	41,093,000	51,238,000	65,318,836	11 6 1	13 2 6	15 2 3
Interstate imports	27,484,000	28,744,000	42,711,233	7 11 2	7 7 3	9 17 8
.. exports	26,381,000	28,703,000	42,711,233	7 5 1	7 7 0	9 17 8
Total imports	61,247,000	68,002,000	93,883,129	16 16 10	17 8 4	21 14 6
.. exports	67,474,000	79,941,000	108,030,069	18 11 2	20 9 6	24 19 11

IMPORT TRADE OF EACH STATE AND COMMONWEALTH, 1896 to 1909.

State.	1896-1900.	1901.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.
FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES.							
	£000.	£000.	£000.	£000.	£000.	£000.	£000.
New South Wales ...	13,866	17,560	14,485	17,604	20,860	19,829	20,888
Victoria ...	9,824	12,687	12,958	14,870	17,101	16,433	16,532
Queensland ...	3,488	3,516	3,164	3,748	4,618	4,516	4,592
S.A. (including N.T.) ...	3,328	3,965	3,232	3,983	4,815	4,972	5,096
Western Australia ...	2,707	3,895	3,769	3,780	3,588	3,212	3,322
Tasmania ...	550	811	738	759	827	837	742
Total ...	33,763	42,434	38,346	44,744	51,809	49,799	51,172
FROM OTHER COMMONWEALTH STATES (INTERSTATE).							
New South Wales ...	10,116	9,368	11,848	13,703	15,058	14,638	14,701
Victoria ...	6,782	6,240	8,202	8,926	9,765	9,634	10,710
Queensland ...	2,676	2,861	3,532	4,560	4,810	4,947	5,592
S.A. (including N.T.) ...	3,839	3,453	5,204	5,714	7,292	6,259	6,237
Western Australia ...	3,011	2,559	2,712	3,040	2,935	2,966	3,083
Tasmania ...	1,060	1,154	1,914	2,271	2,421	2,534	2,388
Total ...	27,484	25,635	33,412	38,214	42,281	40,978	42,711
TOTAL (OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE).							
New South Wales ...	23,982	26,928	26,333	31,307	35,918	34,467	35,589
Victoria ...	16,606	18,927	21,160	23,796	26,866	26,067	27,242
Queensland ...	6,164	6,377	6,696	8,308	9,428	9,463	10,184
S.A. (including N.T.) ...	7,167	7,418	8,436	9,697	12,107	11,231	11,333
Western Australia ...	5,718	6,454	6,481	6,820	6,523	6,178	6,405
Tasmania ...	1,610	1,965	2,652	3,030	3,248	3,371	3,130
Total ...	61,247	68,069	71,758	82,958	94,090	90,777	93,883
IMPORTS PER INHABITANT, 1896 to 1909.							
FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES.							
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales ...	10 12 3	12 17 7	9 16 6	11 13 2	13 9 1	12 10 10	13 0 2
Victoria ...	8 5 10	10 10 10	10 13 9	12 3 0	13 16 1	13 1 2	12 17 4
Queensland ...	7 8 9	7 0 4	6 0 4	7 0 9	8 11 5	8 4 5	8 2 6
S.A. (including N.T.) ...	9 7 5	10 18 7	8 12 7	10 9 8	12 9 8	12 9 9	12 8 3
Western Australia ...	17 9 6	20 13 4	15 1 2	14 10 11	13 13 7	12 2 5	12 5 1
Tasmania ...	3 6 5	4 14 2	4 2 5	4 4 11	4 12 3	4 12 1	4 0 7
Total ...	9 5 8	11 3 9	9 10 11	10 19 1	12 9 4	11 15 3	11 16 10
FROM OTHER STATES (INTERSTATE).							
New South Wales ...	7 14 10	6 17 5	8 0 9	9 1 6	9 14 3	9 5 2	9 3 1
Victoria ...	5 14 6	5 3 8	6 15 4	7 5 11	7 17 7	7 13 1	8 6 9
Queensland ...	5 14 1	5 14 2	6 14 5	8 11 2	8 18 6	9 0 1	9 17 11
S.A. (including N.T.) ...	10 16 3	9 10 4	13 17 10	15 0 10	18 18 2	15 14 6	15 3 9
Western Australia ...	19 8 8	13 11 7	10 16 8	11 14 0	11 3 9	11 3 10	11 7 8
Tasmania ...	6 8 1	6 13 10	10 13 7	12 14 0	13 10 0	13 18 11	12 19 4
Total ...	7 11 2	6 15 2	8 6 5	9 7 1	10 3 6	9 13 7	9 17 8
TOTAL (OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE).							
New South Wales ...	18 7 1	19 15 0	17 17 3	20 14 8	23 3 4	21 16 0	22 3 3
Victoria ...	14 0 4	15 14 6	17 9 1	19 8 11	21 13 8	20 14 3	21 4 1
Queensland ...	13 2 10	12 14 6	12 14 9	15 11 11	17 9 11	17 4 6	18 0 5
S.A. (including N.T.) ...	20 3 8	20 8 11	22 10 5	25 10 6	31 7 10	28 4 3	27 12 0
Western Australia ...	36 18 2	34 4 11	25 17 10	26 4 11	24 17 4	23 6 9	23 12 9
Tasmania ...	9 14 6	11 8 0	14 16 0	16 18 11	18 2 3	18 11 0	16 19 11
Total ...	16 16 10	17 18 11	17 17 4	20 6 2	22 12 10	21 8 10	21 14 6

EXPORT TRADE OF EACH STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH, 1896 to 1909.

State.	1896-1900.	1901.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.
TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES.							
	£000.	£000.	£000.	£000.	£000.	£000.	£000.
New South Wales ...	17,656	18,210	21,440	27,641	29,364	23,721	23,625
Victoria ...	11,303	13,075	12,992	16,838	15,924	14,155	17,030
Queensland ...	4,237	4,334	4,992	5,759	7,118	6,961	7,220
S.A. (including N.T.)	4,130	4,462	6,428	8,043	9,270	8,861	9,031
Western Australia ...	2,984	7,941	9,070	9,012	8,592	8,529	6,687
Tasmania ...	783	1,674	1,919	2,445	2,556	2,084	1,726
Total ...	41,093	49,696	56,841	69,738	72,824	64,311	65,319

TO OTHER COMMONWEALTH STATES (INTERSTATE).							
New South Wales ...	8,548	9,140	12,225	14,639	15,874	14,089	15,767
Victoria ...	5,257	5,571	8,588	10,626	11,478	11,898	11,958
Queensland ...	5,890	4,916	6,945	6,992	7,563	7,226	7,622
S.A. (including N.T.)	3,530	3,725	3,060	3,884	4,617	4,917	3,613
Western Australia ...	1,893	575	801	765	1,236	908	2,053
Tasmania ...	1,263	1,272	1,793	1,306	1,513	1,940	1,698
Total ...	26,381	25,199	33,412	38,214	42,281	40,978	42,711

TOTAL (OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE).							
New South Wales ...	26,204	27,350	33,665	42,280	45,238	37,810	39,392
Victoria ...	16,560	18,646	21,580	27,464	27,402	26,053	28,988
Queensland ...	10,127	9,250	11,937	12,751	14,681	14,187	14,842
S.A. (including N.T.)	7,660	8,187	9,488	11,927	13,887	13,778	12,644
Western Australia ...	4,877	8,516	9,871	9,777	9,828	9,437	8,740
Tasmania ...	2,046	2,946	3,712	3,753	4,069	4,024	3,424
Total ...	67,474	74,895	90,253	107,952	115,105	105,289	108,030

EXPORTS PER INHABITANT, 1896 to 1909.

TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES.																		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
New South Wales ...	13	10	3	13	10	11	18	6	0	18	18	9	15	0	14	14	3	
Victoria ...	9	10	10	10	17	3	10	14	4	13	15	2	12	17	1	11	5	0
Queensland ...	9	0	8	8	12	11	9	9	11	10	16	2	13	4	2	12	13	5
S.A. (including N.T.)	11	12	7	12	5	11	17	3	1	21	3	5	24	0	8	22	5	3
Western Australia ...	19	5	3	42	2	10	36	4	8	34	13	6	32	15	1	32	3	7
Tasmania ...	4	14	7	9	14	3	10	14	1	13	13	5	14	5	0	11	9	5
Total ...	11	6	1	13	2	1	14	3	0	17	1	4	17	10	6	15	3	10

TO OTHER STATES (INTERSTATE).																		
New South Wales ...	6	10	10	6	14	1	8	5	10	9	13	10	10	4	9	8	18	3
Victoria ...	4	8	9	4	12	6	7	1	8	8	13	8	9	5	3	9	9	1
Queensland ...	12	11	1	9	16	2	13	4	2	13	2	7	14	0	8	13	3	1
S.A. (including N.T.)	9	18	10	10	5	4	8	3	4	10	4	6	11	19	5	12	7	0
Western Australia ...	12	4	4	3	1	0	3	3	11	2	18	10	4	14	3	3	8	6
Tasmania ...	7	12	7	7	7	7	10	0	1	7	6	3	8	8	8	10	13	6
Total ...	7	5	1	6	12	11	8	6	5	9	7	1	10	3	6	9	13	7

TOTAL (OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE).																		
New South Wales ...	20	1	1	20	1	2	22	16	9	27	19	10	29	3	6	23	18	4
Victoria ...	13	19	7	15	9	9	17	16	0	22	8	10	22	2	4	20	14	1
Queensland ...	21	11	9	18	9	1	22	14	1	23	18	9	27	4	10	25	16	6
S.A. (including N.T.)	21	11	5	22	11	3	25	6	5	31	7	11	36	0	1	34	12	3
Western Australia ...	31	9	7	45	3	10	39	8	7	37	12	4	37	9	4	35	12	1
Tasmania ...	12	7	2	17	1	10	20	14	2	20	19	8	22	13	8	22	2	11
Total ...	18	11	2	19	15	0	22	9	5	26	8	5	27	14	0	24	17	5