

245. The averages for the years 1881 to 1885 are taken through the highest and lowest quotations in each month as published in the "Home and Foreign Trade of Canada," prepared by Mr. Geo. Hadrill, Secretary of the Board of Trade and Corn Exchange, Montreal, and for 1886 through quotations kindly furnished by that gentleman specially for this book. Averages,  
how  
taken.

246. The following table, taken from the special report on the Foreign Commerce of the United States for 1886, shows the average annual export prices in that country of some of the same articles for the same period:— Prices in  
United  
States,  
1881 and  
1886.

## AVERAGE EXPORT PRICE IN THE UNITED STATES, 1881-1886.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Butter.	Cheese.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1881 .....	5 66	1 11	0 55	0 19	0 11
1882 .....	6 14	1 18	0 66	0 19	0 11
1883 .....	5 95	1 12	0 68	0 18	0 11
1884 .....	5 58	1 06	0 61	0 18	0 10
1885 .....	4 89	0 86	0 54	0 16	0 09
1886 .....	4 69	0 87	0 49	0 15	0 08

247. The following table gives the value of the total imports and exports, and of the aggregate trade in every year since Confederation, the excess of imports over exports, or otherwise, is also shown, as well as the value of the aggregate trade per head of population in each year:— Imports,  
exports  
and total  
trade.