

Compara  
tive value  
of goods  
entered  
for con-  
sumption.

256. The decline in the value of goods entered for consumption was less than in the preceding year, and the figures as given in the annexed table are confirmatory indications that the depression before alluded to is passing away :—

Excess of goods entered for consumption in 1883 over 1884...	\$14,956,375
“ “ “ 1884 “ 1885...	5,470,625
“ “ “ 1885 “ 1886...	3,107,325

The value per head of goods entered for consumption was in 1885 \$21.87, and in 1886 \$20.77, a decrease of \$1.10 per head. The value of similar goods in the United States in 1886 was \$10.67 per head, being \$10.10 per head less than in Canada.

Summary  
of imports  
1884, 1885  
and 1886.

257. A comparative summary of the value of the principal articles imported in the last three years will be found in the following table, dutiable goods being distinguished from those that were admitted free :—

VALUE OF THE PRINCIPAL IMPORTS, DUTIABLE AND FREE,  
DURING THE YEARS 1884, 1885 AND 1886.

ARTICLES.	Value of Imports.		
	1884.	1885.	1886.
DUTIABLE GOODS.	\$	\$	\$
Ale, beer and porter .....	239,293	191,779	180,293
Animals, living .....	1,215,889	1,101,721	866,258
Books, periodicals, &c., and other printed matter .....	1,266,986	1,165,414	1,159,495
Brass, and manufactures of .....	329,998	299,623	338,288
Breadstuffs, viz. :—			
Arrowroot, biscuit, rice, &c.....	384,006	566,413	387,452
Grain of all kinds .....	7,745,407	5,327,368	4,566,106
Flour and meal of all kinds.....	2,988,337	2,615,909	1,156,054
Brooms and brushes .....	92,184	98,880	94,584
Candles .....	39,600	43,765	40,029
Carriages .....	426,693	312,176	395,672
Carpets .....	72,953	43,052	59,650
Clocks .....	103,589	126,129	125,871
Coal and coke .....	7,807,797	7,363,634	6,905,492
Coffee .....	117,717	169,709	114,799