

Increase
in duti-
able and
decrease
in free
goods.

266. There was an increase in the value of dutiable goods imported in 1887 of \$9,942,642 as compared with 1886, and of \$5,865,292 as compared with 1885, while there was a decrease in the value of free goods of \$1,474,967 as compared with the preceding year, which was due to the reduced importations of coin and bullion, there having been a decrease under this head of \$3,078,339.

Principal
increases
in duti-
able goods

267. Among dutiable articles the principal increases are found in imports of grain of all kinds, manufactures of copper, fancy goods, flax, hemp and jute and manufactures of the same, green and dried fruits, hats and bonnets, manufactures of iron and steel, jewellery, manufactures of paper, manufactures of silk, spirits and wines, sugars, watches and woollen manufactures, the increase under the latter head amounting to \$2,572,948. It is satisfactory to note the increases in fancy goods, hats and bonnets, jewellery, manufactures of silk, spirits and wines, watches, &c., these being articles that are more luxuries than necessities, and their increased importation indicates a greater margin out of the savings of the people for their purchase.

Principal
decreases.

268. The principal decreases among dutiable articles were in imports of books, flour and meal, manufactures of cotton (these imports have steadily decreased during the last five years), provisions, soap, tea and manufactures of wood.

Increases
and de-
creases
among
free goods.

269. Among free goods the principal increases were in lumber and timber, sawn, but not otherwise manufactured, animals for improvement of stock, fur skins not dressed, raw hides (there was a decrease in imports of manufactures of leather), and steel rails; and the principal decreases were in logs and unmanufactured timber, tobacco manufactured, coffee and tea and coin and bullion.

Goods en-
tered for
consump-

270. The following table gives the value of goods entered for consumption (dutiable being distinguished from free)