VALUE OF IMPORTS OF CERTAIN ARTICLES AT THE PRICES OF 1873, AND AT THE ACTUAL PRICES OF 1888, COMPARED.

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF IMPORT.	Value of Imports, 1888.	Value of Imports of 1888, according to 1873 prices.
Cheese Lbs.	8 666,002	8 1,026,222
Lard and tallow	474,961 181,009	582,465 81,113
Oil, coal and kerosene, &c	63,203 $404,847$ $9,448$	64,567 1,108,201 12,650
Soap, common Lbs. Hops. "	96,765 68,581	137,033 91,873
Rice Meats, fresh, salted and smoked " Ale, beer and porter, in casks and bottles	1,069,516 188,457	1,136,709 154,809
Wines, all kinds, except sparkling wines "Sugar, all kinds. Lbs.	403,607 5,784,334	343,876 11,894,600
" candy and confectionery " Tea, black, green and Japan "	103,539 3,057,850	138,211 6,086,456
Mace and nutmegs	$\frac{42,876}{13,002}$	74,805 10,175
Gunpowder. " Maccaroni and vermicelli"	5,533 5,370	4,881 5,912
Mowing, reaping and threshing machines No. Locomotive engines and railroad cars "	19,040 96,777	11,673 223,661
Mustard Lbs. Turpentine, spirits of Galls. Cream of tartar, in crystals Lbs.	$\begin{array}{r} 62,841 \\ 179,593 \\ 139,599 \end{array}$	79,926 219,174 167,659
Spices, all kinds, unground. "Indigo"	158,888 39,410	179,729 41,511
Phosphorus, brimstone and sulphur "Whiting Cwt.	31,281 20,508	46,363 61,701
Zinc, white, dry Lbs. Ashes not peerland sode	$24,210 \\ 4,778$	66,629 8,092
Cotton wool Lbs. Oils, cocoanut and palm Galls.	3,110,522 86,951	5,522,018 217,055
Wheat Bush. Wool Lbs. Tobacco leaf, for Excise purposes "	4,668,582 $1,322,783$ $1,489,357$	6,320,603 2,045,132 1,416,686
Yellow metal, in bolts, bars, and for sheathing. Cwt. Spelter and zinc, in blocks, sheets and pigs "	48,409 95,589	51,366 98,481
Coal and coke Tons. Coffee, green Lbs.	9,036,012 499,998	15,555,726 476,977
" ground or roasted " Eggs	13,398 73,498	10,648 59,655
Flour of wheat and rye Brls. Indian corn Bush.	254,877 $1,927,722$	434,103 1,723,609
Grain, other than wheat or Indian corn Resin Brls. Salt Bush.	109,709 64,673 253,229	63,817 82,596 461,208
Tar and pitch	20,470	23,464
	36,491,604	58,623,814