

242. There was an increase in the value of dutiable goods of \$6,198,667, and in that of free goods of \$434,643. Among dutiable goods the principal increases were in imports of grain of all kinds, iron and steel and manufactures of the same, and woollen manufactures, while among free goods the increases were chiefly in imports of wool, raw hides, railway iron and manufactures of iron and steel. The principal decreases among dutiable goods were in imports of flour and meal, coffee, and manufactures of cotton and leather, and among free goods in imports of anthracite coal, unmanufactured timber, furs and cotton wool.

243. A still further decline in the imports of manufactures of cotton will be noticed. In 1872, 2,444,210 lbs. of raw cotton were imported, and manufactured goods to the value of \$10,182,154. In 1890, 33,456,015 lbs. of raw cotton and \$3,991,795 worth of manufactured goods were imported, testifying to the progress made by the cotton industry during the intervening period, and the following figures, give the details of its development during that period:—

YEAR.	MANUFACTURED COTTON.	RAW COTTON.
	Value.	Quantity.
	\$	Lbs.
1872.....	10,207,561	*2,226,810
1873.....	10,158,574	*2,752,302
1874.....	11,318,977	*4,454,101
1875.....	10,050,192	*4,782,156
1876.....	7,502,569	*6,170,334
1877.....	7,776,895	*6,501,296
1878.....	7,267,879	*8,111,759
1879.....	6,551,611	*9,720,708
1880.....	7,825,164	13,237,168
1881.....	10,204,465	16,018,721
1882.....	11,125,238	19,342,059
1883.....	10,045,032	28,777,071
1884.....	7,539,129	20,769,940
1885.....	6,241,283	23,727,525
1886.....	5,780,478	31,506,045
1887.....	5,470,504	33,227,256
1888.....	4,200,072	33,550,276
1889.....	4,245,868	39,233,594
1890.....	4,013,503	36,635,187

* Flax waste included.