

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ACTUAL EXCESS OR DEFICIENCY OF 1883 EXPORTS OVER OR BELOW 1882-93; ALSO, EXCESS OR DEFICIENCY HAD THEY BEEN VALUED AT PRICES OF 1882-93, TOGETHER WITH THE NET INCREASE OR DECREASE.

(000's omitted.)

YEAR.	Exports (Domestic.)	Actual Excess or Deficiency of the figures of 1883 over or below 1892-93.	Excess or Deficiency of 1883 Exports at prices of 1882-93.	Net Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1882.....	94,138	—	702	—
1883.....	87,702	—	—	—
1884.....	79,833	+	1,754	+
1885.....	79,132	+	7,192	+
1886.....	77,757	+	9,823	+
1887.....	80,961	+	10,963	+
1888.....	81,382	+	7,718	+
1889.....	80,272	+	4,736	+
1890.....	85,258	+	5,438	+
1891.....	88,801	—	6,665	+
1892.....	99,339	—	6,227	—
1893.....	105,798	—	8,332	—

783. The following table of prices of the principal articles of export, based on the values in the Trade and Navigation Returns, will afford some idea of the fluctuations during the past eleven years. As prices are given for almost all the principal articles of export, except lumber, this table may be consulted in connection with that on page 480, as it supplies details of the variation in prices, there shown in the aggregate. The decline in value of all the principal articles of food is very noticeable. It has not yet been found practicable to give a similar table of import prices, owing to the uncertain and irregular definition of quantities :—