

In addition to these articles there are rice, spices, sugars, molasses, chicory, cocoa, coffee, fruits, tea, spirits, wines and tobacco.

In all, the imports of articles of food and drink enumerated amounted to \$843,500,000, of which \$47,500,000 were exported, leaving the net food and drink bill paid to outsiders in 1894 to be \$796,000,000.

607. The bill in 1893 paid to outside countries amounted to \$858,500,000, of which \$53,500,000 were exported, leaving the net bill for foods and drinks paid to outsiders \$805,000,000.

608. It would appear as if Great Britain imported \$9,000,000 less of these articles in 1894 than in 1893.

Much of the apparent decrease is due to decreased prices. Judged by quantity, the actual fact is one of increase.

609. The following table gives the quantities and values of the articles named, and is compiled from the trade returns issued by the British Government :—

IMPORTED.	Quantities.	Values for Customs.
1893.	Cwt.	£
Wheat, barley, flour, &c. ....	161,892,419	50,692,369
Dressed meat. ....	9,408,487	22,351,504
Butter. ....	2,327,474	12,753,593
Margarine. ....	1,299,970	3,655,344
Cheese. ....	2,077,462	5,160,918
Fish, fresh. ....	1,278,180	801,434
" .....	1,041,658	1,881,317
Hops .....	204,392	1,141,294
Lard. ....	1,118,106	2,808,594
Total .....	180,648,148	101,226,367
1894.		
Wheat, barley, flour, &c. ....	178,466,116	47,732,349
Dead meats. ....	10,718,870	22,724,990
Butter. ....	2,574,835	13,456,699
Margarine. ....	1,109,325	3,044,810
Cheese. ....	2,266,145	5,474,940
Fish, fresh. ....	1,525,617	778,237
" .....	1,030,360	1,868,843
Hops .....	189,155	774,378
Lard. ....	1,400,516	2,758,416
Total.....	199,280,939	98,613,662

Reduced to tons and dollars, the statement stands :—

1893. ....	10,116,296 tons valued at \$492,634,987.
1894. ....	11,159,733 " " 479,919,821.
1893. ....	Value per ton, \$48.69.
1894. ....	" " 43.00.

Decrease, 1894, \$5.69 or 11.7 per cent.