

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 1882-94, 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 1882-94.	Excess or Deficiency of 1883 Exports at prices of 1882-94.	Net Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1882.....	94,138	— 6,436	— 702	— 7,138
1883.....	87,702	—	—	—
1884.....	79,833	+ 7,869	+ 1,751	+ 9,623
1885.....	79,132	+ 8,570	+ 7,192	+ 15,762
1886.....	77,757	+ 9,945	+ 9,823	+ 19,768
1887.....	80,961	+ 6,741	+ 10,963	+ 17,704
1888.....	81,382	+ 6,320	+ 7,718	+ 14,038
1889.....	80,272	+ 7,430	+ 4,736	+ 12,166
1890.....	85,258	+ 2,444	+ 5,438	+ 7,882
1891.....	88,801	— 1,099	+ 6,665	+ 5,566
1892.....	99,339	— 11,637	+ 6,227	— 5,410
1893.....	105,798	— 18,096	+ 8,332	— 9,764
1894.....	104,162	— 16,460	+ 10,086	— 6,374

1025. 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, this table may be consulted in connection with that on page 608, 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 will be seen that of animals exported, cattle reached their highest average in 1890, being then \$85.32 per head, and that they declined in price in succeeding years till 1894, when they reached their highest average with the exception of 1890; that horses reached their highest average in 1884 and have been going down ever since, the average price of 1894 being the lowest of all the years given in the table; that sheep reached their highest average in 1884, and have varied in price considerably, that of 1894 being lower than that of seven years and higher than that of four years; that swine reached their highest average in 1893 and then next highest in 1894. Taking fish together, the highest average price was in 1890, when an assortment of the various kinds by the units given in the table would have been valued at \$27.27, while the same assortment in 1894 would have a value of \$23.13. The average of 1894 is higher than the average of the twelve years by \$1.37. It has not yet been found practicable to give a similar table of import prices, owing to the uncertain and irregular definition of quantities:—