

240. It may be seen from the above table that some of the colonies and dependencies of the British Empire have reserved state forests for the purpose of protecting and maintaining them in perpetuity. India has long had a strong staff of trained foresters, who treat the forests on the most approved systems of European forestry. Some of the colonies in Australasia and South Africa have also established state forests under trained foresters.

241. Before 6th October, 1890, the United States tariff on woods imported from Canada contained the following items:—

Timber hewn or used on wharf building or for spars.....20 per cent.
 Timber, sided or squared, per cubic foot..... 1 cent.
 Sawed boards, planks, deals and other lumber of hemlock,
 whitewood, sycamore and basswood, per M. ft. B.M..\$1 00
 All other varieties of sawed lumber, per M. feet B.M..... 2 00

In 1890 hewn or sawed lumber was reduced to 10 per cent; sided or squared timber to $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per foot, and pine lumber to \$1 per M. ft., B.M.

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FROM CANADA.

YEAR.	Timber.	Boards, Deals, Planks and Sawed Lumber.	Boards, Deals, Planks and Sawed Lumber.	Timber.	YEARLY AVERAGE.	
					Boards, Deals, Planks and Sawed Lumber.	Boards, Deals, Planks and Sawed Lumber.
					\$	M. ft.
1888.	5,748	608,326	7,497,078	} 3,304	638,624	7,682,065
1889.	3,108	747,842	7,804,163			
1890.	1,147	659,703	7,744,954	} 57,811	639,982	7,297,100
1891.	37,652	757,149	8,498,046			
1892.	56,777	663,134	7,539,766			
1893.	65,792	742,351	8,217,331			
1894.	47,865	514,461	6,134,204			
1895.	56,783	600,809	6,859,532			

The averages for the three years before and after the McKinley Act approximate closely in the case of sawed lumber. The intermediate year, partly under one tariff and partly under the other, ran higher than the average of either period, being, indeed, the highest year of the seven. The imports for 1895 were about the average.

No comparison can be made as to timber, for after 1890 items 1 and 2 were returned together, while previously timber sided and squared had apparently been included in unmanufactured.

242. On 28th August, 1894, timber hewn or sawed, square or sided and sawn lumber (except cabinet woods), were made free.