

807. A comparative summary of the value of the principal articles imported for home consumption in the last four years will be found in the following table, dutiable goods being distinguished from those admitted free. This table formerly related to the total quantities imported, but in order to show more clearly what the requirements of the country have been, it has been changed to apply only to articles for home consumption.

SUMMARY OF VALUE OF ARTICLES IMPORTED, &c.

ARTICLES.	VALUE OF IMPORTS ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.			
	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
<i>Dutiable Goods.</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ale, beer and porter.....	229,402	175,147	162,184	126,066
Animals, living.....	262,089	206,512	167,316	164,891
Books, periodicals, &c., and other printed matter, n.e.s.....	1,223,404	1,208,506	1,063,381	788,020
Brass and manufactures of.....	463,182	445,175	369,357	305,91
Breadstuffs, viz. :—				
Arrowroot, biscuit, rice, macaroni, bran, &c.....	479,006	548,936	362,025	574,402
Grain of all kinds.....	956,004	1,049,083	800,145	1,174,877
Flour and meal of all kinds.....	387,682	294,059	252,253	187,743
Brooms and brushes.....	108,529	109,783	106,534	86,810
Bricks and tiles.....	81,495	89,750	78,124	65,863
Candles.....	32,905	27,355	30,545	34,884
Carriages.....	492,114	408,787	490,200	681,755
Carpets and squares, n.e.s.....	143,881	94,098	71,443	64,679
Cement.....	287,729	327,148	284,471	251,926
Clock and clock springs.....	125,005	143,358	121,247	109,600
Coal and coke (<i>see also Free Goods</i>)... Coffee (<i>see also Free Goods</i>).....	4,333,490	4,168,515	3,515,845	3,376,517
	51,348	55,659	52,689	41,279
Copper and manufactures of.....	269,712	352,406	157,539	84,105
Cordage of all kinds.....	81,320	76,189	67,130	64,107
Cotton, manufactures of.....	3,992,440	4,557,402	4,001,618	4,218,168
Crapes of all kinds.....	59,647	49,225	42,185	34,393
Drugs, dyes, chemicals and medicines. Earthenware and china.....	1,530,981	1,547,850	1,321,094	1,150,383
	748,810	709,737	695,514	547,935
Embroideries, not otherwise provided for.....	154,613	160,325	198,124	127,207
Eggs.....	12,583	13,069	14,309
Fancy goods.....	1,627,801	1,717,746	1,648,044	1,508,253
Fish and products of (<i>see also Free Goods</i>).....	482,605	486,957	465,504	398,383
Flax, hemp and jute, and manufac- tures of.....	1,546,051	1,618,983	1,416,476	1,336,817
Fruits and nuts, dried.....	996,193	913,541	904,263	873,168
Fruits, green (<i>see also Free Goods</i>)... Furs and manufactures of.....	1,072,508	903,909	1,179,728	1,041,833
	679,406	723,807	717,451	584,057
Glass.....	1,257,858	1,219,543	1,209,203	1,120,986
Gloves and mitts of any material..... Gold and silver, manufactures of.....	680,221	700,587	665,737	631,276
	261,471	298,439	283,645	341,476
Gunpowder and other explosives..... Gutta-percha and India rubber, manu- factures of.....	136,171	143,028	112,781	142,305
	684,633	696,690	519,296	410,609
Hats, caps and bonnets.....	1,219,714	1,320,640	1,216,062	1,195,401
Iron and steel, manufactures of (<i>see also Free Goods</i>).....	9,969,409	10,113,177	8,776,533	7,405,923
Jewellery.....	288,584	251,537	239,947	276,759
Lead and manufactures of.....	317,142	288,636	203,644	192,046
Leather “ “.....	1,091,213	1,233,004	970,577	1,215,626
Marble “ “.....	106,168	96,177	94,657	82,536
Metal, composition and other, n.e.s... Musical instruments.....	373,819	353,225	317,145	302,892
	412,894	375,421	308,989	299,538