

The import trade of 1896 showed an actual increase of \$5,334,969 over that of 1895. \$4,864,000 of this amount was due to increased quantity and \$470,000 to increased price. Under the head of food and drinks there was an actual decrease of \$2,225,517; \$1,316,000 due to a decrease in quantity, and \$910,000 to a decrease in price. In metals there was an increase of \$159,174 in the imports: \$372,000 due to an increase in quantity and \$213,000 to a decrease in price. In raw materials, there was an actual increase of \$922,143; \$695,000 of this amount was due to an increase in quantity, and \$227,000 to an increase in price. In manufactures, there was an actual increase of \$5,576,188; \$4,621,000 of this amount was due to an increase in quantity and \$956,000 to an increase in price.

The following summary, which perhaps sets off these results to better advantage, shows that the year 1896 was marked by a decided increase in the volume of our import trade, it was also marked by an increase in price:—

SUMMARY OF IMPORTS IN 1896, COMPARED WITH THOSE IN 1895.

ARTICLES.	Value Imported in 1896.	MORE OR LESS THAN 1895.		
		Quantity.	Price.	Together.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Food and drinks.....	18,680,405	— 1,316,000	— 910,000	— 2,225,517
Metals.....	2,477,635	+ 372,000	— 213,000	+ 159,174
Chemicals, dye stuffs, &c.....	3,436,940	+ 39,000	+ 211,000	+ 250,339
Oils.....	1,616,021	+ 77,000	+ 166,000	+ 243,745
Raw materials.....	22,486,568	+ 695,000	+ 227,000	+ 922,143
Manufactures.....	50,763,188	+ 4,621,000	+ 956,000	+ 5,576,188
Animals.....	364,332	+ 6,000	+ 14,000	+ 19,999
Miscellaneous.....	10,762,391	+ 370,000	+ 19,000	+ 388,898
Total.....	110,587,480	+ 4,864,000	+ 470,000	+ 5,334,969