

IMPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES FOR HOME CONSUMPTION IN
 1897—Continued.

| ARTICLES. | VALUE. | | INCREASED OR DECREASED VALUE. | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| | Actual in 1897. | At Prices of 1896. | Due to Variation in | | Actually more or less than in 1896. | |
| | | | Quantity. | Price. | | |
| <i>Chemicals, Dye Stuffs, &c.</i> —Con. | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Soda, nitrate.. | 299,791 | 298,000 | 18,000 | + 2,000 | 15,919 | |
| Turpentine, spirits of... | 153,483 | 162,000 | | 9,000 | 8,865 | |
| Resin | 101,221 | 137,000 | + 25,000 | 36,000 | 11,278 | |
| Liquorice..... | 95,239 | 94,000 | 28,000 | + 1,000 | 26,237 | |
| Other articles..... | 2,200,660 | 2,423,000 | + 238,000 | 227,000 | 11,220 | |
| Total | 3,389,318 | 3,655,000 | + 218,000 | 266,000 | 47,622 | |
| <i>Oils</i> | <i>1,433,655</i> | <i>1,500,000</i> | <i>116,000</i> | <i>16,000</i> | <i>132,366</i> | |
| <i>Raw Materials.</i> | | | | | | |
| Coal, anthracite | 5,695,168 | 5,246,000 | 421,000 | + 449,000 | 28,072 | |
| “ bituminous | 3,254,217 | 3,310,000 | + 11,000 | 56,000 | 41,808 | |
| Cotton waste..... | 172,548 | 187,000 | 135,000 | 14,000 | 148,644 | |
| “ wool..... | 3,117,692 | 3,250,000 | + 404,000 | 132,000 | 272,321 | |
| Grease..... | 175,353 | 189,000 | 90,000 | 14,000 | 104,260 | |
| Gutta percha, crude..... | 1,992 | 8,000 | 178,000 | 6,000 | 183,075 | |
| Hemp, undressed..... | 531,372 | 1,294,000 | + 549,000 | 763,000 | 214,358 | |
| Rags..... | 191,697 | 76,000 | 172,000 | + 122,000 | 50,125 | |
| Rubber, crude..... | 1,055,837 | 999,000 | + 147,000 | 57,000 | 203,742 | |
| Silk, raw..... | 133,354 | 137,000 | 53,000 | 4,000 | 57,003 | |
| Tobacco, unmanufactur'd..... | 2,032,841 | 2,183,000 | + 835,000 | 130,000 | 705,464 | |
| Wool | 878,339 | 771,000 | 444,000 | + 107,000 | 337,241 | |
| Other articles..... | 5,512,247 | 5,756,000 | + 543,000 | 244,000 | 299,351 | |
| Total | 22,772,651 | 23,400,000 | + 996,000 | 627,000 | 368,536 | |
| <i>Manufactures.</i> | | | | | | |
| Books, periodicals, &c.. | 1,191,199 | 1,150,000 | + 4,000 | + 41,000 | 44,830 | |
| Carriages, all kinds..... | 1,590,747 | 2,014,000 | + 625,000 | 423,000 | 201,793 | |
| Carpets | 712,951 | 736,000 | 129,000 | 23,000 | 152,437 | |
| Cement | 260,842 | 259,000 | + 4,000 | + 2,000 | 5,813 | |
| Cigars and tobacco..... | 282,679 | 291,000 | + 32,000 | 8,000 | 23,982 | |
| Cotton..... | 4,214,541 | 4,174,000 | 633,000 | + 41,000 | 592,074 | |
| Flax and hemp..... | 1,294,401 | 1,294,000 | 266,000 | | 265,902 | |
| Glass..... | 1,139,764 | 1,031,000 | 74,000 | + 109,000 | 33,282 | |
| Iron and steel..... | 10,006,726 | 10,767,000 | + 1,151,000 | 760,000 | 390,662 | |
| Jute cloth..... | 446,242 | 430,000 | + 31,000 | + 16,000 | 47,484 | |
| Leather..... | 1,377,545 | 1,529,000 | + 276,000 | + 151,000 | 125,401 | |
| Lumber and timber..... | 1,436,748 | 1,190,000 | + 5,000 | + 247,000 | 251,26 | |
| Oil cloth..... | 156,013 | 164,000 | 23,000 | 8,000 | 31,316 | |
| Paints and colours | 519,445 | 517,000 | 48,000 | + 2,000 | 46,391 | |
| Paper..... | 1,001,858 | 926,000 | 80,000 | + 76,000 | 4,141 | |
| Musical instruments..... | 261,294 | 300,000 | | 39,000 | 39,226 | |
| Silk velvet..... | 132,728 | 125,000 | 46,000 | + 7,000 | 38,500 | |
| Sheet iron..... | 810,173 | 800,000 | + 48,000 | + 10,000 | 58,470 | |
| Tin plates and sheets..... | 912,596 | 1,024,000 | + 101,000 | 105,000 | 3,683 | |
| Twine, all kinds..... | 205,968 | 201,000 | + 12,000 | + 5,000 | 17,192 | |