

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

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>Manufactures—Con.</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Woolen.....	6,507,170	6,658,000	- 1,223,000	- 151,000	- 1,374,599
Other articles.....	14,358,745	14,967,000	- 16,000	- 609,000	- 625,466
Total.....	48,827,377	50,548,000	- 249,000	- 1,721,000	- 1,971,050
Animals.....	398,189	477,000	+ 113,000	- 79,000	+ 33,867
Miscellaneous.....	11,271,761	11,645,000	+ 929,000	- 373,000	+ 556,824
Total imports...	111,294,021	115,114,000	+ 4,527,000	- 3,820,000	+ 706,541

The import trade of 1897 showed an increase of \$4,527,000 in volume and a decrease of \$3,820,000 due to a decline in price. The actual increase amounted to \$706,541.

The following summary, which perhaps sets off these results to better advantage, shows that the year 1897 was marked by a decided increase in the volume of our import trade, it was also marked by a decrease in price:—

SUMMARY OF IMPORTS IN 1897, COMPARED WITH THOSE IN 1896.

ARTICLES.	Value Imported in 1897.	MORE OR LESS THAN 1896.		
		Quantity.	Price.	Together.
		\$	\$	\$
Food and drinks.....	20,870,965	+ 2,681,000	- 586,000	+ 2,095,032
Metals.....	2,280,105	- 45,000	- 152,000	- 196,600
Chemicals, dye stuffs, &c.....	3,389,318	+ 218,000	- 266,000	- 47,622
Oils.....	1,483,655	- 116,000	- 16,000	- 132,366
Raw materials.....	22,772,651	+ 996,000	- 627,000	+ 368,536
Manufactures.....	48,827,377	- 249,000	- 1,721,000	- 1,971,050
Animals.....	398,189	+ 113,000	- 79,000	+ 33,867
Miscellaneous.....	11,271,761	+ 929,000	- 373,000	+ 556,824
Total.....	111,294,021	+ 4,527,000	- 3,820,000	+ 706,541