

The following table shows that if the exports of 1883, \$87,702,000 are estimated at the export prices of 1897, they would amount to \$72,091,000, 1883 exports being \$15,611,000 more. Deducting this amount from \$36,258,000, actual difference, it leaves the exports of 1883 less than 1897 by \$20,647,000.

Statement showing the actual excess or deficiency of 1883 exports over or below 1882-97; also, excess or deficiency had they been valued at prices of 1882-97, together with the net increase or decrease.

(000's omitted.)

YEAR.	Exports (Domestic).	Actual Excess or Deficiency of the figures of 1883 over or below 1882-97.	Excess or Deficiency of 1883 Exports at prices of 1882-97.	Net Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1882.....	94,138	— 6,436	— 702	— 7,138
<b>1883.....</b>	<b>87,702</b>			
1884.....	79,833	+ 7,869	+ 1,754	+ 9,623
1885.....	79,132	+ 8,570	+ 7,192	+ 15,762
1886.....	77,757	+ 9,945	+ 9,823	+ 19,768
1887.....	80,961	+ 6,741	+ 10,963	+ 17,704
1888.....	81,382	+ 6,320	+ 7,718	+ 14,038
1889.....	80,272	+ 7,430	+ 4,736	+ 12,166
1890.....	85,258	+ 2,444	+ 5,438	+ 7,882
1891.....	88,801	— 1,099	+ 6,665	+ 5,566
1892.....	99,339	— 11,637	+ 6,227	— 5,410
1893.....	105,798	— 18,096	+ 8,332	— 9,764
1894.....	104,162	— 16,460	+ 10,086	— 6,374
1895.....	103,085	— 15,383	+ 10,524	— 4,859
1896.....	109,915	— 22,213	+ 12,191	— 10,022
1897.....	123,960	— 36,258	+ 15,611	— 20,647

The following table of prices of the principal articles of export, based on the values in the Trade and Navigation Returns, will afford some idea of the fluctuations during the past thirteen years.