

The following statement gives the principal articles on which drawbacks were paid by the Customs Department during the years ended June 30, 1903 and 1904.

Articles.	DRAWBACKS PAID.	
	1902-03.	1903-04.
	\$	\$
Agricultural implements.....	72,966	115,475
Bags containing flour and oatmeal.....	4,982	8,196
" linseed cake.....	110	814
Bicycles.....	6,219	4,758
Boilers and engines.....	1,455	.....
Boots and shoes.....	347	5,523
Bottles, corks and paper used in the preparation of whiskey.....	8,180	9,009
Bridge material.....	1,107	560
Butter firkins, &c.....	40	248
Canned clams, labels and cans.....	.....	315
" salmon, labels, &c.....	11,061	4,861
Carriages.....	.....	1,248
Condensed milk, labels, &c.....	.....	557
Cheese jars.....	2,175	2,103
Cork crowns.....	624	.....
Cotton prints.....	830	950
Dynamite.....	57	472
Electric meters.....	.....	736
Fire engines and sawmill machinery.....	1,168	.....
Furniture.....	770	.....
Iron pipe.....	225	486
Machinery.....	300	275
Medicines, patent.....	155	507
Nails, bolts, &c.....	.....	854
Neckwear.....	102	525
Oiled clothing.....	303	1,514
Organs and pianos.....	3,309	2,311
Paint and putty.....	953	711
Quaker Oats, labels, &c.....	5,380	11,770
Radiators.....	1,046	657
Rice products.....	2,891	5,746
Ship materials.....	19,359	19,432
Syrup.....	2,093	1,244
Typewriters.....	662	1,252
Other articles.....	3,476	1,515
Total.....	152,336	204,624

INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES.

The Economist's index number of prices is given below :—

December, 1899=2,145	Februray, 1902=1,979	November, 1903=2,138
March, 1900=2,240	March, 1902=1,983	December, 1903=2,197
June, 1900=2,211	June, 1902=1,995	January, 1904=2,210
September, 1900=2,235	September, 1902=2,002	March, 1904=2,234
December, 1900=2,125	December, 1902=2,003	June, 1904=2,130
March, 1901=2,018	January, 1903=2,066	September, 1904=2,148
June, 1901=2,007	March, 1903=2,099	December, 1904=2,136
September, 1901=1,980	June, 1903=2,111	January, 1905=2,124
December, 1901=1,948	September, 1903=2,114	February, 1905=2,146
January, 1902=1,977		