

INTRODUCTION

The present issue of the Statistical Abstract contains all the leading tables of former issues, brought down to the close of either the fiscal or calendar year 1888, according to circumstances, and contains, moreover, a number of new tables, particularly in chapters IV, VI, VII, IX and XI.

Chapters VII and XI are entirely new, and will be found to contain much useful information respecting Agriculture, Education, Religion and Crime.

A copy of the Tariff, arranged in alphabetical order, thus doing away with the necessity of an index, will be found as an appendix, together with a list of decisions made by the Board of Customs between 1st June, 1888, and 31st March, 1889.

It is requested that any errors detected, if such exist, may be at once reported to Mr. S. C. D. Roper, Compiler of the Abstract, Department of Agriculture.

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