

These figures, however, while showing that the external trade of Canada is, proportionately to population, larger than that of the United States, do not necessarily indicate that therefore this country is in a better commercial position, but probably only that, as regards imports, a larger proportion of home manufactured goods are provided in the States, and that that country therefore is not compelled to the same extent to go elsewhere for supplies.

Summary
of imports,
1889, 1890
and 1891.

256. A comparative summary of the value of the principal articles imported for home consumption in the last three years will be found in the following table, dutiable goods being distinguished from those admitted free. This table formerly related to the total quantities imported, but in order to show more clearly what the requirements of the country have been, it has been changed to apply only to articles for home consumption.

ARTICLES.	VALUE OF IMPORTS ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.		
	1889.	1890.	1891.
	\$	\$	\$
<i>Dutiable Goods.</i>			
Ale, beer and porter	192,840	221,928	235,359
Animals, living	304,385	347,978	262,082
Books, periodicals, &c., and other printed matter, N.E.S.	1,261,782	1,304,384	1,212,340
Brass and manufactures of	435,170	460,692	516,289
Breadstuffs, viz. :—			
Arrowroot, biscuit, rice, macaroni, bran, &c.	412,166	542,868	470,166
Grain of all kinds	1,391,900	1,447,508	1,701,984
Flour and meal of all kinds	1,382,578	1,007,157	568,113
Brooms and brushes	93,388	100,220	111,524
Brick and tiles	131,475	105,818	120,667
Candles	25,112	26,049	27,802
Carriages	398,293	304,274	316,626
Carpets and squares, N.E.S.	90,250	95,049	96,918
Cement	197,580	328,110	313,767
Clock and clock springs	132,092	121,210	107,885
Coal and coke (<i>see also Free Goods</i>)	3,394,212	3,692,121	4,274,631
Coffee (<i>see also Free Goods</i>)	87,421	73,109	61,060
Copper and manufactures of	158,037	217,104	412,384
Cordage of all kinds	70,887	73,614	90,542
Cotton, manufactures of	4,245,868	3,963,182	4,029,110
Crapes of all kinds	97,882	88,019	70,491
Drugs, dyes, chemicals and medicines	1,327,865	1,368,368	1,418,630
Earthenware and china	697,949	695,206	634,907
Embroideries, not otherwise provided for	185,163	200,650	200,350
Fancy goods	1,890,625	1,857,884	1,513,463
Fish and products of (<i>see also Free Goods</i>)	487,479	533,899	515,157
Flax, hemp and jute, and manufactures of	1,493,686	1,416,217	1,433,189
Fruits and nuts, dried	964,404	1,017,197	1,151,014
Fruits, green (<i>see also Free Goods</i>)	638,266	780,325	991,018