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## REVIEW

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## TRADE OF INDIA

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[^0]Sir,
I have the honour to submit the Review of the Trade of India for the year 1914-15. . This Annual Review is the forty-first of the series started in 1876, but it should perhaps be regarded as the second of a new series commenced last year. Part I contains a résumé of the extent and direction of Indian foreign seaborne, frontier, coasting, and inland trade, with special reference to currency, customs revenue, shipping, and the rise in freigbts since the outbreak of war, and coloured charts. Part II contains statistical tables for a series of years, which could not obviously appear in , the body of the Report itself, without making it unreadable. These tables include all the more important statistics of trade, including those relating to the trade with principal countries, the prices of commodities, freights, and the course of wages in important industries. The main idea is to make available statistics which would not otherwise be published until the volumes dealing with these are published later in the year. An index, it may be noted, is added for easy reference.

Special prominence has been given in this year's Review to the effects of war on Indian trade, the direction of trade, and also for the benefit of those interested in the competitive trade, to the goods previously imported from enemy countries, especially Germany. I venture to think that this will be found to be of considerable utility and importance.

An edition of the Review with sterling notation only is under preparation, and copies (including those presented to Parliament) will be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India.

It is greatly regretted that, owing to the pressure of urgent work connected with the war, it was found impossible to publish the Review earlier this year.

> I have the honour to be,
> SIr,
> Your most obedient servant,

> G. FINDLAY SHIRRAS,
> Director of Statistics.

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# REVIEW OF THE TRADE OF INDIA 

## IN

1914-15.

## PART I-REPORT.

## CHAPTER I.

## The effect of war on trade.

## General characteristics of the fear.

The year 1914-15 was, as regards trade, of absorbing and compelling General character. interest.* It was full of remarkable events, and may be conveniently tstcs of the year. divided into two well-defined periods-the pre-war period of four months ${ }_{\text {The }}$ premar neriod (April to July), and the war period of eight months (August to March). Anril to $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jurl, }\end{aligned}$ In spite of such adverse circumstances as a partial failure of the winter rains ${ }^{\text {1914) }}$. in the United Provinces, a continuance of bank failures in Northern and Western Indiat, and a glut of piecegoods, circumstances which were largely a legacy from the previous year, trade was in the first four months of the year under review on the whole prosperous. The south-west monsoon was good, and this gave great promise of agricultural prosperity. It is true, however, that there was a decline in imports in April, May, and July as compared with the previous yeart, and the trade returns of the first four months of 1914-15 tend to give the impression that the climax of the great trade prosperity of the previous two years had been already reached, as in the case of the United Kingdom where a distinct falling-off in trade becaree visible as early as April 1914. Trade in the pre-war period, April to July 1914, was, although prosperous, somewhat below normal, and it is interesting to note that the resulting weakness of exchange made the demand for Council bills lower than is customary in these months, a fact, in view of the war, of singular good fortune since the Treasury balances in India, like those of the Presidency Banks, were high, and the financial position in India in the weeks immediately preceding the war was a strong one. At the end of July 1914, trade was still rhe position tu on a level that would have been reckoned extremely high in any year prior to Joly, 1914. 1912 or 1913, and orring to the propitious monsoon a good year's trade was looked on as almost a certainty.

It was not to be expected that India, now linked up closely to world markets, the war pertiod. would escape the shock of war. The effects of war on overseas, coasting, and inland trade, although less severe than in the case of belligerent and even some neutral countries, were at once considerable and far-reaching. The extent of the catastrophe is shown by an examination of the monthly trade returns and in the diagram facing this page. The falling-off in value of our exports in 1914-15 was nearly as great as the entire exports of raw jute and raw cotton in 1913-14. Exports of merchandise in the eight months, August to March, fell off as compared with the corresponding months of the previous year as follows :from $¥ 1166$ crores ( $£ 110.6$ millions) in 1913-14 to pr95 crores ( $£ 63.3$ millions) in 1914-15, or by A71 crores ( $£ 47.3$ mlllions) or 43 per cent. Imports fell off in the same period from P 127 crores ( $£ 85$ millions) to P 83 crores ( $£ \overline{5} 5$ millions)

[^1]and Australia. As regards exports, India has suffered less than the Onited Kingdom, Egypt, France, and Russia.
summary.

The characteristics of the yoar 1914-15 may be summed up briefly as follows:-Trade in the first four months of the official year was not so prosperous as in the preceding year. There was a noticcable falling-off in imports of nearly 4 per cent in April, 5 per cent in May, and 3 per cent in July. The monsoon, however, was exceptionally favourable, and at the end of July a year of favourable trade was reasonably anticipated. With the outhreak of war in August trade received a severe shock, but not so severe a shock as was expected. Emergency measures of a financial and commercial nature were quickly enacted to meet the exceptional and unprecedented events. Exports fell off, as compared with the corresponding months of the previous year, 45 per cent in August, 61 per cent in September, 54 per cent in October, 17 per cent in November, and 32 per cent in December; while the percentage decrease in imports was in August 20, in September 56, in Octoher 25, in November 27, and in December 29. After September a new, although an unstable, equilibrium was reached. In the succeeding months of the year trade continued to adapt itself more and more to war conditions.

## Total Seaborne Trade.

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The offect of war oth the returns, 1014-15.

In order to gauge as far as possible the dislocation of trade owing to the war, it is convenient, as already noted, to divide the year under review and the preceding year into two periods (1) April to July and (2) August to March. The loss from August to Maroh, which may be assumed to

[^2]be largely, if not entirely, due to the war, was $\mathbb{f} 44$ crores or $£ 29$ millions in
 imports, F 701 crores or $\mathfrak{f 4 7}$ millions in exports, and R62 lakhs or $£ 100,000$ in re-exports. The total decrease in the war period as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year is R115 crores, or $£ 77$ millions. This is equivalent to a decrease of 39 per cent.
The fluctuations of the trade in staple articles of import and export during the pre-war and war periods of the year, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1913-14, are noted in the margin.

To sum up, it will be seen that in the pre-war period of four months, April to July, imports declined by R1 $\frac{1}{4}$ crores, while in the war period there was a decline of over $\mathrm{ft4}$ crores. Articles of food, drink, and tobacco increased by R 39 lakhs in'the pre-war period, but in the war period this class showed a heavy decline of $\mathbf{~} 5,47$ lakhs, of which sugar accounted for $\mathbf{~} 4,39$ lakhs. Imports of raw materials also alvanced by f 24 lakhs in the pre-war period, but decined by fil, 48 lakhs in the war period. Manufactured articles imported declined by f2 2 crores in the pre-war period, but during the war period this class declined by over f 36 crores. Textiles, mainly cotton goods, accounted for about a half of the whole decrease, metals over n 8 crores, and hardware f 2 crores. The total exporis showed an increase of about $\mathrm{f} 3 \frac{3}{4}$ crores in the first four months of the official year, due mainly to heavy shipments of cotton, raw, to some extent set off by restricted exports of grain, pulse, and flour. During the war period the exports declined by over A 70 crores, textiles (mainly cotton and jute, raw) accounting for half of the decrease, grain, pulse, and flour 78 crores, and seeds $\mathrm{Pl1}$ crores. Manufactured articles exported declined by fl 9 crores, of which jute gunny bags and cloth and other textiles accounted for $¥ 7 \frac{1}{2}$ crores.

## Imports of Mbrchandise.

The value of the import trade in each of the classes under which articles import are grouped in the accounts was as shown in the margin. It will be seen from the table that the total value of the imports de-

| 1. Food, Drink, and Tobacco | ${ }_{\text {per cent }}^{\text {P( }(\text { aktbe })}$ ) Per cent |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2am | 3,38 | ${ }^{14,}$ | ${ }_{\substack{\text { c, } \\ 1,2 \\ 1}}$ | ${ }_{117}^{20.6}$ |
|  | $\xrightarrow{1,00,67} 2$ | ${ }^{77} 17$ | 38,49 | 26.5 |
| Total | 1,37,93 | 100 | 45,32 |  | creased in all classes. The decreases were marked under class I with regard to sugar, $16 \mathrm{D} . \mathrm{S}$. and above, ( $\mathrm{P} 4,49$ lakhs), provisions (\#37 lakhs), and liquors (R33 lakhs), the ouly noticeable increases being under grain, pulse, and flour and molasses (R19 lakhs each), and tea (R4 lakhs). The decrease of $\mathrm{P} 4,49$ lakhs under sugar, 16 D . S. and above, is made up of $\mathrm{F} 6,62$ lakhs or 46.7 per cent representing a loss on account of smaller quantity, set off by an increase of R2,13 lakhs or 28 per cent on account of a rise in prices. The prices of molasses rose in sympathy with that of sugar. In class II important decreases were noticeable under precious stones and pearls, unset ( 187 lakhs), coal, coke,

(2) silver.
(3) Gold absorption

The imports of silver on privato account wore R11 crores, and on Government account $\mathrm{R} 3 \frac{3}{4}$ lakhs $\|$, against $\mathrm{fl} 8 \frac{2}{5}$ crores and nearly R 7 crores respectively in 1913-14; the exports on private account amounted to about a crore of rupees in 1914-15 against fl 2 crores in 1913-14, and on Government account $\not \mathrm{Pl}_{1} \frac{1}{3}$ crores in 1914-15 against R 3 lakhs in 1913-1.4. The net imports of silver were approximately R 9 crores, against $\mathrm{R13}$ crores in 1913-14. Silver, which is not mined in India, was imported to the extent of $\mathrm{Pl} 10 \frac{1}{4}$ crores in hullion, and $\mathrm{H} 78 \mathrm{~S}_{\frac{8}{3}}$ lakhs in coin. The imports on Government account were R1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs in bullion and Z 2 lakhs in coin, chiefly rupees. The exports were chiefly in the form of Government of India rupees for circulation in Coylon, Mauritius, East Africa, Arabia, Bahrein Islands, the Persian Gulf, and the Straits. There were no exports of British dollars to China during the year.
A table§ has been compiled to show the absorption of gold in India since the year 1873-74 and it illustrates the flow of gold into India. The net absorption during the year 1914-15 was Z 18 crores ( $£ 12$ millions) against R34 ${ }_{3}^{1}$ crores ( $£ 23$ millions) in 1913-14, and the net progressive absorption during the forty-two years ending 1914-15 amounted to R343 $\frac{1}{2}$ crores or $£ 229$ millions, a sum equivalent to about three times the total annual revenue of India.

## Calculated valubs.

Calculated values.
From a study of the trade returns, it is easily seen that the value of part of

|  | Valno recorded in 1914-15 \#7 (lakha) | Calcalated ralue of 1914-15 at prices of 1918-14 f(lakbs) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Value } \\ \text { recorded in } \\ 1913.14 \\ \mathbf{f ( l n k} \text { bu. }) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Importh- |  |  |  |
| Food, Drink, ani Tobacco | 19,58 | 17,38 | 24,86 |
| Ran materinls | 0,32 | 9,37 | 10.65 |
| Manufactured articlos | 108,67 | 107,89 | 145,16 |
| Total imports (including miscellaneous) | 137,93 | 137,23 | 183,25 |
| Exporta- |  |  |  |
| Frod, Drink, nud Tobacco . | 48,97 | 47,98 | $6.1,74$ |
| Raw innterin?s | 80,07 | 95,34 | 124.48 |
| Mnnafnetured articles | 46,58 | 49.83 | 54,6! |
| Total exporta (including miscellaneous) | 177,48 | 194,85 | 244.20 |
| Total importa and exports | 3,15,41 | 3,32,08 | 4,27,45 | the trade in the year under revien has been inflated by increased prices. In order to examine, therefore, recent with previous trade, it is necessary to eliminate the effect of the variation of prices by the method that is universally employed for this problem. It will be sufficient to show here how the 1914-15 figures appear, if calculated at the prices of 1913-14. The calculated values, in short, represent what the value of the trade would have been, had prices remained the same as in 1913-14. The difference, therelore, between these calculated values


| Inports- | Lakhs. |
| :---: | :---: |
| *Sugar |  |
| Cotton piecegoods - 14,06 |  |
| Iron slifets | -2,09 |
| Steel bars . . $-1,11$ |  |
| Copper, wrought | -1,22 |
| Woollen picecgoods $-1,37$ |  |
| Exporta - |  |
| $\dagger$ Rico |  |
| Whent . . -6,42 |  |
| Barley . . -1,32 |  |
| Hides, raw | 2,99 |
| Seeds . : -10,16 |  |
| Juto, raw . . -10,56 |  |
| Cotton yarn | -3,28 |
| $\ddagger$ Cotton raw |  |
| Jute . -7,35 |  |
| I uto manufactures -2,61 |  |
| Opiun | -1,35 | of the trade of 1914-15 and the values recorded in 1913-14 represents the change in the volume of trade in the year under review. The difference between the calculated values and the actual values recorded in 1914-15 shows the change in prices. Under imports the decline of $\mathrm{R} 45,32$ lakhs is made up of a decline of $\mathrm{R} 46,02$ lakhs* or 25 per cent due to a decrease in the volume of trade, set off by an increase of P 70 lakhs or 5 per cent, due to a rise in prices. Similarly in exports the fall of $\mathrm{R} 66,72$ lakhs is due to a decrease of R49,35 lakhs $\dagger$ or 20 per cent in the volume of trade and of 217,37 lakhs $\ddagger$ or 9 per cent in prices. The important items are noted in the margin. Taking the imports and exports together the total recorded decrease is $\mathrm{R} 1,12,(44$ lakhs, of which $\mathrm{R} 95,37$ lakhs or 22 per cent was due to the smaller volume of trade and R16,67 lakhs or 5 per cent to lower prices. In short prices were 5 per cent lower than those of 1913-14, and the volume of imports and exports fell by 22 per cent.

## Balance of Trade.

Balance of Trade.
The excess of exports over imports, of merchandise and treasure, in 1914-15 was R20,72 lakhs (£13.8 millions) including Government transactions, and $\mathrm{R} 25,20$ lakhs ( $£ 16^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$ millions) excluding Government transactions.
$\| \operatorname{In} 1914-15$ no silver wis imported for coinge purposes,
gide table No. 37, page 120.

The average for the past three years is $\not \mathrm{f23,48}$ lakhs ( $£ 156$ millions) and fi34, 07 lakhs ( $£ 22.7$ millions), respectively. It was explained in the last year's trade review that there were many factors to be taken into consideration in determining the balance of trade of a country. The payments due to India are the value of the exports, the import of capital into India, and remittances from abroad to persons residing in India, including tourists, while the payments due by India are, besides the value of the imports, the Secretary of State's drawings, interest on capitalinvested in India through private channels, investments outside India of the earnings of merchants, law yers, etc., residing in India, earnings of the Stcamer Companies employed in the coasting and foreign trade of India, remittances to Indians residing in foreign countries, preniiums and policies issued by the Insurance Companies outside India, etc. In table No. 38, page 120, the statistics rcgarding the balance of trade as far as available are given. The following tables show the net figures of merchandise and treasure, excluding Government transactions, for the years 1910-11 to 1914-15, and also monthly totals for the past two ycars:-


The figures of the fronticr trade are not included as they are of comparatively suall importance. Frontier trade shows a net import, and not a net export as in the case of the seaborne trade. The imports and exports of enfaced rupee paper form only a small part of the transfer of securities, but are the only figures arailable, that is, which pass through the Public Debt Office. Shares and securities of jute or cotton mills and other industries cannot be estimated with accuracy, and are, therefore, neglected. The shipping bills for export exclude freight, but the bills of entry for imports include shipping charges and freight. In the case of India no adjustment seems to be necessary on account of freight, except for the coasting trade. Exact information on the value of oonsting trade freights is not available. It should be noted that a small percentage of under or over declaration in the value of exports and imports may make a considerable difference in the total figures. An overvaluation of one per cent for exports, and an undervaluation to the same extent for imports, would result in an error for 1914-15 of more than fis crores. For

|  | 1913-14 <br> Iz (lakhs) | $\begin{gathered} 1014-15 \\ 12 \text { (lalhs) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Imports of merchandiso | 1,83,25 | 1,37,93 |
| Not lupurts of gold | 23,32 | 8,45 |
| " silvor | 6,2. | 10,01 |
| \% onfaced rupee paper | 1,12 | 35 |
| Intercst | 36 | 34 |
| Total inporis | 2,14,29 | 1.57,08 |
| Exports | 2,48,88 | 1,81,60 |
| Net exports | 34,59 | 24,52 |
| Council bills paid in Judis <br> Reverse bills paid in | 46,60 | 10,79 |
| London | - | 13,06 |
| Net | 46,60 | -2,27 |
| Balnice of trade in favour of India |  | 26,79 |
| Ditto against Iudia | 12,01 | - |

the purposes of the balance of trade Council bills and Telegraphic transfers sold in London are treated as imports, and Reverse bills and Telegraphic transfers sold in India as exports. Deducting these amounts from the net export of merchandise and treasure and enfaced rupee paper, the balance in favour of, or against, India is shown in table No. 38 on page 120. It may be noted that the balance of trade may not be settled within any precise twelve months. According to the figures in the table above referred to and in the narginal table, the balance was in favour of India to the
extent of nearly R 27 crores for the year under review, whereas in the previons year it was R12 crores against India." So large a difference is guite at novel feature in the history of India's financial relations with the United Kinglom, at any rate during the last hall a century. This net remittance from London to India is relerred to in Chapter V, under Council bills.

## Indian Prices.

Indinn prices 1414-15.

Earnings of Lnjour.

Prices in 1914-15 were of considcralle importance and interest. Before the outbreak of war the prices of cercals, pulses, and oilseeds except linseed, were on the whole above the lovel of the previous year, while raw cotton and raw jute were below that level. After the outbreak of war the prices of country produce were unfortunately subject to great changes. The curtailment, and in some cases the complete stoppage of demand in European markets, led to a fall in Indian staples, such as rice, oilsceds, raw jute, and raw cotton. The average price of rice at the end of March 1915 was 12 per cent lower than in the period just previous to the outbreak of wart. Jawar, bajra, and maize were also cheaper on account of excellent harvests. Raw jute had fallen from the high level of the previous year to a price 33 per cent below the level at the outbreak of war. In the same period raw cotton fell 32 per cent, sesamum 2 . per cent, and linseed 13 per cent. With wheat, gram, barley, and arhar dal it was otherwise. Wheat rose in February (owing to the rise in world markets and in spite of bumper harvests) to its maximum of 45 per cent above the level

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Doclared unit valucs } \\ \text { in 1914-15 } \\ \text { (Prices in 1013-14 }=100 \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Importa | Lxprorts |
| Food grains- |  |  |
| Cereals | ... | 106 |
| Pulses |  | 124 |
| Sugar | 119 |  |
| Tea and coffee§ | .. | 08 |
| Other articles of food and drink. | d 100 | 105 |
| Oilseeds, oils, and oil-cakes | 116 | $00^{\circ}$ |
| Toxtiles- |  |  |
| Jute, raw . | - ... . | 64. |
| *) manufactures | - ... | 90 |
| Cotton, raw |  | 8. |
| " manufactures | 100 | 97 |
| Wool, raw . |  | 104 |
| , manufactures | 110 | ... |
| Silk, Jaw - | 100 | ... |
| , mannfacturos | 102 |  |
| Hilics anul skius . - | 107 | 102 |
| Mictals and manufactures . | . 98 | 101 |
| Animals and other raw and manufactured ar- |  |  |
| tieles. | 00 | 108 |
| Building materinas . | 05 | 122 | prevailing in the last fortnight of July 1914. Imported sugar and imported salt rose more than other articles of import. On 31st March 1915 Java sugart was selling in Calcutia at fll-12 annas per maund, or 74 per cent alone the level of July 1914. The rise in imported sugar was due to the diversion of Java and Mauritius sugar to the United Kingdom. Liverpool salt (ex golah) in the last week of March 1915 was selling in Calcutta at R105 per 100 maunds, or 106 per cent above the level of the outbreak of war. The declared unit values (which are wholesale market prices) of selected imports and exports are given in tables Nos. 49-43 on page 124 in part(i) of this Report. The marginal table summarises the results for the year under review so far as 61 articles of the import trade and 50 articles of the export trade are concerned.

## Earnings of Labour.

From an examination of the returns of wages in selected iudustries, it appears that in. 1915 there was an increase of two per cent, as compared with the corresponding period of 1914.| The selected industries were the cottion industry of Bombay, the woollen industry of Cawnpore, the jute, paper, and mining (coal) industries of Bengal, the tea industry of Assam, the rice industry of Rangoon, and the brewing industry of the Punjab. It is true that on the outbreak of war there was for a time considerable unemployment in the cotton and in a less degree in the jute trades. As is well known, however, the worker in an Indian factory is usually, if not always, bound to the soil by ties of affection, and returns to his home, when necessary, especially before the arrival of the monsoon to prepare the soil. The effects of unemployment are, therefore, less severe, than in western countries. After the first shock of war in August and September

[^3]there was considerable activity in the jute industry, owing to the demand for bags and other jute manufactures for commercial and military purposes. Employ-

$\left.\begin{array}{llll} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Rate for } 1915 \\ \text { expressed in }\end{array} \\ \text { Inder Nambers } \\ \text { (rate for }\end{array}\right)$ ment was good, and wages were on a high level in the woollen industry, which had large war contracts on hand. As will be seen in the marginal table, the rise in the Bombay cotton industry was 3 per cent; in the jute industry one per cent; and in the woollen industry 12 per cent. No rise occurred in the paper, rice, or coal industries in the year under review. In the tea industry there was an increase of one per cent. Table No. 50 on page 125 gives the rates for the last three years for the different classes of wage earners in the selected industries.

## CHAPTER II.

## Trade with Special Countries.

## The Direction of Indian trade.

In ordinary years considerably more than half the total foreign trade is with The direction of Europe, and about a quarter with Asia. In 1913-14, the year jefore the outbreaks (1) Dinted Kinglom. of war, 67 per cent was with Burope; 21 per cent with Asia; 8 per cent with (2) nritish posses. America; 3 per cent with Africa; and 1 per cent with Australia and New ${ }_{(3)}^{\text {slons. }}$ Forelgn counZealand. Of the import trade in that year over 80 per cent was carried on with tries. European countries. The export trade, however, was far more widely distributed. 57 per cent was with Europe, 26 per cent with Asia, 12 per cent with America, chiefly the United States, 3 per cent with Africa, and 2 per cent with Australia and New Zealand. In the year under review, 1914-15, of the total trade 64 per cent was with Europe, 22 per cent with Asia, 9 per cent with America, 3 per cent with Africa, and 2 per cent with Australasia. Of the import trade 77 per cent was with the European countries, over 67 per cent being with the United Kingdom. Of the export trade 55 per cent was with the European countrics, and 26 per cent with Asia. These percentages show only slight variations as compared with 1913-14. It will be seen from the coloured chart No. 5 on page 93 and from table No. 11 on page 109 in part (ii) of this Report that imports come chiefly from the United Kingdom, and exports go chiefly to countries outside the British Empire. Roughly speaking, 40 per cent of the total trade is with the United Kingdom, 10 per cent with other parts of the Empire, and the remainder with countries outside the Empire.

Before the outbreak of war the six chief countries from which India drew Trale on the onther imports were the United Kingdom, Germany, Java, Japan, the United break of war. States, and Austria-Hungary. In 1913-14 the United Kingdom supplied 64 por cent of the total imports, Germany 7 per cent, Java 6 per cent, Japan and the United States of America nearly 3 per cent each, and Austria-Hungary 2 por cent. The six chief destinations of India's exports in the same year were the United Kingdom ( 24 per cent), Germany ( 10 per cent), Japan and the United States of America ( 9 per cent each), France ( 7 per cent), and Belgium ( 5 per cent). It will be seen that Germany, next to the United Kingdom, was Iudia's best customer. Of India's import trade in the year before the war ( $1913-14$ ), which was valued at $£ 122$ millions, Germany supplied goods to the value of nearly $£ 8 \frac{1}{2}$ millions, and took exports to the value of over $£ 17 \frac{1}{2}$ millions out of a total export, valued at $£ 166$ millions. In that year the imports from Austria-Hungary amounted to $£ 2 \cdot 9$ millions, and exports to $£ 6 \cdot 7$ millions.* Belgium also supplied goods to the value of $£ 2.8$ millions, and received exports valued at $£ 8$ millions. The total trade of India with these three countries had a value of over £ 46 millions or 16 per cent. Trade with France was valued at $£ 13.6$ millions. The trade with these countries during $1914-15$ was consi-

[^4]derably curtailed, to the cxtent of $\mathbf{E 3 4 . 6}$ millions or 58 per cent. The most remarkalle fact, however, looking back ovor the trade statistics of the last decade, is the rapid progress made by the three countries-JJapan, Java, and

allies and neutrals. The total trade is given in the marginal talle. The trade, it will be soen, with the Unitod Kingdom declined ly 21 por cent inimports and by 1 per cent in exports; with Japan by 7 per cent in imports and by 31 per cent in exports ; and with the United States of America by 2 per cent in imports and by 20 per cent in exports.

## Shares of Provinoes and Ports in total trade.

Shares of Provaces.

The share of eack maritime province in this trade in 1914-15 is not without Import Exprrt Total Sharo interest. From the table in the margin

|  | Import Expar |  | Total | Sbaroper cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\boldsymbol{R}$ (lakha) | R(1akl |  |  |
| Bengal | 67,17 | 74,47 | 1,31,64 |  |
| Bihar and Orissa |  |  |  |  |
| Bombay . | 4¢,10 | 49,12 | 95,22 | ${ }^{29 \cdot 8}$ |
| Sind | 11,59 | 20,03 | 31,67 | 9.9 |
| Madras | 12,52 | 21,61 | 34,13 | 10.7 |
| Burma | 10,55 | 16,26 | 26,81 | 8.4 |
| Total | 1,37,93 | 1,5 | 19,5 | 100 | it will be seen that Bengal has a muoh larger export and import business than Bombay, the trade of Bombay and Siud being almost equal to that of Bengal as regards imports but less as regards exports. Bengal does most of the trade with Europe, America, and Australia, while Bombay does the greater part of the trade with Asiatic ports and Africa. Since the outbreak of war Bengal has done about half the export trade, the shares of the other provinces being as follows :-Bombay 19 per cent, Madras 12 per cent, Burma 10 per cent, and 1918.14 1914.15 Sind 9 per cent. The trade of the chief

fl(lahhs) per cent. R (lakhs) por cent.

|  | f(lahts) |  | R(lakhi | cont |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calcutta | 1,68,59 | 39 | 1,27,34 | 40 |
| Bombay | 1,31,99 | 31 | 95,19 | 30 |
| Karachi | 42,82 | 10 | 31,67 | 10 |
| Rangoon | 33,02 | 8 | 23,27 | 7 |
| Madras | 20,89 | 5 | 16,34 | 6 |
| Tuticorin | 6,97 | 1 | 5,51 | 2 |
| Chittagong | 6,24 | 1 | 4,29 | 1 |
| Total | 4,10,52 | 95 | 3,03,61 | 95 | ports and important subordinate ports is given in the marginal table. It should be remembered that India possesses a very long seaboard, but very few harbours, and hence about 92 per cent of the foreign trade passes through the five chief ports, two of which are situated at a considerable distance from the sea. The volume of the total trade in private merchandise passing through them in 1914-15 declined by" 26 per cent.

## Trade with tie British Empire.

Trade with the It is unnecessary to recapitulate the exports to, and the imports from, each British Emplre. of the countries shown in table No. 12 on pages $110-115$. The imports from
the United Kingdom are of an extremely varied nature. Over 80 per cent of
Harlware.
Iachinery and mill work
Metals.
Provinions
Catton plannfacturea
Cotton mannfacturea the total value is taken up by a very small number of articles, noted in the margin. In these seven categories the position of the United Kingdom is unrivalled, except in the matter of metals, a demand for cheap and inferior iron and steel, and certain plant for light railways, until the outbreak of war, being met by Germany, and to some extent by Belgium. Certain other articles have to compete with the imports of German, Austrian, and Japanese manufacture. From the Empire outside the United Kingdom India imports little. Articles which Australia could send are unable to hold thoir own with Continental goods, which satisfy two important requisites of the Indian market-cheapness and gaudiness. Whether the goods are durable or not is of comparatively little importance in the Indian bazar. It is cheapness that counts. Of imports from Australia, it may be noted, horses to the value of R41 lakhs were imported as against $\mathbb{R 2 4}$ lakhs in the previous year. The increase was due to the demand for horses for military purposes, consequent on the outbreak of war. Gunny bags are sent in return to be usod for the transport of Australian produce. The Australian wheat crop, cte., was exceptionally bad in the year under review- 15 per cent below that of the previous year, so that the demand for bags slackened in consequenco. The exports to Ceylon, which consist chiefly of rice and coal, declined by It per cent, while the exports to Cape Colony, Natal, Mauritius, and New Zealand increased. Imports from Mauritius declined by 31 per cent, owing to the large purchases of sugar by the British Government. The import trade with other parts of the Empire-with Hongkong (R95 lakhs), the Straits (R3,38 lakhs), Natal (R6 lakhs)-declined, while Canada ( F 5 lakhs) and Aden ( n 78 lakhs) showed an improvement. The increase in the case of the latter is due to larger shipments of salt and raw cotton.

## Trade witi Foreign Countries.

Next with regard to the trade with foreign countries. The chicf compe- Trade wtth Forelgn titor in the import trade was undoubtedly Germany, which for years has made contries. a bold bid for the Indian market. Her exports, such as cotton manufactures, iron and steel, hardware, etc., have been serious competitors with British goods of a similar kind, while her imports from India, such as raw jute and cotton, seeds, hides, and rice, have been taken in large quantities as the raw matorial for German industries. Austria-Hungary sent sugar and glassware, and took in return raw jute, cotton, hides, and skins. The United States and Japan, especially the latter, are seizing the opportunities for developing their trade, brought about by the curtailment of trade on the part of the belligerents.

Japan's trade with India in 1914-15 was valued at $\mathrm{f} 20,10$ lakhs Japan. ( $£ 13 \cdot 4$ millions). Imports from Japan amounted to $\mathrm{Rt} 4,44$ lakhs ( $£ 3$ millions), while the exports to that country were R15,66 lakhs ( $£ 10.4$ millions).* Twenty years ago the total trade was R1,97 lakhs, ten years ago $\mathrm{fl} 10,92$ lakhs, and last year (the year before the outbreak of the war) \#27,47 lakhs or $£ 18$ millions. Japan occupies the predominant position in India's trade with foreign countries in Asia. Her share amounts to 3 per cent of the total import trade, and 9 per cent of the total export trade of India. The clief exports and imports are given in table No. 12 on page 114 in part (ii) of this Report. Of the exports nearly 92 per cent in 1914-15 was raw cotton, Japan
 noted that in certain lines of the Indian import trade, such as cotton Eiosiery and pieccgoods, silks, glass and glassware, copper, matches, umbrella fittings, toys, etc., Japan's position is yearly growing in importance. Japan has studied the Indian market more carefully than the majority of the importing countries, especially in regard to cheap and showy articlos for which there is a large demand. The goods are placed on the Indian market in a way in which they are required, and although frequently of very inferior quality, are extremely cheap. Japan has established commercial agencies, and possesses the great advantages of a direct line of subsidised steamers and low freights to India.

[^5]Shortly after the outbreak of war, it may also be notel, Tapan set about increasing several of her exports to India. With the stoppage of imports of matehess
from Austria-Hungary and the curtailment of these imports from Scandinavia, the imports from Japan increased. The imports from August 1914 to March 1915 (i.e., from the outbreak of war) were $7,165,000$ gross as compared with $4,634,000$ gross during the corresponding period of the previous year. ${ }^{\text {. }}$ Another example of the rapidity with which Japan saw a potential market on the outbreak of war was in regard to Pilsener beer. She had studied the market for light table beers and knew how to advertise and to market directly and cheaply the article. The imports, accordingly, rose from 5,334 gallons to 64,024 gallons. Instances could be multiplied. Notwithstanding the war there were noticeable increases in the year under review in matches, cotton grey piecegoods, raw silk, copper wrought (brazier and sheets), camphor, glass bangles, bottles, funnels, a ad globes, tea chests, wheat flour, sugar 16 D. S. and above, cement, liquors, paper and pasteboard, and chemicals.

Java, so favoured as regards labour, has succeeiled in capturing the sugar import market, and like Japan is increasing her share of India's import trade. The year before the war (1913-14) Java's total trade was R12,69 lakhs or $£ 8.5$ millions. Ten years ago the trade was only $\mathrm{A2,47}$ lakhs or $£ 1.6$ millions and twenty years ago only $\not \mathrm{P} 33$ lakhs or $£ 222,300$. The growth in Java trade has been almost entirely in her exports of sugar, and in her imports of Indian jute goods, opium, and rice.

## The Encotragement of Indian and British Trade.

The war brought into prominence the facts noted above, and a campaign was undertaken to emphasise and, if possible, to remedy the existing state of affairs. In the early weeks of the war a Memorandum with statistical tables relating to the trade with Germany and Austria-Hungary was published in order to show every conceivable article of value imported into or exported from India. This was followed up by the publication of pamphlets containing details regarding the imports of articles, $\dagger$ which compete seriously with articles of Indian or British manufacture. For the benefit of the British exporter, as well as the Indian manufacturer, a catalogue of German, Austrian, and other foreign goods is given on pages $136-139$. The catalogue contains a description of the articles, the country of manufacture, and manufacturers' approximate prices $\ddagger$. Among the instances where the British exporter may increase his trade and cut into the trade of enemy countries are the following:-

Brushes, combs, earthenware, hardware (especially padlocks, tin boxes, aluminium ware, iron safes), cutlery, enamelled ware (especially rice dishes and tumblers), metal lamps, leather purses, metals (especially brass, copper and iron ware), mouldings, paper (especially printing and tissue paper), penholders and pencils, soap, cotton piecegoods, cotton shawls, cotton blankets, cotton hosiery, woollen yarn and knitting wool, woollen piecegoods, woollen shawls, silk and cotton mixed piecegoods, fancy coloured apparel, haberdashery and millinery, braids and sewing threads; toys, and umbrella fittings, and perliaps also matches, glassware, glass bangles and beads.
The supply of certain articles of import, such as glass and glassware, matches, choap cotton hosiery, etc., were affected by the outbreak of war, and as these articles were also made in India, steps were taken in some provinces to investigate the possibilities of developing these local industries, or of opening new industries. Among the industrics so investigated were those relating to glass, hosiery, wool, brass and copper, pencils, soaps, matches, chemicals, papermaking, leather, dyeing and calicoprinting, and oilseeds.

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## CHAPTER III.

## Chief Imports in 1914-15.

In this chapter attempts have been made to analyse in alplabetical order the chief inports of the year under review, with special refcrence, in the case of 'competitive trade,' to the articles imported from Germany and Austria-Hungary. It will be seen from the descriptions below of German and Austrian goods how cheapness, especially in the case of German goods, is the most important factor. The taste of the actual consumers, for example, in regard to cheap, bright coloured piccegoods, and the convenience of the importer in regard to credit, the method of quoting prices, and discounts are never lost sight of.* Detailed statistics of the quantity and value of the imports will be found in table No. 7, on pages 102-106 in Part II of the Report.

The trade in apparel (excluding hosicry $\dagger$ and boots and shoes) fell in value sparel. fron R1,71 lakhs to R1,07 lakhs, owing to smaller supplies from the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Austria-Hungary. The imports from Japan were valued at R6 lakhs again.t $\neq 10$ lakhs in 1913-14. The two principal subheads are (1) apparel, including drapery, uniforms, accoutrements, and (2) gold and silver thread. Owing to the war there was a shrinkage of R12 lakhs in the imports of the latter from France. Gold and silver thread is used as embroidery for shoes, as trimming for apparel, and for the edging of lametta laces. The quality principally supplied by Germany was the ' Madonna Brand' imitation gold thread at 2s. 2d. per lb. and imitation silver thread at $28.4 d$. per 1 lb .

Imports of apparel from Germany consist principally of the following descriptions with the prices noted against each. (1) Woollen comforters, made chiefly of Berlin wool and known as "Rajah comforters," are imported in sizes $70 / 80^{\prime \prime} \times 7 / 71_{3}^{\prime \prime}$ at $8 s$. to $10 s$. and $50 / 60^{\prime \prime} \times 6 / 61_{9}^{\prime \prime}$ at $6 s$. to $9 s$. per dozen. (2) Cotton raised malida comforters with wool fringes at 10 s . to 128 . per dozen for sizes varying from $70,80^{\circ} \times 7 / 8^{\prime \prime}$. Similar comforters are now imported from Japan of inferior quality at half the German prices. (3) Cotton and woollen mixed comforters are Jargely supplied by Austria in plain or fancy colours and designs and in various sizes ranging from $40 / 100^{\circ} \times 3 \frac{1}{2} / 7^{\prime \prime}$. Prices vary from 2s. 4d. to $5 s .9 d$. per dozen according to sizes and qualities. (4) Woollen sweaters, size No. 2, 258 . per dozen. (5) Heavy cotton sweaters, $30^{\prime \prime}$ size, 138 . 1 d . per cozen. (6) Children's woollen frocks, size No. 1 at $16 s$., No. 2 at 15s. $6 d$. ., and No. 3 at 21s. per dozen. (7) Children's woollen jackets, sizes 1 and 2 , at $6 s$. $6 d$. per dozen. (8) Ladies' woolien ribbed vests $23^{\prime \prime}$ and $25^{\prime \prime}$ size at $6 s$., and cotton striped vests with silk front and neck band $24^{\prime \prime}, 26^{\prime \prime}, 28^{\prime \prime}$ and $30^{\prime \prime}$ at 188 . per dozen. (9) Children's woollen caps are obtained from Germany in various sizes No. 1 at $58.4 d$. . No. 2 at 5 . $11 d$. , and sizes Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (assorted) ai $6 s .6 d$. per dozen. Similar woollen caps, but of inferior quality, are now supplied by Japan. Woollen Fez caps are made in India, but they are also imported from Austria at prices from $2 s .6 d$. (inferior quality) and from $6 s .6 d$. (superior quality) per dozen.

Imitation gold and silver lametta is imported from Germany in qualities ranging from Nos. 0 to 10 and in different weights per corge of 20 reels. Gold lametta costs $3 d$. per corge less than silver. Laces are made of lametta for embroidery and trimming saris, shawls, and other apparel. Silver lametta is imported largely from France, No. 10 quality at 19 oz. being chiefly imported at $2 s .9 d$. per corge. The qualities chielly obtained from Germany are Nos. 6 and 7 of the ‘Tulip Brand' at $2 s .9 d$. (No. $6-19 \mathrm{oz}$.) and at $28.3 \frac{1}{2} d$. (No. 7-17 oz.) per corge.

[^7]Carrlages and enths, Including motor cars and cyele.

The value of carriages and carts, including eycles and motor cars, imported during 1914-15 decreased by H75 laklis to $\mathrm{H} 1,38$ lakbs. To the decroase of fi7\% lakhs, carriages and carts and cyclos contributed R1.2 lakhs each, and motor cars and motor cycles fisl lakhs. The imports in the pre-war poriod of four months were valued at Risy lakhs, of which motor ears accounted for $\$ 26$ laklis and cycless for R10 lakhs. Tho motor industry las been active owing

|  | H(1skhs) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Carringes anll carts | 14 |
| Cycles | 28 |
| Motor cars | 76 |
| cyclers | 9 3 |
| , wagows. | ${ }^{3}$ |
| Parts nud acecsorics | 1.4 |
| Total |  | to the war, as the demand for velicles for military purposes was consider able. The number of motor cars and motor cycles importel, nevertheless, decroased ly 875 and 159 with a reduced value of about R38 lakhs and over R13 lakhs, respectively. The United

## $\begin{array}{ll}1013.14 & 1914-15, \\ 3(\text { lnkins }) & 11(\operatorname{lnk} l \mathrm{lis})\end{array}$

|  |  | 11(laklis) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Motur cars | 113 | 711 |
| " cycles | 11 | 0 |
| ," wagolta | 6 | 3 |
| loris nad utces. sories | 23 | 14 |
| Share of United |  |  |
| Kingdom per | cnt 71 | 79 | Kingdom supphied 67 per cent of the number of motor cars, the United States 25 per cent, France 3 per cent, and Belgium, Germany, and Italy 1 per cent each. The number of motor cars lieensed in 1915 in the chief ports was: Calculta 3,184, Bombay 1,946, Madras 1, 150 , Rangoon 731, and Karachi 137. Motor wagons accounted for a loss of over R2 lakhs in value and 29 in number. They are chicfly imported from the United Kingdom ( 79 per cent) and the Uuited States ( 13 per cent). Ruiber tyres* for motor cars and motor cyeles, and rubber tules for motor tyres have been separately recorded from "parts and accessories" since October 1913, and the imports of tyres in the last six months of 1913-14 were valued at R17 lakhs and in tho twelve months ended the 31st March 1915 at R18 lakhs. Tuhes to the value of d 3 lakhs were imported in the last six montlis of 1913-14. The value of the tubes imported during the year 1.914-15 was Ro lakhs. Tyres were imported chiefly from the United Kinglom (59 per cent), Germany ( 25 per cent), lrance ( 13 per cent), while tubes chicfly from the United Kinglom ( 58 per cent) and France ( 22 per cent). Of the imports of tyres and tubes in the four months, June to September, 1915, 3.t per cent came from Italy, 21 per cent from Japan and the United Kingdom each, 20 per cent from France, and aloout 3 per cent from the United States of America.

The total value of chemicais imported during 1914-15 was R1,021 lakhs as against $\mathrm{fl1}, 01 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs last year, and drugs and medicines fell to $\mathrm{fl} 1,03$ lakhs from Ri, 17 lakhs. On the outbreak of war there were marked advances in prices. This tendency was checked by the action of the British Drug Supply Advisory Committec. The prohibition of export prevented the depletion of existing stocks. Prices were affected by an increased demand and the difficulty of obtaining supplies from the Continent, principally from Germany, as well as by freight and insurance difficulties. Among the articles immediately alfected were saltpetre, sulphur, nitric and sulphuric acids. Cocaiue, ipecacuanha, opium, and belladonna also advanced considerably in price. The price of sulphuric acid rose in viow of the increased demand for the manufacture of explosives, and in view of the supply to the United Kingdom from Gcrmany and Norway being stopped. One of the greatest ceonomies in the carbonate of soda industry was effected by the manufacture of sulphuric acid from pyrites in place of sulphur. There are some known deposits of pyrites and complex sulphide ores in India and Burma, which will probably be worked on a large scale in a few years' time, and if these ores were utilised for the manufacture of sulphuric acid, its local price might be greatly reduced $\ddagger$. Sulphuric acid is the key to most chemical and metallurgical industries, dye works, the manufacture of superphosphates, nitric and hydrochloric acids, sulphate of ammonia, and the refining of petroleum products. It is at present manufactured in or about Calcutta and Bombay. Sulphate of ammonia is extensively used in the tea gardens as a species of artificial manure. The

[^8]chief use of camphor is in the manufacture of celluloid, and it is also employed in the production of explosives and artificial leather. By reason of the introduction of celluloid manufacturing on a large scale in Japan, the threatened exhaustion in two or three decades of the camphor forests of Formosa, and by the inability to secure the synthetic product in sufficient quantities from Germany, the supply of camphor is uncertain. The imports into India during the year, however, rose by fu lakhs to R184 lakhs. Those of quinine fell by nearly R3 lakhs to R123 lakhs. The statistical head 'Quinine and alkaloids thereof, including cinchona and Peruvian bark' was defective, and this has been revised from the 1st April 1915 so as to show quinine salts and cinchona bark, the manufactured article and the raw material, separately. Imports in the pre-war period of four months amounted to 39,000 lbs, and in the war period of eight months to $50,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. The quinine market followed a normal course until the outbreak of war in August, when the export of bark and quinine from the United Kingdom was prohibited, and the same step was taken in Holland, which, however, removed the embargo in September. The United Kingdom followed the Dutch example in November, and exports have since been on a fairly large scale. The London stock has experienced a reduction of $706,000 \mathrm{oz}$. to $2,702,363 \mathrm{oz}$., being the lowest for at least the past thirteen years. The price ranged from $1 s$. to $1 s .0 \frac{3}{4} d$. per 1 lb from January to July, advanced to $1_{8}$. $2 \frac{1}{2} d$. in August, but receded to $18.1 d$. after the removal of the embargo, and closed at 18 . 0 z d. in March 1915.

As regards the world's coal trade, the year 1914 was not so favourable as its coal. predecessor. A noticeable decline in activity was in progress until the outbreak of war, which threw the industry temporarily into confusion. The outstanding foaturos were the dangers of navigation, the phenomenal rise in ocean froights, and the serious congestion at ports and on railways. The direct loss of business with onemy countries seriously affected the export trade of the United Kingdom and at one time threatened a slump, but the restriction of output saved the situation to a great extent. The actual export of coal, including coke and manufactured fuel, in 1914 from the Tnited Kingdom was reduced to 62 million tons, compared with over $76 \frac{1}{2}$ million tons in 1913. As a result of these adverse influences, the importation of coal, coke, and patent fuol into British India during the year fell to 392,238 tons from 559,190 tons in the previous year and from 653,694 tons in $1912-13$. This is exclusive of imports on Government account, which amounted to 28,652 tons, as against 204,868 tons in 1913-14 and 79,936 tons in 1912-13. Thus the total imports fell by 343,168 tons, or 45 per cent, to 420,890 tons. The decrease of 106,952 tons in imports on private account is mostly contributed by the following countries:-Natal (-86,365 tons), Japan ( $-29,924$ tons), Australia ( $-14,896$ tons), the United Kingdom ( $-13,045$ tons), and Portuguese East Africa ( $-11,583$ tons), set off by an increase of 35,311 tons from the Transvaal. About 56 per cent of this trade was done during the pre-war period of four months. Imported coal is chiefly used in Bombay, and the depression of the cotton manufacturing industry may partly account for the diminished demand, especially during the high prices which prevailed for English coal. The prices in London for Best House, Forest of Dean, opened at 17s. 6d. per ton in January

|  | Importa |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1000_{\mathrm{P} \text { (lakhs) }}^{1913-14}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1914-15 } \\ 1000 \mathrm{R}(\text { lakhs }) \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Tons |  | Tons |  |
| Cosl . | . 532 | 98 | 379 | 74 |
| Coko . | 17 | 6 | 13 | 4 |
| Pateut fuel | 10 | 8 |  | ... |
| Tutal | 559 | 1,06 | 392 | 78 | 1914, fell to $16 s .6 d$. in June, but rose to $17 s$. 6d. in December, to 19s. 6d. in February, and closed at 218. 6d. in March 1915.. The declared value per ton of coal imported in 1914-15 was fl19-8 against R18-8 in 1913-14, as compared with $\mathrm{R8}$-14 and $\mathrm{R9}-9$ respectively per ton of coal exported. The range of high prices for English coal should tave greatly stimulated the consumption of Tndian coal, especially in Western India, as will be seen in the section of this report where the export of coal is discussed.

## Raw cotton and cotton handeactures.

The imports of raw cotton $\dagger$ amounted to 4,300 tons (valued at $\not 229$ cotton, raw. lakhs) as against an export of $51 \mathrm{~S}, 300$ tons (valued at R33,54 lakhs). The
imports wore only one-half per cent of the total estimated Indian production. The quantity imported rose by 1,500 tons or 53 per cent, and the value Iuports of raw onton. by nearly $\mathcal{A} 2$ lakhs or 7 per cent as will be sced in the rous. $\boldsymbol{n}$ (luklie). marginal table. The increase was nominal as it was due

| 1901.11 | - 2,260 | 10 | to re-imports of 3,600 tons into Bombay of Indian cotton |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{191121.12}$ | : $24,1,400$ | ${ }_{2}^{2,00} 2$ | from Aden, originally shipped to European ports in |
| 1013.14 | : 2,800 |  | enemy vessels which were captured as prize vessels. |
| 1914-15 | 4,300 | ${ }^{20}$ | The fall in the declarod import price was from | R48-10 to $\mathrm{A} 33-15$ per cwt , or 30 per cent. The share of Asiatic cotton was 3,900 tons or about 91 per cent. 206 tons, valued at ft $2 \frac{2}{2}$ laklis, were imported from Egypt, and 111 tons, valued at a lakh of rupees, from the United Kingdom. There is a tendency to increase the use of long stapled cotton of Egypt and America for the production of yarn of higher counts than $25 s$ in Indian mills. The production of these higher counts in Indian mills is now 9.3 per cent of the total production of 1914-15, as compared with 6.9 per cent ten years ago, and 44 per cent twenty years ago.

Coton manufac. The value of the imports of cotton manufactures, including twist and yarn, during 1914-15 amounted to Z 49 crores or $£ 33$ millions, as against f 66 crores or $£ 44$ millions in 1913-14. This is a decrease of $\nexists 17$ crores or $£ 11$ millions ( 26 per cent). Cotton manufactures represent 46 per cent of the trade in the class "Articles wholly or mainly manufactured ", and 35 per cent of the total import trade. The share of the United Kingdom in this trade is over 91 per cent.

This large import trade in cotton manufactures is affected by conditions in Lancashire, as well as by those prevailing in India. The English cotton trade passed through a more severe crisis than at any time since the cotton famine of 1862 and the following years. The history of the trade in the year under review divides itself naturally into two unequal parts, the second of which begins with the closing of the cotton markets on the eve of the war. Tlowards the end of 1913 (1913 being a year of record shipments from the United Kingdom of piccegoods) spinning and weaving in Lancashire, it will be remembered, began to lose ground, and the situation became gradually worse until the outbreak of war. It is true that there was some improvement in April, but wheu the International Federation met at Paris in June a very gloomy account of the world's industry was recorded. An attempt to initiate short time failed. In July the Lancashire Federation agreed to take a ballot of its members spinning American cotton, which gave a majority in favour of organising short time in the American section. The last day of July saw an 8 per cent Bank rate, and cotton prices fell in so alarming a manuer that Liverpool markets $\dagger$, like those of New York and New Orleans, were closed. In September after the recovery of the first shock the situation seemed to get worse, but demand began to show itself in October, and has since continued.

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During the year 1914, shipments of yarn and cloth from the United Kingdom showed a distinct falling off: $178 \frac{1}{2}$ million libs against 210 millions in 1913 and 244 millions in 1912, and of cloth 5,736 million yards Exports from the United against 7,075_millions in 1913 and 6,913 millions in
Kingdom in 1014.

Yaru Piccegoods

|  | million lbs | Piccegoods <br> million yds |
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| Bombay | 13.7 | 0258 |
| Sind | $1 \cdot 3$ | 246.6 |
| Mindras | $10 \cdot 3$ | $171 \cdot 2$ |
| Bengral | $9 \cdot 7$ | 1,422.5 |
| Burma | $2 \cdot 4$ | 92.3 |
| 'I'otal | 3794 | 2,608.4 | 1912. The exports from the United Kingdom to India during 1914 are noted in the margin. Bengal accounted for an increase of 2.1 million lbs ofy arn. Madras showed a decline of $1 \because 3$ million lbs, and all the other provinces also showed decroases. Bombay was responsible for a decrease of 166.3 million yards, Sind 87.4 million yards, Madras $38 \cdot 3$ million yards, Bengal $111 \cdot 2$ million yards, and Burma $45 \cdot 7$ million yards, of picce groods. According to Mr. John Kidger's calculation of the profits and losses of 100 Spinning Companies in the Oldham district, reduced to one luge mill, their total capital earned a profit at the rate of $£ 21 \dot{s}$. $1 d$. per cent, compared with $£ 109$ s. per cent in the previous ycar, and their credit balances amounted to $£ 158,402$ at the end of 1914 against $£ 716,008$ a year' ago.

The total imports of cotton twist and yarn into India during 1914-15 Yarn. amounted to 43 million lbs , valued at $\nexists 3,85$ lakhs, against 44 million lbs, valued at $\mathrm{f4}, 16$ lakhs, in 1913-14 and 50 million lbs, valued at $74,45 \mathrm{lakhs}$, in 1912-13. The decline in quantity was 3 per cent and in value 7 per cent, owing chicfly to the over-trading and lower prices. Forty-four per cent of the trade was done in the pre-war period. Over a quarter of the yarn imported is re-exported by sea and by land. The balance is retained for consumption in India, and represents 5 per cent of the mill-made yarn used in India.

About 98 per cent of the imports of yarn consisted of the finer counts from No. 26 upwards, the ratio of the yarn of these counts produced in Indian mills being, as noted above, only 9 per cent of the total yarn spun in Indian mills. The United Kingdom supplied 86 per cent of the yarn imported, and her total stood at about the same level as in the previous year, namely, 37 million lbs. Of the total imports undyed yarn formed 60.5 per cent and dyed yarn $39 \cdot 5$ per cent. Of the former 95 per cent and of the latter 75 per cent were received from the United Kingdom. The other sources of the supply of yarn, mostly dyed yarn, are Holland ( 5 per cent), Italy ( 2 per cent), and Switzerland ( 1.8 por cont). Imports from Japan fell by $78,530 \mathrm{lbs}$ to $921,730 \mathrm{lbs}$.

The prices of grey yarn Wilkinson 40 s in Calcutta opened at 6 as. 4 pies per morali* in April 19i4, and rose to 6 as. $8 \frac{1}{2}$ pies at the end of August. They gradually declined to 5 as. 2 pies in December and closed at 5 as. $4 \frac{3}{2}$ pies at the end of March 1915. Those of mule twist (water) 40s in Bombay opened at 12 as. 6 pies per lb in April and rose to 13 as. in August, but gradually fell to 10 as. 9 pies in February last. In London yarn 40 s weft was quoted at $9 \frac{7}{8} d$. per lb in March, 1014; the prices rose to $10 \frac{1}{2} d$. in June, and touched the lowest rate at $6_{8}^{7} d$. in January, but rose again to $7 \frac{3}{8} d$. at the close of the year.

Cotton piecegoodst are by far the most important single item in the cotton. import trade. The total imports amounted to 2,419 million yards (the equivalent Plecegoods. of $1 \cdot 4$ million miles), valued at $\nexists 42 \frac{1}{3}$ crores or $£ 28 \cdot 3$ millions (which constitute about 31 per cent of the aggregate value of all the merchandise imported), against 3,159 million yards, valued at $\mathrm{Z57} \frac{1}{2}$ crores or $£ 383$ millions, in 1913-14. There was then in the year under review a decline of 23 per cent in quantity and 26 per cent in value. The decrease in the value of the imports amounted to $\mathrm{Rl} 4,99$ lakhs, and the United Kingdom was responsible for $\mathrm{Zl} 3,63$ lakhs (grey $\mathrm{Z} 4,26$ lakhs, white $\mathrm{Z} 3,31$ lakhs, and coloured goods $\mathrm{Z} 6,06$ lakhs), Holland f13 lakhs, chiefly under coloured goods, Switzerland R11 lakhs, chiefly under
 and Austria-Hungary fl 2 lakhs, all under coloured goods. Japan alone showed an increase of $\nexists 13$ lakhs under grey goods, mostly cotton shirtings, a line in which she is making the most rapid progress next to hosiery.

As was anticipated, the trade contracted after the active importations of the preceding two years. The reasons for the lack of demand are not far to seek.

| Stock in Bombay on 31st |  |  |  |
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| MIarch |  |  |  | They are:-stocks were still heavy as'a result of overtrading in these years as will be seen from the figures in the margin; (2) money was scarce and credit restricted after the bank failures of past years; (3) the harvests of the previous year were, especially as regards wheat, not what they might have been, and this naturally restricted the large demand for piecegoods on the part of the producers of India's staples; (4) the uncertainty as to the future, arising from war conditions, made buyers cautious in holding large stocks and making further purchases. The glut in the piecegoods market, which obtained at the outbreak of war, continued until the end of the year under review and was even intensified, for although imports-were less than usual, the restricted purchasing power on the part of consumers resulted in a largely diminished offtake. The stocks of cotton piecegoods at the end of March 1915 were actually higher than in March of the preceding year.

The three classes of grey, white, and coloured piecegoods were imported in the proportion of 55,25 , and 20 per cent, as compared with 49,25 , and 26 per cent respectively during 1913-14. There has been no appreciable increase in

[^9]the value of colourod goods; but prices of grey goods slightly fell and lower prices partly accounted for comparatively larger imports. The grey goods represent about half the value of all cotton piecegoods, and the other half is almost equally divided betweon white and coloured goods.

The principal descriptions of imported goods are (1) longcloth and shirtings, (2) dhuties, saris, and scarves, (3) jaconct, muslins, and cambrics, (4) nainsooks, and (5) prints and chint\%. The first three comprise the bulk of the trade in grey goods as well as in white and coloured goods, while the last two are confined to white and coloured goods respectively.

Large supplies of cheap cotton coolie blankets were obtained from Germany, the principal styles being jaspe or khaki, scarlet, and white. They are packed in bales usually containing 200 pieces each, the standard size being $47^{\prime \prime} \times 95^{\prime \prime}$ instead of $48^{\prime \prime} \times 96^{\prime \prime}$, prices for khaki blankets ranging between $10 \frac{1}{2} d$. and 1 s . $2 d$., for scarlet $11 \frac{3}{4} d$., and white between $12 \frac{1}{2} d$. and 18. $2 \frac{1}{2} d$. per piece according to weights. Khaki blankets are also largely imported from Belgium and Holland in weights of $21 \mathrm{lbs} .10 \mathrm{oz} ., 3 \mathrm{lbs} .2 \mathrm{oz}$. and 3 lbs .14 oz . at average prices of $1_{8}$. $4 . d$. . $1_{8} .5 \frac{1}{2} d$., and $1_{8}$. $7 d$. per piece respectively. The most important of the German and Austrian cotton niecegoods (not separately distinguished in the trade accounts) come under the following classes: (1) cotton Cortinas or raised Malidas, plain and checked, known as jute flannels and used extensively as shirtings all over India, prices ranging from $33^{3} d$. to $4{ }_{3}^{3} d$. per yard of $34^{\prime \prime} \times 36^{\prime \prime}$ checked and $5 d$. to $6 d$. per yard of $48^{\prime \prime}$ plain. (2) Cotton coatings $48^{\prime \prime}$ and $50^{\prime \prime} \times 45 / 50$ yards, prices varying from $4 \frac{1}{2} d$. to $8 d$. per yard. There is a good demand for one quality at $4 \frac{1}{4} d$. per yard of $48^{\prime \prime}$ and for another at $6 d$. per yard of $50^{\prime \prime}$, English made coatings competing with all values above . $7 d$. per yard. (3) Cotton trouserings of $46^{\prime \prime}, 48^{\prime \prime}$, and $54^{\prime \prime} \times 50 / 55$ yards, prices ranging from $4 d$. to 7d. per yard. Trouserings of different qualities are made both in England and in India from $2 \frac{8}{4} d$. upwards per yard of $27^{\prime \prime}$, qualities and designs changing every year to meet the prevailing demand. (4) Cotton grenadine saris with silk embroidery, usually imported in cases containing 1 150 pieces each, equally assorted in five ranges, namely, $27^{\prime \prime} \times 3$ yds, $30^{\prime \prime} \times 31$ yds, $34^{\prime \prime} \times$ 4. yds, $38^{\prime \prime} \times 4 \frac{1}{2}$ yds, and $42^{\prime \prime} \times 5$ yds, at an average price of about 28.10 d . per piece for a range. They come either with or without runs in the middle known in India as 'pachas,' those with runs costing 3d. per piece extra. (5) Cotton dopattas (shawls) and saris with imitation gold embroidery, wrapped in tissue papor of the same colour as of the cloth either scarlet, purple or violet. Prices vary according to the amount of embroidery, dopattas costing from 28 . to 48. per piece of $42^{\prime \prime} \times 2 \frac{1}{2}$ yards and saris varying from 38 . to 68 . per piece of the standard size of $42^{\prime \prime} \times 5$ yards, which forms the basis of valuation, (6) Cotton Penelope canvas is imported from Austria in two grades at $2 \ddagger d$. and $4 d$. per yard. It is used for making carpet slippers and cushion covers with Berlin wool embroidery. Better grades of this canvas are obtaincd from England. (7) Cotton trouserings of the Austrian make, varying in price from $5 \frac{1}{2} d$. to $6 \frac{1}{8} d$. per yard of $544^{\prime \prime}$. They are inferior to and cheaper than the similar style imported largely from Belgium and Holland at prices ranging from $6 \frac{1}{3} d$. to $7 d$. per yard of $54^{\prime \prime}$.

The ratios of the three classes, both in quantity and value, of imported

|  | Foreign. |  |  |  | Indins. |  |
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|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Million } \\ \text { yds. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { per } \\ \text { cent. } \end{gathered}$ | In (lakhs.) | per | Million yds. | $\begin{gathered} \text { per } \\ \text { cent. } \end{gathered}$ |
| Gray | . 1,320 | 55 | 21,29 | 50 | 880 | 78 |
| White | - 60.4 | 25 | 10,86 | 25 | 880 | 78 |
| Colourod | 195 | 20 | 10,46 | 25 | 255 | 23 |
| Total | . 2,419 | 100 | 42,61 | 100 | 1.135 | 100 | goods are given in the margin, compared with those of the production of Indian mills. The excise duty of $3 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent ad valorem realised on goods woven in Indian mills during 1914-15 amounted

to $\mathrm{R51}$ 零 lakhs and the value of goods is thus estimated at $\mathrm{Zl} 1 \frac{3}{3}$ crores, as against $\not \approx 45$ crores being the value of cotton goods imported from foreign countries in that year.

The United Kingdom supplied about 98 per cent of grey goods, to which Japan and the United States contributed to the extent of $1 \cdot 1$ and 9 por cent, the actual figures for these last two countries being 15 million and 9 million yards against 7 million and 9 million yards respectively in 1913-14. The
shares of the United Kingdom in the trade in white and coloured goods were respectively 98.6 and 93.7 per cent. Holland añd Switzerland together supplied 1.3 per cent of white and 3 per cent of coloured goods. Italy contributed 2 per cent of the trade in coloured goods.

In addition to piecegoods, some subsidiary classes of cotton goods were coton imported, the principal descriptions being hosiery (R79 lakhs), handkerchiefs hosery. (R45 lakhs), fents of all descriptions ( R 35 lakhs), sewing thread ( $\mathbb{Z} 29$ lakhs), and other sorts ( f 65 lakhs ). The United Kingdom supplied 90 per cent of the handkerchiefs and shawls imported, and 93 per cent of seming thrcad, while Japan predominates in the trade in hosiery, her share being 84 per cent. The growing popularity of Japanese knitted goods is evidently due to the fact that they are cheap. Moreover this is a comparatively new industry. On the outbreak of war with China and Russia the demand for knitted goods suddenly increased. The expansion of the industry during the Russo-Japanese war was so great that the supply exceeded the demand. In 1907, immediately after the war, Japanese knitted goods were sent abroad in order to dispose, it is said, of the accumulated stocks. Since this industry was started, the progress in the manufacture and export of these articles has been quite striking, and now the Indian market is flooded with these goods. The marginal table shows the value (in lakhs of rupees) of the imports of hosiery from Japan, the United Kingdom, and Germany during the last five official years. From this table it will be seen that Japan's share of the total trade is very striking. Out of a totalimport of $\nexists 79$ lakhs no less than $\mathbb{R} 66$ lakhs came from Japan. Japan's success is attributed to (1) cheaper labour, (2) lower cost of production of the yarn used, and (3) a lower rate of freight, the rate being about 6 yen or A9-6as per ton from Japan to India against about 25s. from Germany. The comparative prices of cotton hosiery are given below :

German manufactures-
Bleached undershirts 26 "to 36, " from 6 s. to l5s. per dozen.
Balbriggan , , cost $4 d$. per dozen less than the bleached qualities.
Coloured sweater undershirts 30 "to $34^{\prime \prime} 9 \boldsymbol{s} .5 d$. to $15 s$. per dozen (in black, brown, navy, blue and slate).
Ladies ribbed vests $23^{\prime \prime}$ to $25^{\prime \prime}$ 2s. 4d. to 6s. per dozen
$\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Cotton } \frac{1}{2} \text { hose } & 3 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}{ }^{\prime \prime} \text { to } 6^{\prime \prime} & \text { ls. } 8 d . \text { to } 3 s . & " \\ 7 & \nu^{\text {to }} 9^{\prime \prime} & \text { ls. } 8 d . \text { to } 4 s . & "\end{array}$
Japanese manufactures-
$\quad$ Coloured striped undershirts, with jersey neck, from 10d. to $2 s$. per dozen.


The head 'dyes and colours' is composed of 'dyeing and tanning Dyes and coloars. substances', and 'paints and painters' materials'. The total value fell from R2.27 lakhs to $\mathrm{P} 1,51$ lakhs or a decrease of P 76 lakhs, of which the two important lines 'dyes obtained from coal tar' accounted for more than f58 lakhs and 'synthetic indigo' $\mathrm{f} 4 \frac{1}{8}$ lakhs. In the pre-war period coal tar dyes declined by $\mathrm{P} 3 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs and in the war period by about R 55 lakhs. Synthetic indigo showed an increase of about a lakh of rupees in the pre-war period but declined by about $\mathrm{R} 5 \frac{1}{9}$ lakhs in the war period.* These are chiefly

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- It is intoreating to compare the price of aynthetio indigo with that of atural indigo. The figures are as follows :-

oltained from Germany, and no branch of Indian trade has so seriously been affected by the war as the trado in those articles. The stoppage of these imports caused great difficulties to Indian mills, especially in the early months of the war. The quantity of mineral dyes imported was under 8 million lbs, equally divided between aniline and alizarine, the former predominating, although higher in price. The total imports of mineral dyes recorded a decrease of 51 per cent in quantity, and 55 per cent in value. The declared unit value for aniline was 12 annas and 2 pies and for alizarine 6 annas and 6 pies per lb, against 12 annas and 8 pies and 7 annas respectively in 1913-14. About 73 per cent of the total was imported before the outbreak of war. The share of Germany was 67 per cent, of the United Kingdom 12 per cent, of Belgium 9 per cent, and of Switzerland 7 per cent. The average imports of mineral dyes during the five years ending 1913-14 were valued at approximately, a crore of rupces. The time has now arrived when British dyes may compete successfully in the market. The cotton, wool, and silk weaving, as well as dyeing and calico-printing, industries of India are in need of these dyes in the absence of an adequate supply of vegetable dyes, and they are preferred for their cheapness, fast colour, and casy handling. The imports of synthetic indiso, chiefly from Germany, fell to 3,167 cwts and nearly $\not 75$ lakhs, a decrease of 47 per cent. About 80 per cent of this trade was done in the pre-war period. The total decrease in paints and colours was nearly 5 lakhs, viz., a decrease from R64 lakhs to R59 lakhs, in spite of an increase of $\mathrm{fl} \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs in the imports of British manufacture.


## Glassware and Earthenware.

Glassware and earthedware.

The total imports of glassware and earthenware fell by R1,17 lakhs to P1,42 lakhs, of which glass and glassware were credited with R97 Jakhs, and earthenware and porcelain with the remainder, 245 lakhs. About 58 per cent of the trade in glass and glassware was effected in the pre-war period. Hitherto Austria-Hungary stood first amongst the exporting countries on account of her immense trade in glass bangles, beads and false pearls, and lamp glass, and Germany was second with her trade in bottles and phials, lamp glass, beads and false pearls. The United Kingdom has the chief share only in the imports of sodawater bottles, although she exports other bottles, phials, sheet and plate glass, and miscellaneous glassware. Belgium was the largest exporter of sheet and plate glass and table ware. Japan mainly exported beads and false pearls and also bottles and plials (other than sodawater bottles). The exports from China were practicaliy confined to bangles, while France and Italy specialised in beads and false pearls. The ground lost by Continental countries on account of the war has not yet been gained by any other country, although Japan increased her exports of beads, bottles and phials (other than sodawater bottles), funnels and globes, table ware, and miscellaneous glassware. The value of the imports from Japan into India of glass and glassware increased by $\mathrm{P} 3 \frac{3}{4}$ lakhs to $\mathrm{R} 19 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs, while that of the imports from the United Kingdom fell by ft 5 lakhs to R21 lakhs.

The following details give the nature of the imports for a representative port such as Calcutta. Prices are c. i. f. prices.
(a) Chimneys.-The largest business is done in the following descrip-tions:-


The most popular brand is known as "Ditmar's," which is of Austrian manufacture.
(b) Tumblers-


The iceproof tumblers of Austrian manufacture are generally preferred, but a great demand also exists for half crystal heavy bottomed tumblers from Bolgium and Japan. The latter are more expensive than the Austrian thin tumblers, and being less brittle they last longer.

T'oy tumblers.-These are in four leading designs, the price for De Grelle Houdret's being $5 \frac{3}{4} d$. per dozen +10 per cent advance.
(c) Glass salt cellars or pots.-Belgium alone used to supply these, but Japanese salt cellars at $3 d$. per dozen have now practically taken the place of the Belgian article. The principal Belgian brand is De Grelle Houdret's in four shapes at $5 \frac{1}{4} d$. per dozen plus 10 per cent advance on fixed price.

| Description of vil glaskes. | $\text { inm } \mathrm{J}$ | classes in place of ordinary lamps, a wick being |
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| Size No. 6 | - $8^{8}{ }^{5}$ | burnt in the oil contained in the glass. This |
|  | 10 | ported from Belgium and Japan only. |
| " ${ }^{3}$ | - 118 | $f$. prices are quoted in the margin. |

(c) Oil burner glasses. - These are used to burn oil in place of candles in lamps. The supply is obtained from Belgium at $1 s .8 d$. per dozen.
( $f$ ) Empty medicine phials.-A very large business is done in the follow. ing linds of phials :-

(g)


These prices are for German manufacture of the sizes "chiefly in demand. Japanese jars, in which a large business is done, are also imported at prices
(h) Glass chutney quart bottles rates.

(i) Belgian ucindow glass.-A very large trade is done in window glass of the following descriptions:-
th quality 16 oz . of different sizes. $.12^{\prime \prime} \times 10^{\prime \prime}$ to

(j) Class bangles.-The Austrian bangles have by far the largest fale on account of their good quality. The following descriptions are most in demand :-


Japan makes "silky bangles" at 3d. per dozen pairs. Chinese bangles are much inferior to Austrian and Japanese bangles. Chinese bangles, plain or gilded, cost $\mathbb{\text { R1-8 }}$ to R3 per hundred pairs.
(k) Glass beads.-Many varieties of glass and imitation coral beads are imported. Austria sent only imitation coral solid beads at prices ranging from $1 \frac{1}{2} d$. to 48 . per gross according to size. The supply from Japan consists of hollow beads only, the price varying from $3 d$. to $6 d$. per box of 1,200 or 2,400 beads according to size. These beads were formerly supplied by Austria. Italian glass beads, known as pound beads, cost 248 . to $30 s$. per cwt. Italian glass or seed beads cost from $2 s .6 d$. to $3 s$. $6 d$. per bundle of 25 bunches, each bunch consisting of 120 strings $7^{\prime \prime}$ in length.

It may he noted that there has been a great opening for the glass-making industry in India, especially since the cessation of imports from enemy countries. Several factories were started from 1890 onwards but failed from causes such as ( 1 ) the lack of capital, (2) heavy initial expenses, (3) inexperience and lack of technical knowledge of promoters, (4) the high temperature in the hot weather, (5) the difficulty of obtaining skilled labour for glass blowing, (6) the difficulty as to the supply of a suitable quality of sand and of alkali. Some of these causes are preventable, and efforts are being made to remedy them. Most of the raw material is found in India. The improvements in the bottle blowing machine have greatly reduced the difficulties of obtaining skilled labour. There is now a considerable demand for bottles of all kinds. Glass salt cellars, oil glasses, and oil glass burners being more or less plain articles might be manufactured without difficulty in this country. They are not known by any special brands, so that the Indian article would not have to compete with any favourite brand as in the case of most other goods. The factories, which have been reconstituted and which are about to start work, have a good prospect before them of capturing the Continental trade. The United Provinces Government has asked for the services of two Belgian or English glass experts with a view to the introduction of improved and up to date blowing processes in glass manufacture. As regards the indigenous household industry, there are also possibilities of improvement in the manufacture of bangles, especially in the United Provinces, and the question is now being carefully considered by the local authorities.

The imports of earthenware and porcelain* into India came chiefly from the United Kingdom, although an appreciable quantity was also imported from Germany and Austria, as well as from Japan, Belgium, and Holland. Imports from Germany consisted mainly of earthenware cups and saucers of various designs, and of China clay insulators. At present no local earthenware competes directly with De Grelle Houdret's ceramic brands of earthenware made in Holland, but there is an opening for a large businoss in this line if the designs can be imitated by either Indian or English manufacturcrs. Some of the principal imported articles with their descriptions and prices are as follows : (a) Bowls: Gond kust design and Jancrede No. 1 (large size) 38. $7 d$. per dozen. No. 2 (smaller size) 2s. 9 d. per dozen. (b) Soup plates are imported in one size only, the f.o.b. price of the Callot shape No. I, flower design No. 202 being 18. $7 d$. per dozen. (c) Rice dishes-Eponges design No. 8 equal to $9^{\prime \prime}$ diameter $28.1 d$. per dozen, No. 40 , desígn No. 9 equal to $10^{\prime \prime}$ diam. 28. 6d. Joko, Gond kust, and Tancrede design No. ${ }^{\prime} 9$ equal to $10^{\prime \prime}$ diam. 3s. 2d. per dozen. (d) Curry cups and saucers f.o.b., price being 11d. per dozen pairs, with an advance of 20 per cent.

[^10]Imports of haberdashery and millinery suffered materially in the year Haberdashery and under review, the value having declined from R11,60 lakhs to H 863 lakhs-a ${ }^{\text {milinerg. }}$ decrease of R77 lakhs or 46 per cent as against last year's imports. The share of the United Kingdom was 50 per cent, of Germany 11 per cent, and of Austria-Hungary 8 per cent, as against 41 per cent, 17 per cent, and 14 per cent, respectively in 1913-14. Japau contributed 13 per cent against 10 per cent in 1913-14. Some of the articles classified under this head are detailed below: (1) cotton coloured edpings from Germany (dyed in fast colours and known as 'sari borders') were imported in increasing quantities. These are stitched as borders to saris of white mull cloth. The borders are mostly in four widths, $1^{\prime \prime}, 1 \frac{1}{2}^{\prime \prime}, 1_{3^{\prime \prime}}^{\prime \prime}$ and $2^{\prime \prime}$ at average prices of $58 ., 98.6 d ., 108.6 d$. , and 128 . per gross yards respectively. (2) Net laces, sold very largely as trimmings for apparel, are imported in various colours and designs. The widths and prices are: $4^{\prime \prime}$ at 98 ., $5^{\prime}$ at $108.9 d ., 6^{\prime \prime}$ at $118.9 d ., 7^{\prime \prime}$ at $12 s$ s $9 d$. , and $8^{\prime \prime}$ at 138.00 ., per 120 yards. (3) Torchon laces, which are cheaper imitation of the well-known torchon edging and insertion of British manufacture, are largely imported from Germany in different widths and designs: edging $1 \frac{11}{\prime \prime}$ width at $48 ., 2^{\prime \prime}$ at $68 ., 22^{\frac{1}{2}}$ at $78 .$, and $3^{\prime \prime}$ at $88 .$, per gross (yards), and insertions $1 \frac{1}{4}^{\prime \prime}$ width at 48 . and $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ width at 58 . per gross (yards). (4) Cotton Irish trimmings :-cotton insertions at 38 . 10 d . per gross (yards) and cotton edgings at 28. 10d. per gross (yards) in imitation of Irish trimmings are largely imported both from Germany and Austria-Hungary in cheaper styles than British made articles. (5) Austrian Nut buttons were originally made in Austria-Hungary, and cost 10 d . per gross for the plain, and 11d. per gross for the check designs. Similar qualities were subsequently made in Italy at about $3 d$. per gross less than the Austrian prices. The result is that Austria-Hungary sometimes obtains her supplies for the Indian market from Italy. They are chiefly imported in two sizes, the price of the plain design being $7 \frac{1}{2} d$. and of the check $8 \frac{1}{2} d$. per gross. (6) Cotton braids-there is a great demand in the Indian market for Austrian cotton braids. They are coarser and stronger than the English manufacture. The principal qualities imported are No. 7 cotton Russia braid at $4 \frac{1}{8} d$. and No. 9 cotton braid, black, at $3 \frac{3}{\frac{3}{2}} d$. (which has the largest sale), and scarlet, green, yellow, and violet colours at $4 \frac{1}{9} d$. per gross (yards), less 5 per cent.

## Cutlery, Hardware, and Instruments.

The total value of hardware, excluding cutlery and electroplated ware, imported during 1914-15 was $\mathrm{fl} 2,56$ lakhs against $\mathrm{R} 3,95$ lakhs in 1913-14, a decrease of $\mathrm{Al} 1,39$ lakhs, of which $\mathrm{R10}$ lakhs occurred in the pre-war period and the remaining $\mathrm{ml} 1,29$ lakhs in the war period. The head "hardware" is a comprehensive one, including various articles under the difforent categories noted in the margin. The imports from Germany

 than those from the Onited Kingdom, were, before the outbreak: of war, of considerable and increasing importance. If all the descriptions are taken together, the share of the
United Kingdom in the total trade of $19 \overline{1} 4-15$ was 70 per cent, of Germany 10 per cent, of the United States 9 per cent, and of Austria-Hungary 4 per cent. Enamelled iron-ware, which was the most important line of foreign imports from Austria-Hungary as it is used in place of the usual domestic articles of brass Imports of Euamelled Ironware.

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| Germany | 6 | 2 |
| United Kiugdon | 3 | 1 | and copper, fell in value from R27 $\frac{2}{3}$ lakhs to $\mathrm{\# 10}$ lakhs, the imports during the war period amounting to less than f2 lakhs. British enamelled ware is slightly cheaper than Furst's 'Gun' brand of Austrian make, which, however, is preferred for its superior shape and better finish.

Larger orders have been placed for British enamelled ware to replace supplies from Austria. The bulk of the trade is done in bowls, rice dishes, soup
plates, and tumblers, although other descriptions such as cups, sancers, ketties, teapots, tiffin carricrs, etc., are imported in smaller quantities. The pricess and descriptions of imports from encmy countrics are given below, the prices being in all cases manufacturer's prices at Calcutta, inchuding insurance and freight.
(a) Bowls are sold in sizes ranging from 5 to 28 contimetres in diameter. The prices for No. 5 quality, Furst's 'gun' brand, are per dozen less 5 per cent discount:

(b) Rice dishes are sold by the picce, as well as in sets of four assorted sizes, namely, $24,26,25$, and 30 centimetres in diameter for 48. 1d. per dozen.
(c) Soup plates-the Austrian Furst's 'gun' brand plates are heavier and more substantial and cost ahout $6 d$. per dozen more than cheaper German goods. The German 'Tallyho' brand 26 c. m. and the light Austrian soup plate $20 \mathrm{c} . \mathrm{in}$. cost 18 . $8 d$. per dozen.
(d) Tumblers-Furst's 'gun' brand high Indian tumblers are largely imported at sizes $\frac{1}{4}$ pint for $18.6 d$., $\frac{1}{2}$ pint for 18 . $8 \frac{1}{2} d$., $\frac{3}{8}$ pint for $28.1 d$., $\frac{3}{4}$ pint for $28.4 \frac{1}{4} d$., and 1 pint for 28 . $8 \frac{1}{2} d$., per dozen.
Metal lamps are largely imported from Germany and Austria-Hungary. Bombay is known to be a better market for German lamps than Calcutta, and Calcutta than Bombay for Austrian. Imports from Germany into

 Germany . . 10.4 table and hanging lamps of various descrip-
 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { United Kingdoin } & \text { • } & 6 \\ \text { Unitod States } & 18 & 7\end{array}$ is the enormous strides which have been made by the United States in capturing this trade. The United States are now ahead of all other countries in this article, in spite of the relative cheapness of German lamps. The prices and descriptions of the principal Austrian and German imported lamps are:-

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Austrian- } \\ & \text { Ditmar's } \end{aligned}$ | Description | Quality | Size |  | Price per dozen |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | s. | d. |
|  | Nickel Hauging | Favourite | 10 | line | 18 | 9 |
| " | " " |  | 14. | " | 22 | 0 |
| " | " " | Astral | 20 | " | 61 | 0 |
| " | " " | " | 30 | " | 91 | 0 |
| " |  | " | 40 | " | 108 | 0 |
| " | Table Jamps | - | 10 | " | 16 | 6 |
| " | " $\quad$ | large | 10 | " | 21 | 0 |
| " | " " | - | 14 | , ${ }^{\prime}$ | 38 | 0 |
| German- | Hurricane lantern | Victoria | 5 |  | 10 | 3 |
|  | " $\quad$ | " | 7 | " | 10 | 9 |

as against $10 s$. $9 \boldsymbol{\pi}$, per dozen of German lantern (larger size) and 18s. 2d. per dozen for the cheaper quality of Deitz's 'Junior' lanterns made of tin.
Under builders' hardware cheap padlocks, kcys, and hinges are largely imported from Germany.* Some of the principal kinds of imported German locks are noted below :-


[^11]Keys are imported in various sizes and shapes at prices rangint from $21 d$. to $\underline{Q}^{2}$. $9 d$. per gross. Key rings come largely from Austria, the medium size being the kind most in demand at 18 . per gross. The price of hinges imported in sizes varying from 1! " to $6^{\prime \prime}$ in length is $2 \frac{3}{\frac{3}{2}} d$. per inch per dozen pairs or pieces packed in a box. The manufacture of locks and hinges is a well estallished industry in India, and the class of articles turned out at Aligarh and Calcutta can well compete in quality with the imported goods, excepting cheaper sorts. Padlocks made in India are of prices varying from 12 annas to te2 each. Safes and strong boxes of metal are largely imported from the United Kingdom and also from Austria-Hungary. This is another line in which Indian manufacturers have secured a high reputation. Prices of Furst's Austrian safes average from $\mathbb{A 1 4 0}$ to $\mathfrak{A 2 0 0}$ for the cheaper varieties and up to $\mathbb{Z 3 5 0}$ for superior quality. Indian prices range from R 45 to Pl 105.

Under misceilancous hardware the following may be noticed:-(1) Tin mirrors boxes and (2) tin boxes without mirrors are largely imported from Germany in different sizes, shapes, and colours. They are packed in sets of four and 25 gross box $3 s$ make a case. The price of plain coloured round boxes is about 38 . 8 d . and fancy coloured round boxes 48 . per gross. Round tin boxes in fancy colours cost about $18.8 d$. per gross, round brass tin boxes $58.1 d$. , and nickelled tin boxes 68 . per gross. (3) Tin mirrors are also largely imported from Germany, round hand mirrors costing 68. 3d. and round Jubilee mirrors (in two sizes equally assorted) 38 . $3 d$. per gross. ( $\pm$ ) Tin strainers with wooden handles imported from Germany at 6s. $9 d$. per dozen. (5) Tin spoons, also from Germany, such as long rice spoons, round and oval (assorted), at 8s. per gross, small riee spoons, round at $5 s$. $6 d$. per gross, and tin spoons in three small sizes equally assorted at $38.3 d$. per gross.

There is a considerable import of needles from Germany, especially of the following classes:-


The greatest demand is for the large sizes of Capoteras needles.
Glass knobs come in sizes of $1^{\prime \prime}$ to $2 \frac{1}{2}^{\prime \prime}$, one dozen being wrapped in a paper packet. The most popular ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " size) cost $14 s .6 d$. per gross.

The imports of cutlery in 1914-15 were reduced to a half, i.e., from ${ }^{\text {catlorsh }}$ R28 lakhs in 1913-14 to R15 lakhs. There has in recent years been a remarkable increase in the imports of German pen knives, scissors, and razors, owing to their cheapness. The United Kingdom has hitherto not made much progress in this direction. The prices of the principal qualities are-

> (a) Pen knives-

(b) Scissors.-Kaufmann's assorted scissors at ${ }^{2} 8.6 d$. per dozen. Kaufmann's No. Il344 pointed scissors are in imitation of, and compete

Instruments, spparatuz and applances and parts thereof.
against, the well known "Popular" scissors manufactured in Birmingham. The former is priced 48 . per gross plus 4 per cent advance, whereas the price of the latter is $48.3 d$. per gross.
(c) Ra\%ors.-German hollow ground "ra\%ors are in great drmand in the uarket owing to their cheapness.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Kaufmamn's hollow ground ra\%or (cheaper quality) . . 12s. per dozen. } \\
& \text { No. } 11 \$ 8 \text { " Hammer" braud real hollow ground } \quad \text {. . } 128 . \text { " }
\end{aligned}
$$

Cutlery is manufactured on a small scale in many parts of India, but with the aid of modern tools and improved skilled labour a good deal more could be accomplished. Razors made in India sell at prices ranging from 10 annas to Rs. 5 each according to quality.

The head "instruments, apparatus, and appliances, etc.," is a comprehensive one and consists of the sub-heads noted

|  | 1913-14 <br> A (luklis) | $\begin{array}{r} 18 i 4-15 \\ \text { fi (lakhs) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Electrical, other than telographic and telephone |  |  |
|  | 1,07 | 81 |
| Musical | 23 | 12 |
| Optical | - 7 | 4 |
| Photographic | 12 | 9 |
| Scientific and philosophical | 14 | 10 |
| Sargical . | 12 | 10 |
| Other kinds | 7 | 5 |
| 'rotal | . 1,82 | 1,34 | in the margin. The total value amounted to nearly $\mathrm{Z} 1,34$ lakhs against $\not \approx 1,82$ lakhs in 1913-14. Of this decrease of f 48 lakhs only $\$ 2$ lakhs occurred in the pre-war period. The first two of the items in the margin suffered, owing to the war, more than the other items, the actual loss being \#23 lakhs or 21 per cent under electrical, and J. $10 \frac{3}{4}$ lakhs or 47 per

 The optical and other categories of instruments showed a loss of about fi3 lakhs each. The Calcutta market
has in Jate years been flooded with cheap German materials for electric wiring, such as cables, switches, ceiling roses, and cutouts. Since the outbreak of hostilities this source of supply has ceased, and the United Kingdom, the share of which in this trade was 87 per cent during 1914-15, is likely to capture the German trade, provided the demands of the market are carefully studied.

## Liquors.

The import trade in liquors was restricted in the year under reviow. Mait liquors-ale, beer and porter-were imported to the extent of $3 \frac{1}{2}$ million gallons, valued at $\mathrm{R} 47 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, as against over $4 \frac{1}{2}$ million gallons, valued at P 66 lakhs, in 1913-14. Ninety per cent of
 the imports came from the United Kingdom. The imports of German beer declined from 622,300 gallons to 262,500 gallons, the record imports of the two preceding years resulting in some carrying over. The difficulty in obtaining outward freight, the absence of a large portion of the British Regular Army from India, and the shortage of light German beer account for the marked decrease in this trade. There was, however, a considerable increase of bottled beer imported from Japan, which is very popular, 64,000 gallons being imported in 1914-16. In addition to what was imported, there was a very considerable local production. Indian breweries produced in 1914 nearly $3 \frac{1}{2}$ million gallons against 3.6 million gallons in 1913. The imports of beer before and after the war are shown in the marginal table.

Wines and spirits were also imported on a lower scale than in 1913-14, wines and spirits:

|  | 1913-14. gallins. (1000) | 1914.15. gallons. (1000) | 1913-14. <br> f (lakha). | $\begin{gathered} 1914-15 . \\ \text { P (lakhs). } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 8pirite |  |  | 47 | 46 |
| Wlinky | \%18 | 385 | 32 | 29 |
| Hramily | 411 | 35 | 4 | 4 |
| Sin | 67 74 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Rumu Licimaru | 16 | 9 | 3 | $\stackrel{2}{2}$ |
| (xichres | cors | 493 | 41 | 32 |
| T'atal | 1,763 | 1,665 | 128 | 114 |
| Wines- |  |  |  |  |
| Champagre | 32 | 17 |  |  |
| Port | 96 | 76 | 8 | 6 |
| Still'red | 58 | 52 | 3 | 3 |
| sherry | 29 | 23 | 2 | $\stackrel{2}{5}$ |
| Othere | 123 | 106 | 6. | 5 |
| Total | 338 | 274 | 29 | 11 | as illustrated in the marginal table. It will be seen that R46 lakhs of whisky, Z 29 lakhs of brandy, R6 lakhs of port, and R5 lakhs of champagne were imported in 1914-15. A little over half the imports of spirits came from the United Kingdom, and the remainder from Germany, Holland, France, Austria, China, Java, the Straits, and Ceylon. Champagne, as will be seen from the marginal table, suffered most, owing to the reduction in consumption on account of the war.

The quantity of spirits issued from Indian distilleries for internal consumption was 9.7 million gallons as compared with 10 million gallons in the preceding ycar.

Some of the spirits imported is methylated or perfumed or for the manufacture of drugs and medicines, and the quantity of imports of this category was 435,000 gallons, valued at Z 28 lakhs, against 427,000 gallors and \#36 lakhs in 1913-14, or 26 per cent of the total spirit imported in 1914-15.

Machinery of all kinds, excluding that for railways, but including belting machinery and mill
for machinery, imported during 1914-15 was valued at $\mathrm{j} 6,46$ lakhs against R8, 26 work. lakhs in the previous year. This represents 6 per cent of the total value of manufactured articles and 4.7 per cent of the total imports. Over 43 per cent of the trade was pre-war trade.

The only item which accounts for an increase, although a very small increase (fll lakl2s), is electrical machinery, the total value of which was Zl 53 lakhs. Electrical machinery for use in connection with water power plant has great capabilities of expansion. The total number of electric installations in. India is already large, and is increasing. All the larger towns and chief ports possess electric light and electric tramways, or are about. to use such power. Consequently the use of electricity may fairly be said to be only in its initial stage, and one may, therefore, confidently anticipate a gradually increasing market for electrical machinery. The greater part of the import trade in electrical machinery, in fact about 94 per cent, is now supplied from the United Kingdom, while Germany and the United States follow with 2 per cent each.

The imports of prime movers, other than electrical, fell in value by $\mathbb{R} 20 \frac{7}{2}$ lakhs to $\mathrm{Zl80} \frac{3}{4}$ lakhs. In the pre-war period they showed an increase of $\mathrm{R} \mathrm{A}_{1}$ lakhs. There is a market in India for small engines for various purposes. The engine trade is largely confined to European, especially English, firms with branch offices in some of the chief ports. They have very few inland branches in India, but do their business through commercial travellers. German steam engines and boilers are practically unknown in India, apart from a few examples of Wolf engines which have been installed on account of their high efficiency. While there are many Diesel engines of German manufacture, the British product seems to command the market so far as the ordinary gas and oil engine is concerned.

Although the outbreak of war very seriously affected the exports of textile machinery from the United Kingdom, it occurred at a time when the majority of machinists was already suffering from a periodic trade depression. The total value of textile machinery imported during the year fell from $\not \approx \mathbb{Z}, 28$ lakhs to $\mathrm{P} 2,41 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs-the decrease occurred entirely in the war period. The cotton industry of Bombay accounts for a loss of P 26 lakhs, and the jute manufacturing industry of Bengal for R58 lakhs. These decreases may be ascribed to last year's trade depression in these industries. In this market Germany is not of great importance. The imports of mining machinery improved, although very slightly.

In recent years the collieries have alopted largely electrical equijment, and herd, indeed, German goods have found an opening. The riee and flour mill industry did not require machinery worth more than IRS lakhs in place of fl 1 j lakhs in 1913-14. The requirements of the teagardens were also reduced by ha lakhs to \#16. lakhs. The value of sewing and knitting machines imported was nearly R36 lakhs, recording a decrease of H5 lakhs only. Typewriters were 5,237 in number, valued at T29 lakhs, against 6,267, valued at H10 lakhs, in the previous year. The share of the United Kingdom in these last two lines of business was respectively 92 per cent and 29 per cent as compared with 75 per cent and 25 por cent in the previous year. Whe United States, it may be noted, predominate in the imports of typowriters. In view of the increasing requirements of mills and factories for machinery and millwork, the market for this class of imports is promising. It is necessary, however, for the agents and commercial travellers of the manufacturing firms to encourage the use of their machinery by actual demonstration as far as possible to millowners and others interested in Indian industries.

## Histcher.

The imports of matches during 1914 - 15 amounted to nearly $15 \frac{1}{3}$ million gross boxes, valued at $\mathrm{Zl} 1,13$ lakhs, the increase being 11 per cent in quantity and

|  | (1000) | Per |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Japan | ( 11,000 .690 | ${ }_{61}^{\text {cent }}$ | 719 lakhs took place |
| Swedon | . 26,92 | 24 | marginal table |
|  | 6,23 | " | expring cout |
| Austria-Hung | 5,77 | 5 | exporting countries. The principal cound |
| St |  | 1 | which supplied India with matches were in 1914-15 |
| Germnuy | 1,28 | 1 | Japan, Sweden, Norway, Austria-Hungary, the | Straits,* Belgium, and Germany. It will be seen that English manufacturing firms such as Bryant and May, Ltd.; are of no importance in this market. The match in use in India is almost entirely the cheap safety match. Until recently matches " made in Sweden " or "made in Norway" monopolised the Indian market, but cheap Japanese matches have since 1912-13 been a formidable competitor. These Japanese matches are inferior in quality. The influx of Japanese matches has enormously increased owing, it is said, to (1) cheap freights, (2) the existence of a Japanese league of manufacturers and shippers, and (3) the formation of a regular service sailing from Japan to Calcutta via Rangoon. The match trade has, it will be seen, been continuously expanding, although there was a set-back in 1913-14, due to the passing of the Indian White Phosphorus Matches Prohibition Act, V of 1913. The Act prohibited the import into and manufacture in India of matches made with white phosphorus with effect from the 1st July 1913, and their sale in India from the lst July 1914, with a view to guard against the danger of the disease phossyjaw or necrosis to which workers exposed to white phosphorus fumes are liable. The countries which exported these matches to India were Japan, Sweden, and Norway, the last two countries allowing the manufacture of such matches for export only. Japan has now captured the major portion of the Indian match trade. Imports from Sweden and Norway continne to show a noticcable decrease. The reason is that Japanese matches are very much cheaper than Swedish matches. The cheaper classes of Japanese sulphur matches, prior to the war, were priced as low as $6 \frac{1}{8} d$. io $7 d$. per gross c.i.f.; more expensive qualities were from $9 d$. to $10 d$. per gross. There was a steady drop in the imports from Japan during the first four months of the war, which was followed by a very rapid rise in Deeember onwards. The manufacturers in Japan agreed in Octaber to work only half time, because they were afraid of running out of chemicals owing to the shutting off of the supplies from the Continent. In November they found they could secure the necessary supplies by paying more for them, and thence forward the trade has been excelleut. The imports in 1914 - 15 from Japan were $\nexists 69$ lakhs as against ti39 lakhs in 1913-14. The monthly average for the last four months of 1914-15 showed an increase of 221 per cent as against the corresponding period of the previous year. There was a rise in the price of imported matches, which was from the outbreak of war to the end of September 9 per cent higher in the case of Swedish matches, and 8 per cent in the case of Japanese matches. In March the declared value of Swedish matches showed

a rise of 31 per cent over the recorded value of September and that of Japanese matches a rise of about 21 per cent. The matches imported into Calcutta from Germany are only "Bengal Light" and "Briliiant Star" pyrotechnic matches. These pyrotechnic matches are chiefly utilised for amusement diring fertivals. 'I hey compete with similar matches made in India of about the same quality.

## Metals and Metal mandfacteres.

The imports of metals amounted to $6 \pm 7,000$ tons, having a value of over Metals and mana-

|  | $\underset{\text { Tons iz (lnkhes) }}{1918-16}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1914-15 \\ & \text { Tons (lakhs) } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coppor | 37,343 | 4,12 | 2-5,50 | 2,77 |
| Iromis. | 46,692 | 59 | 20,638 | 28 |
| Iron or Strel | 718,471 | 12,75 | 452,.564 | 8,22 |
| Storl | 253,085 | 2,67 | 125,423 | 1,28 |
| Othere including oren | 22,742 | 1,94 | 12,1330 | 1,22 |
| Total | - 1,078,333 | 22,07 | 646,757 | 13,77 | H133 crores ( $£ 9$ millions), represent- facture thereor, ing a large decrease, as compared with the previous year, of 431,000 tons and $\mathrm{P} 8 \frac{1}{4}$ crores ( $£ 5.5$ millions). In the pre-war period of 1914-1.5, the imports amounted to 359,000 tons, ralued at $77 \frac{1}{4}$ crores, showing an increase of 16,000 tons and $\mathbb{R} 13$ lakhs. Thus the decrease in the year under review occurred entirely in the war period. The quantity and value iron and steel. of iron and steel and manufactures thereof, other than for railways, included in the figures in the marginal table are 609,000 tons, valued at $\mathbb{P 9} 9 \frac{3}{4}$ crores ( $£ 6.5$ millions), showing a decrease of 410,000 tons and $\mathrm{f} 6 \ddagger$ crores ( $£ 4 \cdot 2$ millions). The quantity sent from the United Kingdom was 421,500 tons against 609,300 tons in 1913-14, while Germany and Belgium supplied 77,300 tons and 67,200 tons, as compared with $200,1 \bar{u} 0$ tons and 173,000 tons respectively in the preceding year. In the United Kingdom the iron trade of 1914 was not looked upen as prosperous. There was a declining trade and severe competition from abroad in the first half of the year; in the last five months the war brought in its train unusual difficulties. There was something like a panic rush for iron in the early days of August and the price of No. 3 G.M.B. rose to the high figure of 53 s .6 d . per ton. The inflation, however, was brief, and prices quickly declined. The exports from the United Kingdom fell off alarmingly, for not only were the belligerent ports closed to Cleveland pig iron, but the confusion into which the financial exchanges were thrown and the uncertainty which prevailed, brought business with neutral countries down to vanishing point. Prices fell to their lowest point in October, and since then with some improvement in business there was a partial recovery. These conditions were reflected on the Indian trade. The average of the prices ruling in 1914 for Cleveland No. 3 G.M.B. was $51 s$. $4 \frac{1}{2} d$. per ton compared with 588.10 d . in 1913. Of the world's producers of iron, it may be noted, Germany ranks as the second largest, the first being the United States and a long way after Germany comes the United Kingdom.

Of the imports of iron and steel into India the first place is taken by galvanised sheets


with 104,800 tons, since 42,000 tons came from Belgium, 37,000 tons place Germany, and only 20,600 tons from the United Kingdom. The prices of iron har (Swedish rolled) in Calcutta averaged R8-10-10 per ewt as against R8-8-8 in 1013-14. Gerwany, which had hitherto been ahead in sheets and plates not galvanised or tinned, sent 12,600 tons against the United Kingdom's 28,100
tons and Belgium's 7,700 tons; in angle and spring (steel) the share of the United Kingdom was 13,100 tons against 8,100 tons of Germany and 6,000) $\mathbf{t}$ ons of Belgium. The United Kingdom's contribution of nails and rivets was $4,4,0)$ tons, compared with 1,900 tons from Germany and 1,500 tons from Belgium. In pipes and fittings (cast) the United Kingdom had the largest share of 27,000 tons against 11,800 tons from the United States and 800 tons from Germany. In beams and pillars the United Kingdom had the large share of 45,200 tons out of a total of 56,800 tons.

India formerly took steel from Germany to the average value of R65 lakhs. The stoppage of this source of import should benefit such firms as tho Bengal Iron and Steel Company and Tata and Sons. With all the raw material available in India, which is alluded to in chapter IV under exports, there is a very wide field for the development of the local industry.

Coppror.

Other metals. Tm.

Zinc or spelter.

Aluminium.

The imports of copper into India declined heavily from 37,313 tons, valued at $\mathbb{7} 4,12$ lakhs, in 1913-14 to 25,502 tons, valued at R2,77 lakhs. The sources of the supply of wrought copper are chiefly the United Kingdom, Germany, and France, and these countries accounted for a decrease of 5,287 tons, 5,324 tons, and 555 tons respectively. Of unwrought copper Japan supplied 2,760 tons or 85 per cent, and the United Kingdom 380 tons or 12 per cent, against 3,390 tons or 88 per cent and 455 tons or 12 per cent respectively in 1913-14. The principal varieties of unwrought copper imported are tiles, ingots, cakes, bricks, slabs, etc.

The price and the production of copper usually respond to the general activity or depression in the world's trade, and in 1914, the copper industry at the outbreak of war felt the full effect of the severe financial and industrial crisis. The depression in copper, as in other metals, was acute towards the end of July, but the war proved beneficial to the market as it brought about a reduction in the output, especially in the United States, and at the same time created a deurand for military purposes. With some oscillations the price of cash copper dropped to $£ 56.2 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. a ton late in July 1914. In October the price reached $£ 49-$ the lowest point touched since 1902. A good recovery was made in the following two months and brought the price up to $£ 56128$. 6d. in December and $£ 63128$. in March. The world's copper production showed a large decrease from 986,375 tons in 1913 to 898,780 tons in 1914, of which the United States' production was 506,890 tons. Holland, Sweden, Italy, and Switzerland put embargoes on the export of copper, and the United Kingdom detained the copper consigned to those countries to avoid smuggling. Negotiations in London have resulted in an arrangement placing the entire surplus output of the American copper mines under British control. Other copper interests also made similar arrangements.

Of other metals imported, tin, zinc or spelter, and aluminium are of some importance. The quantity and value of tin imported during the year amounted to 1,925 tons, valued at A 48 lakhs, against 2,135 tons and Z 65 lakhs in 1913-14. It is chiefly imported from the Straits in the shape of unwrought blocks, ingots, bars, and slabs, the total imports being 1,894 tons, valued at f 47 lakhs. Fluctuations in the price of tin were quite as wide as in the previous year, but a severe depression was experienced in the London market, the two extremes recorded being $£ 184$ and $£ 120$ per ton--a figure not seen since the abnormal depression of 1908. There has been a considerable set-back in the world's consumption this year, owing to adverse financial and industrial conditions and the war. The value of zinc or spelter declined heavily from $\mathrm{Z} 28 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs in 1913-14 to nearly $\not 210$ lakhs, the United Kingdom accounting for a decrease of over R12 lakhs worth of unwrought spelter required for her war purposes. The normal consumption of the belligerents largely exceeds their own production and their trade was seriously affected by the war. The quantity and value of aluminium imported were reduced from 1,317 tons and $¥ 21 \frac{1}{3}$

| Aluminium |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Unwroughtit (ingtt, ete.) - |  |
| Wrouglat (a) eircles and uhects . <br> otber molufecturen | $\begin{aligned} & 596 \\ & \hline 90 \\ & \hline 80 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Total | ${ }_{777} 13$ | lakhs to 777 tons and R13 lakhs. The metal is largely imported from the United Kingdom, the United States, Germany, and France into Bombay and Madras. There are a few factories

making aluminium ressels in India. Finished articles, such as water ressels and cooking utensils, especially kettles, saucepans, stempans, and frying pans are being manufactured to a certain extent. Many metal dealers in towns are specialising in aluminium goods, which are more profitable than brass or copper ware. The total world's production for last year was 65,200 metric tons the [nited States producing 22,500 tons, France 18,000 tons, the United Kingdom $\overline{2}, 50$ tons, and Germany, Austria, and Switzerland betreen them $1 \underline{1}, 000$ tons.

## Ous.

The trade in imported oil from foreign countries adranced from $96 \frac{1}{3}$ million ois. gallons, ralued at R 4,40 lakhs ( $£ 2.9$ millions), to 108 million gallons, ralued at H $4,6 \mathrm{~s}$ lakhs ( $£ 3 \cdot 1$ millions). Of this, mineral oils* accounted for 1063 million winerat oils. gallons, valued at R 4.41 lakhs ( $£ 2.9$ millions), against 95 million gallons, valued $\mathrm{H} \ddagger, 111$ lakhs ( $£ 2 \cdot 7$ millions), in 1913-14. The imports of kerosene oil increased Kersene. by 12 million gallons, ralued at $\mathbf{E 4 4}$ lakbs, to 503 million gallons, valued at H 3.29 lakhs (of which oil imported in balk represented 68 million gallons,

|  | (1, $\mathrm{N}_{0}$ |  | Gall |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | (1000) | (1, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ) |
| Raxin | 1,199 | 3,92 | $5: 3$ |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Prenia }}$ |  |  | - | ${ }_{30,5}^{10,52}$ |
| Bimme | 20,915 | \%8,14 | 22,344 | 94.11 |
| Tnital istater | -311 | 1,53,34 | 45240 | 2,01,1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | S8,50 | - | 30,591 | N0,25 |

imported in the first four months of the year. Early in the year the prices for American crude oil began to fall, and by August the decline was at its lowest, due to the steady increase in the world's supplies and the improrement in ocean transport facilities, which stimulated the production by proriding additional outlets. From January there was a recovery in prices. The imports from the United States rose from $\pm 2$ million gallons, valued at $\mathrm{f1}, 83$ lakhs ( $£ 1-2$ million), to 47 million gallons, valued at $\not \mathrm{P} 2,02$ lakhs ( $£ 1 \cdot 3$ million), the arerage declared value for imports from the United States being 6 annas 10 pies per gallon against 6 annas 11 pies in 1913-14. The increased shipments took place entirely in the pre-war period. The Straits and Borneo supplied over 30 million gallons, valued at R1,15 lakhs, against 23 million gallons, raiued at 887 laths, in 1913-14. The expansion of the Straits and Borneo trade is promising, since the oil is cheaper than the American oil. The supply of Russian oil, moreorer, has temporarily stopped. The Persian trade in this commodity stood almost exactly at the level of 1913-14. The effect of the control of the Persian oilfields by the British Admiralty is not yet apparent. The production of Burma oil $\dagger$ was extimated at $0544^{3}$ millior gallons in $191 \pm$ and the coastwise exports of kerosene oil to India proper were $10 \frac{1}{4}$ million gallons. Adding this quantity to the imports by sea of foreign oil, the cossumption of kerosene in India excluding Burna may be roughly estimated at about lSS million gallons, as compared with 178 million gallons in 1913-1t, 97 million gallons in 1905-06, and 79 million gallons in 1910001.

The quantity of mineral oil other than kerosene imported during the rear other Hnds or remained stationary at 26 million gallons, but the value fell by Zl 14 lakhs to wineral olls ml, ll lakhs. The kinds of oil included in this head are lubricating oils ( 14 million gallons), chiefly imported from the Tnited States, the United Kingdom, and Borneo; fuel oil ( 10 million gallons) chiefly from Persia, Sumatra, and the Straits; white oil used largely for adulterating $g h i \quad 176,900$ gallons, although shipped from Antwerp, were imported mainly from Germany into Burma in the first four months of the rear), and petrol which is supplied by the United States. Burma contributed nearly 4 million gallons of petrol to meet the requirements of motor cars and motor crcles, which are now in extensire use in India.

[^12]Paper, Pastoboaril and Stationery.

The total value of imports of paper, pasteboard, and stationery declined by

|  | Paper and pantebanrd. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Privato. R (lakiss) | GovoramentAt (lakhs) |
| 1905-06 | 70 | 1 |
| 1910-11 | 113 | a |
| 1912-13 | 145 | 5 |
| 1913-14 | - 159 | 8 |
| 1914-15 | 132 | 5 | \#45 lakhs to $\mathcal{Z 1} 1,84$ lakhs, and of this decrease paper and pasteboard accounted for Z27 lakhs, and stationery R18 lakhs. J'he value of paper and pasteboard amounted to $\mathrm{Z} 1,32$ lakhs, the United Kingdom contributing P 87 lakhs, Germany and Austria-Hungary together R16 lakhs, against $\neq 89$ lakhs and Z 41 lakhs respectively in 1913-14. The paper imported includes packing, printing, and writing paper and also pasteboard, millboard, and cardboard. Inferior German foolscap writing papers sell more readily than the heavier qualities of imported paper. Austrian note-paper is of a very inforior quality, and had a large sale because of its cheapness. The imports of paper from Germany and AustriaHungary, as also from Norway and Sweden, consist largely of the thinner qualities for printing, press copying, etc., which cannot be manufactured in India at present at sufficiently low prices. In coloured paper, German-made paper is in great demand. Scandinavian printing papers are cheap and of good quality.

The classes of paper which are most largely imported into Calcutta from Germany and Austria Hungary are as follows:-

Description.
Size. Weight prr ream.
$\underset{\substack{\text { Price C.I. F. at } \\ \text { Calcatta. }}}{ }$
(a) Packing paper一

(b) Printing paper-

| German glazed, white art | $\begin{aligned} & 18 \times 22 \\ & 20 \times 30 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 34,40,50 \\ & \& 60 \text { lbs. } \end{aligned}$ | $23 / 7$. per ll. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| German unglazed, white printing | $18 \times 22$ | 8 lbs. | 12d. per ream. |
|  | $18 \times 2210,12,14, \& 16$ lbs. |  | $18 / 8$. per lb. |
| " ," (double |  |  |  |
| Royal) | $26 \times 40$ | 24 lbs . | 15 ${ }_{8} d$. |
| German glazed, coloured | $18 \times 22$ | 12 lbs. | 13 d. " |
|  | $20 \times 30$ | 16 \& 18 lbs . | 13d. " |
| " " | $22 \times 36$ |  |  |
| Austrian unglazed, white printing | $18 \times 22$ | 9 lbs . | 131d. per renm. |
|  | $18 \times 22$ | 12,14, 16, \& 20 lbs . | 18 d . per lh, |
| " , Royal | $20 \times 26$ | 14,16,20, \&24 lhs. | 1息d. |
| Austrian unglazed, coloured |  |  |  |
| " " | $18 \times 22$ | 8 lbs . | 13\%. " |
| Ausitrian glazed, coloured printing | 18×22 | 16 lbs. | 2d. per lb. |

(c) Writing paper and envelopes-



The total consumption of paper in India at present is estimated at over $7 \overline{5}, 000$ tons per annum. Of this quantity about 29,000 tons are manufactured in India, aud the balance is imported, mostly high class stationery, such as notepaper, bonk and bill paper, parchment, ledger, creamlaid, tissue, artistic cover, packing, envelope, Manilla, and account book paper. In 1913 Germany was the largest manufacturer of paper in the world with 788 mills as against 616 for the United States, 375 for Italy, 351 for France, $33 \pm$ for the United Kingdonı, 269 for Austria-Hungary, 183 for Russia, 102 for Sweden, and about 42 for Holland and Belgium each, while India owns only il mills, of which three did not actually work. The value of locally manufactured paper has remained practically steady, while the value of foreign imports has increased to about double that of the paper made in Indian mills. This industry, with one or two exceptions, is not on the whole very flonrishing. Raw materials, such as rags, hemp, Savannah grasses other than baib and Sabai grass, and bamboos are abundant in India, although Poplar spruce, pine and other pulp yielding trees are not available in any quantity. Trials in the manufacture of bamboo pulp have been carried out on a commercial scale, and concessions for extraction of bamboos have been granted to two firms in Burma and Bengal. In the Punjab a concescion for the extraction of spruce and silver fir from the Kulu forests for the manufacture of woodpulp has also been granted.* Papermaking materials, mostly woodpulp, were imported to a great extent from the United Kingiom, Austria-Hungary, Sweden, and Germany. Of chemicals the bleaching material, caustic soda, and sulphur or sulphuric acid are imported chietly from the United Kingdom. Rosin is already being manufactured by the Forest Department in the United Provinces, from crude resin obtained by tapping pine trees in the Himalayan forests, and the product is taken by the paper mills in India. In India the effects of the war were immediately felt in the rise in the price of woodpulp, which is used in considerable quantities by mills. The high cost of imported woodpulp and the increasing price paid for raw materials such as baib grass, the cost of transporting the rav material to the mills, and the temporarily high cost of chemicals are the chief obstacles to the development of the local iudustry. The position may be greatly improved when the new sources of rarr materials are exploited and the products made readily available.

The head "stationery, excluding paper" is a comprehensive one, and the articles comprised therein are heteregeneous. The value of imports, after a progressive trade in the past decade, fell to R 52 lakhs, the share of the United Kingdom being 79 per cent of the total against 71 per cent in 1913-14. The other sources were Japan and the United States ( 4 per cent each) and Germany and Austria-Hungary together 9 per cent against 11 per cent in 1913-14. Of the German and Austrian imports the most important item was pencils, for the Penells. manufacture of which these countries possess special advantages, having large

[^13]deposits of amorphous graphite of suitable quality, and also a pood supply of excellent soft cedar wood. In both these respects India is at a disadvantage. I'he graphite worked out in Travancore is flaky and not suitable for pencil manufacture, Further its supply is running short, and graphite from other sources such as Tinnovelly, Kalahandi, Lohardaga, and Daltonganj has not proved quite -suitable or sufficient. $\Lambda$ s regards the supply of suitable wood Indian resources have not as yet been fully exploited. The Forest Research Institute at Dehra Dun has considered this question and selected several timbers for the manufacture of low grade pencils. There are at present a few small pencil factories in India, but their products are not, with one or two exceptions, equal in quality to the imported article. Japanese pencils, it may be noted, are the cheapest in the market, the prices range from $9 d$. to $18.4 d$. per gross c. i.f. at Calcutta, and they compete with Indian made pencils selling at 18. 2d. per gross. The principal brands of Gerwan and Austrian pencils imported are :-


Penholders of various descriptions (J. W. Faber's No. 7765 in natural, red, and black colours selling at 20s. $4 d$. per dozen less 35 per cent) and nickel pencil protectors with clips (at 68 . per gross less 25 per cent) are also imported from Germany and Austria.

The industry of manufacturing crayons or chalk pencils in the Punjab promises well. The prices of the chalk pencils made by a Punjab Company are :-


Rallway plant and Another important group of Indian imports is railway plant and rolling
rolling stock. stock, and this is an item which is increasing in importance from year to year. In 1914-15 the value of the group exceeded $\mathrm{fl} 13,49$ lakhs or $£ 9$ millions, over $\underset{R}{1912 \cdot 13} \underset{\sim}{1913.14} \underset{\sim}{1914.15} \quad \mathrm{R} 10,08$ lakhs ( $£ 6 \cdot 7$ milions) being private


Total . $\frac{8,94}{14,00}-13,49$ Kingdom. The Government stores included imports worth $\not \mathrm{Kl} 0_{2}^{1}$ lakhs from the United States, $\mathrm{F} 7 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs from Australia (sleepers of wood), and R13 lakhs from other countrics, while of the private imports, Australia and Germany accounted for about R15 lakhs and R26 lakhs, respectively, and other countries Re5 lakhs. The share of Germany steadily increased from $\mathbb{Z 2 l} 2$ lakhs in 1909-10 to f 30 lakhs in 1913-1.1, especially in carriages and wagons and parts theroof, followed by locomotives and tenders, other kinds of railway material, steel or iron sleepers and keys, and rails, chairs and fish plates. The value of the imports of carriages and wagons in 1914-15 amounted to R55, 99 lakhs, which was nearly hatf the total value of the imports on both private and Government account.

Salt.
Since the outbreak of war the imports of salt are of considerable interest, especially in view of the large fluctuations in price that took place during the period from August 1914 to March 1915. Imports of salt showed a decrease
in quantity from 606,940 tons in 1913-14 to 465,694 tons in 1914-15. The value of these imports in 1914-15 were $\mathbf{7 7 4}$ lakhs as against nearly A 88 lakhs in the previous year. The trade in the pre-war period amounted to about 45 per cent of the total. 'The imports were as usual almost entirely confined to Bengal ( $8: 5$ per cent) and Burma ( 15 per cent). The sources of supply during the year of review were Aden ( 34 per cent), the United Kingdom ( 19 per cent), Egypt ( 16 per cent), Italian East Africa ( 9 per cent), Spain ( 8 per cent), and Asiatic Turkey ( 7 per cent). As compared with 1913-14, increased imports are noticeable from Aden ( 37 per cent), but decreased imports from Spain ( 59 per cent), Asiatic Turkey ( 58 per cent), Germany ( 42 per cent), Italian East Africa ( 18 per cent), and Egypt ( 11 per cent). Imports of English salt have also declined. The shipments of salt from the United Kingdom during 1914-15 amounted to 92,276 tons against 136,721 tons in 1913-14. The prices in Calcutta rose from f 51 per 100 maunds in July to $\nexists 86$ in August, but receded to H 71 in September and R 51 in October. The price then advanced to R 76 in December, to R128 in February, and to R146 on 11th March. It then fell to Al05 on 25th March 1915. The quantity remaining in bond in Bengal and Burma at the end of March 1915 was 71,917 tons against 147,034 tons at the end of 1913-14. The consumption of salt during 1914-15 increased from

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 was due in some degree to speculative clearances owing to the fear that an enhanced salt duty might be imposed. The Government of India amended the rules in force in Northern India for the payment of the duty on salt so as to provide, as in the case of imported salt, that the duty shall be payable at the rate in force on the date of the removal of the article from the salt sources or depots, instead of on the date of payment.

## Raw silk and silk mandfactures.

The imports of raw silk are more than nine times the value of the exports $\dagger$ : sllk, raw.

 more efficiently adapted for silk production than India, the Indian article is at a disadvantage. The trade in raw silk, as will be seen in the marginal table, was $2 \frac{1}{3}$ million lbs, valued at $\mathrm{R} 1,13$ lakhs. The decline is attributed to the over-trading of the preceding two years. China and Hongkong-the chief sources. of supply-largely contributed to the decrease. The receipts from the Straits also declined from 105,130 lbs to $62,400 \mathrm{lbs}$, but Japan sent a heavy consignment of 172,370 lbs against only $21, \mathrm{e} 10 \mathrm{lbs}$ in 1913-14, while imports from siam rose from $92,750 \mathrm{lbs}$ to $93,570 \mathrm{lbs}$. Of the total imports Bombay's share was 89 per cent and that of Burma 8 per cent. The average declared value ( $\mathrm{R} 4-14-9$ per lb ) was slightly higher than in 1913-14. At the time of the outbreak of war stocks of raw silk were limited in all consuming countries. It so happened that there was a very great demand for silk in the year 1913, making it necessary to draw upon the reserves as well as to absorb the product of the large crop of last season. The position has since improved in consequence of the fairly regular supplies. The world's production of raw silk in 1913 was $60 \frac{1}{3}$ million lbs or nearly one million lbs more than in 1912, the Far East producing $45 \frac{3}{2}$ million lbs, Western E'urope $9 \frac{1}{3}$ million lbs, a falling off of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ million llis, and South Eastern Europe 5 million lbs. The world's consumption of silk during 1913 amounted to $61 \frac{1}{3}$ million lbs, of which the United States alone consumed 27 million lbs, showing an increase of $2 \frac{1}{3}$ million lbs, and the whole of Europe 31 million lbs. In 1914 the production was 48 million lbs, of which the Far East accounted for 34 millions lbs, Western

[^14]Europe $10 \frac{3}{3}$ million lhs, and South Eastorn Europe noarly 31 million 1 hs . The falling off in 1914, as contrasted with 1913, is due to the state of war, which has almost completely suppressed the arrivals of raw silk from Turkestan, Porsia, and the extreme Orient, and therefore it way impossible to estimate the production in these countries.

The noticeable features in the silk trade at the present time are on the one hand that Japan is increasing its already large production, and on the other hand there is an evergrowing consumption in the United States.

In the previous paragraphs reference was mado to the imports of raw silk in 1914-15. In this paragraph the imports of manufactured silk in the same period are dealt with. The imports of silk goods have been considerably curtailed,


 per cent and Burma 14 per cent. The sudden
 ed blow at the silk trade. The use of silk is to a large extent a luxury, and the restrictel purchasing power of the people, owing to the abnormal conditions of the your, caused a cessation in demand. Of the imports of silk manufactures in 1914-15, 48 per cent came from: Japan, 31 per cent from China including Hongkong, 6 per cent each from the United Kingdom and France. Pure silk piecegoods (imported chicfly from China, Hongkong, and Japan) represented 69 per cent of the total tride. The supply from Japan was reduced from 111,17 lakhs to t 68 lakhs; from China from P 60 lakhs to $\mathrm{P57}$ lakhs; and from France from R7 $7 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs to R3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs. Japan is the principal source of the supply of silk yarn, noils, and warps, the total value of which fell in the year under review from R46 lakhs to P 34 lakhs. Inports from Italy, which in this trade ranks next, fell from Zl 10 lakhs to R 4 lakhs. Goods of silk mised with other materials are all of European manufacture, and are imported mainly from tho United Kingdom, Germany, France, and Italy. The imports of mixed goods decreased from RG: $\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs to R24 lakhs. Germany made a speciality of goods mixed with silk, and her imports of these goods in the provious year were R21 lakhs. They consist principally of velvets, of which large quantities are imported. Germany secured the trade in mixed velvets by means of a special process in the manufacture of the velvet pile. The price ranges from $8 d$. to $2 s$. per yard of $17 \frac{1}{2}-18 \frac{1}{2}$ " and the largest demand is for the standard quality at 18 . 1d. per yard of $18-188_{3}^{11}$. There is a good sale also for the cheapest quality at $8 d$. per yard. French mixed velvets cost $3 d$. to $8 d$. per yard more than the corresponding grades of German qualities. A cheap quality of plain coloured satin of mixed cotton and silk in imitation of the French make is also supplied by Germany at $8 \frac{1}{4} d$. per yard of $22^{\prime \prime}$. The price of German pure silk velvets is 48 . and upwards per yard of $18{ }^{\prime \prime}$, while the French best qualities are sold from 48. to 88 . per yard.

The imports of soap in 1914-15 amounted to $404,485 \mathrm{cwts}$, valued at R833 lakhs. The United Kingdom is the principal source of supply-her share being about P791 1 lakhs; the remainder of the imports, valued at nearly P4 lakhs, came chiefly from the United States, Austria-Hungary, Japan, and Italy. The imports consist mainly of household, laundry, and toilet soaps. These soaps are, as a rule, of superior quality, and more expensive than the locally made article, as will be seen from the following quotations:


The largest trade is done in Gossage's bar soap and Lever Brother's Sunlight soap, both of English manufacture. The c.i.f. price of Gossage's bar soap is 78. per box of 45 lbs . containing 20 bars. Austrian soap being cheaper
competes with Indian-made soaps. The c.i.f. prices at Calcutta are as follows:-

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austrian manufacture- <br> Gotlieb Taussig's household toilet soap | . 21 | per dozen cakes. |  |
| " " Royal soap . | . 18 | " | " |
| Calderara and Bankmann's housebold shaving soap i 11 |  |  |  |
| " lavender soap | 16 | " | " |
| erman manufacture- |  |  |  |
| Gustur Boehm's household toilet soap | . 110 | " | " |
| " " lavender soap | 1 | " |  |

Sugar.
Sugar Imports.-The year 1914-15 was for the sugar trade a very sagar. cventful one. In 1914-15 the imports amounted to $\not \mathrm{Z10,52}$ lakhs or $£ 7$ millions, against $\mathbb{\# 1 4 , 9 6}$ lakhs or nearly $£ 10$ millions in the previous year. This was 54 per cent, in place of 60 per cent in 1913-1.1, of the aggregate value of the class Food, drink, and tobaccr). The total quantity of sugar (including confectionery and molasses) imported was 550,000 tons, of which some 21,500 tons represented beet sugar. Cane sugar fell from 728,200 tons to 406,600 tons, the docrease being therefore 44 per cent. The imports of cane sugar from Java and Mauritius decreaserl by 266,200 tons or 46 per cent, and 57,900 tons or 41 per cent, respectively. The imports were 316,700 tons of Java sugar and 81,700 tons of Mauritius sugar in 1914-15. There was

| Imports of Sugar. | 1918.14 <br> Tona | 1914-15 <br> Tone | $\underset{\sim}{\text { 1913-14 }}$ | $\underset{\text { I }}{1914-15}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | (1000) | (1000) |
| Anatria-Hungary | 74,001 | 21,405 | 1,37.67 | 38,36 |
| Gorninny - | 686 | 103 | 1,24 | 18 |
| Other countrien | 47 | 14 | 14 | 4 |
| Total | 74,734 | 21,622 | 1,39,05 | 38,58 |
| Canc- |  |  |  |  |
| Jnva | 682,995 | 318,748 | 10,26,77 | 7,45,91 |
| Mnuritiun | 189.688 | 81,718 | 2,50,13 | 1,70,29 |
| Other countries | 68,81 | 8,108 | 12,90 | 22,79 |
| Total | 728,284 | 108,574 | 12,89,80 | 9,38,99 | a small consignment of 500 tons, valued at R1,60,000, of Egyptian cane sugar, which was imported into Calcutta, and of 1,995 tons worth ¥5.81,000 imported into Bombay towards the end of the year. Sinall consignments of refined cane sugar of 700 tons were also imported from Japan. The detailed figures are noted in the margin. The average declared value per cwt of Java sugar was $\mathfrak{X i 1 1 - 1 2 - 5}$ as against R8-12-11 in 1913-14, showing a rise of no less than 34 per cent. Mauritius sugar was $\mathrm{Zl} 10-6-8$ per cwt as against $\mathrm{fl} 8-15-4$ in the previous year, a rise of 16 per cont. In Calcutta the prices of Java I. M. O. were highest in March 1915 (R16-1-3 per cwt ) and lowest in April 1914 (AR9-8-2 per cwt).



Production.-Serious attempts are being made to improve the Indian sugar position, and to remove the stigma that India (which is the largest producer of cane sugar in the world) is importing increasing quantities of cane sugar from other countries at the expense of her home industry.* The production of British India was estimated at $2,367,000$ tons on an area of $2,315,000$ acres, the production showing an increase of 3 per cent but the area a decrease of 9 per cent, as compared with the previous year's figures. An addition of about 14,300 tons should be made for the non-reported cane area, and off about 300,000 tons representing the produce from date and palmyra palms. Bengal produced over 90,000 tons of date and palmyra palm sugar; the figures for other provinces are not available.

Foreign markets.-To understand the sugar import trade of India one has to refer to the conditions that prevailed in world markets throughout the year. In the early part of the year supplies were apparently ample, and prices ruled low with small fluctuations. The highest price of 88 per cont beet root f.o.b, Hamburg, was quoted in April at $98.5 d$, while in July the price fell to $98.2 \frac{1}{2} d$. The price of Cuban sugar c.i.f, in the United Kingdom, varied from $98.3 d$. to $10 s$. $3 d$. in July. The Continental beet crop for 1941 promised well, and owing to the higher prices ruling in America shipments of Cuban sugar were resold to the United States, and in consequence stocks in trader's hands by the end of July were limited. With the rupture between Austria and Servia on July 24, London prices of beet sugar advanced, but fell sharply towards the end of the month. Consequent on the outbreak of war between Germany and France, and the cessation of imports of Continental beet sugar, a large demand immediately sprang up for any available sugar, which was accentuated by the Uaited Kingdom joining the belligerents. Prices rapidly advanced, so that first mark granulated sugar, which was selling at the end of July at $15 s$. per cwt, rose to $35 s$. and 408 . by the first week of August, some grades selling as high as 55s. In view of this large increase in retail prices and in order to put a curb on speculative operations, the British Government assumed entire control of the market. They secured all available supplies of sugar in America, Cuba, Java, and elsewhere, and bought some $1,000,000$ tons for manufacturing purposes or for direct consumption. This cane sugar replaced about a million tons of prohibited beet sugar, which is ordinarily imported into the United Kingdom in the months of August to April. The Royal Sugar Commission, which was appointed to fix the price at which raw sugar was to be sold in the United Kingdom to refiners and to the trade, reduced prices immediately to $30 s$. The retail price was fixed by the Commission at $3 \frac{3}{4} d$. for white granulated. On October 26 the Commission announced a further reduction of $2 s .6 d$. per cwt, and at this level prices ruled till the end of the year. Since that time imports of all sugars hare been prohibited, with a view to prevent German and Austrian beet sugar reaching the United Kingdom through neutral countries, and money as payment reaching the enemy countries. On December 14 the Government reduced the price of Mauritius crystals by about $3 s$. per cwt (viz., to $22 s .1 \frac{1}{2} d$ ) to assist the confectioners and large sugar users, and on December 17 announced that there would be no further reduction. In March of this year the price of Java sugar in the United Kingdom was 139 per cent higher than at the outbreak of war.

Monthly imports into India.-These events were not without their effect on
 India. There was a great reduction in the supply of beet sugar from the Continental countries, a reduction from 74,700 tons to 21,500 tons in 1914-15. The United Kingdom and other consuming countries of the British Empire largely indented, as already noted, on Java and Mauritius for sugar. These countries happen to be India's principal sources of supply $\dagger$. In the months since the outbreak of war there was a decline of nearly 57 per cent in the imports from abroad of sugar, 16D.S. and above, and a consequential increase of 66 per cont in the declared value for March 1915 over that of July 1914, as will be seen from the marginal table. 'The monthly prices are also given in greater detail in part ii of the Report on page 125.

[^15]The position of the Indian industry.-The steps now being taken to improve the position of the Indian sugar industry are necessarily slow as there are intrinsic difficulties. It is, for example, almost impossible to produce any one variety of cane which will grow well throughout India. The canes of the Punjab are not very suitable for Bengal, just as the Bengal canes are unsuited to the low temperatures of the north. The opening of large irrigation works in parts of Southern and Central India will lead to an increase in the area under cane, giving high yields and rendering possible the cultivation of cane in large blocks. In the Central Provinces a block of about 4,000 acres is being leased out to a Syndicate, and in Burma in one of the canal areas a Rangoon firm is making experiments in cane cultivation, half the cost being paid by Government. Experiments at Government expense are also being made in Assam to grow cane at a profit. It is the policy of Government to show the cultivators how to increase the yield per acre, since the average yield in India is about 24 cwts against 80 ewts in Java. The Agricultural Departments of Local Governments are endeavouring to solve the problem in two ways, first, by seeking for better methods of cultivation, and, secondly, by introducing improved varieties to suit local conditions. Special sugar-cane stations have been started in the United Provinces, the Punjab, the Central Prorinces, Madras, Bombay, Bihar, and Assam. $\dagger$ Dr. Barber, now in charge of the Central Station at Coimbatore, has succeeded in growing sugarcane for the first time in India from seed, and this discovery will make it possible to obtain, by crossing, new varieties of cane giving higher yields. He has raised no less than 60,000 seedlings and is engaged in crossing the hardy North Indian canes with South Indian canes containing a large percentage of sugar. Some interesting factors relating to sugar-cane varieties have been investigated at Sabour with a view to deciding between the merits of different rarieties of cane. The researeh work has, in short, for its object the collection and isolation of pure culture of indigenous varieties under chemical control, and the investigation of their milling properties with a view to the ultimate selection of the most suitable for general cultivation. Work of a more utilitarian nature from a local point of vier, such as (1) the testing of varieties likely to be suitable to the neighbourhood and (2) the investigation into the systems of manuring and cultivating, is also being pursued in the district farms of various provinces. The Assam Department makes steady progress in the extension of the cultivation of improved varietics. Selected varieties of thick canes can be grown in the United Provinces, given proper cultivation and irrigation, but their extended cultivation will depend on demand. These canes are much cheaper and casier to work, possess a higher sucrose content, and also yield a heavier crop than the deshi or "country" cane. Progress is necessarily slow. India, however, cannot be expected to achieve in a brief quinquennium what has taken Java and the West Indies at least a quarter of a century to accomplish.

The trade in tobacco had a marked set-back in 1914-15, as compared with Tobaco. the previous year, although the import trade suffered less than the export trade. The imports were $2,219,500 \mathrm{lbs}$, valued

| 1914.15. | 1914.15. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trinaro- |  |  |
| Cimanufactured | 267.300 | 2 |
| Manufnctured- |  |  |
| Cirara | 61.400 | 21 |
| Cisarettes | . 1.439,800 | 56 |
| Other corts | - 851,000 | 11 | at A 72 lakhs, against $2,457,700 \mathrm{lbs}$, valued at R75 lakhs, in 1913-14. The details of these imports are given in the marginal table. Imports of raw tubacco, which came chiefly from the United States, Holland, the United Kingdom, Belgium, the Straits, and Egypt, fell in total value by a lakh. The imports of cigars and cigarettes also declined by f 3 lakhs, while 'other sorts' improred by a lakh. Cigars were imported from the following countries:-the United Kingdom (R45,000), Holland ( Zl 1 lakh ), and the Philippines ( $\mathrm{Z58} 8,000$ ); and cigarettes from the United Kingdom (\#ol lakhs) and Egypt (R5 lakhs). The United Kingdom had, therefore, over 9 i per cent of the cigarette import trade, and Egypt 8 per cent. Prices of imported tobacco were much lower than in 1913, especially for the medium and lower grades. The import duty realised on the cheaper quality of cigarettes, weighing less than 3 lbs per 1,000 , amounted to

[^16]R16,56,326, and on the superior grade, weighing 3 lbs or more per 1,000 , R1,52,158 against $\mathrm{Pl7}, 69,140$ and $\mathrm{R} 1,45,459$ respectively in 1913-14. The quantity of tobacco unmanufactured and manufactured remaining in bond at the end of the year was $106,600 \mathrm{lbs}$ against $193,300 \mathrm{lbs}$ in the previous year. The reduction was due to increased consumption, and to larger clearances from the bond owing to the apprehension of an euhanced rate of duty.

Umbrellas
The imports of both umbrellas and umbrella fittings declined by over R4t lakhs and R13 lakhs to nearly $\mathrm{R17}$ lakhs and R19 lakhs respectively. A very large trade is done locally in the manufacture of cheap umbrellas for the Indian market, the fittings as well as the cloth being imported. The cloth is imported from the United Kingdom and Italy; the frames, ribs, and tubes are obtained from the United Kingdom, and until the outbreak of war also from Germany and Belgium; the notehes, runners, caps, and ferrules are supplied by the United Kingdom and Japan. Japan also supplies a large quantity of bamboo and wood umbrella sticks with handles. In 1914-15 the share of the United Kingdom was 68 per cent, of Germany 13 per cent, of Japan 11 per cent, and of Belgium 3 per cent. The prices of German frames, ribs, and tubes in the Calcutta market are as follows:-

1. Self-opening frames, japanned with nickel talee $23^{\prime \prime}$ and $25{ }^{\circ \prime} \times 8$ ribs at $7 s$. $6 d$. to $8 s .3 d$. per dozen and nickelled frames of the same measurement at $108.4 \frac{1}{2} d$. to $118.9 d$.
2. Solid ribs ( 43 gauge) of sizes $16^{\prime \prime}, 19^{\prime \prime}, 21^{\prime \prime}, 23^{\prime \prime}, 25^{\prime \prime}$, and $27^{\prime \prime}$ with 8
 per dozen sets respectively.
3. Solid ribs ( 41 gauge) with sizes $23^{\prime \prime}$ and $25^{\prime \prime}, 27^{\prime \prime}$, and $29^{\prime \prime}$ with 12 ribs at $2 s .1 d ., 2 s .3 d$. , and $2 s .6 d$. per dozen sets respectively.
4. Solid flexus ribs (41 gauge) of sizes $19^{\prime \prime}, 21^{\prime \prime}, 23^{\prime \prime}$, and $25^{\prime \prime}$ with 8 ribs at $1 s$. $4 d$., $2 s ., 2 s$. $1 d_{\text {d., and }} 2 s .2 d$. per dozen sets respectively.
5. Brown tubes $31^{\prime \prime}$ and $33^{\prime \prime \prime}$ long at 10d. per dozen.
6. Nickel tubes $31^{\prime \prime}$ and $33^{\prime \prime}$ at 18 . $4 d$. per dozon.

Wood and timber.
The value of the total trade in wood and timber in 1914 -15 was R82 $\frac{1}{3}$ lakhs, Imports of wood and timber. against R87 lakhs in the previous year.



 wood from foreign countries. Teak wood, chiefly from Siam and Java, was imported to the extent of 27,477 cubic tons, valued at R39 lakhs, against 18,660 cubic tons, valued at R242 lakhs, in 1913-14. The average declared value rose from R131-3-S to R141-7-6 jer cubic ton. Imports of teak from Siam rose from 15,867 cubic tons to 22,631 cubic tons. Java supplied 4,559 cubic tons of teak against 2,516 cubic tons in 1913-14. The imports of deal and pine wood from European countries fell from 14,533 cubic tons to 7,480 cubic tons. The imports of jarrah wood from Western Australia improved by 534 cubic tons.
Timber imported from the Straits decreased from 18,708 cubic tons to 14,923 cubic tons, and from Ceylon from 5,853 cubic tons to 4,124 cubic tons.

As the railway mileage increases, the problem of the supply of wooden
Importa of moden slepers for railwny lateepers becomes more important. China is now
 entering the market as a supplier of wooden sleepers, known as Rong Tong, Mai Yang, and Mai Kiam, which are being offered for sale in India. Java is also offering teak sleepers. It may be noted here that the deodar tree of the Himalayas is used to a considerable extent for sleepers, and Nepal Sâl and other woods are also used for the purpose. As the supply of first class sleeper woods such as Sal and deodar is limited, experiments

[^17]in the antiseptic treatment of less duralle timbers have been in progress for some years. Arrangements have already been made with the Railway Board for the delivery of a large number of treated chir pine sleepers from the forests of the United Provinces. Pyinkadu, which is largely grown in the forests of Upper Burma, is also a valuable wood for slecpers, but some difficulty was experienced in getting teak and other timbers shipped from Burma consequent on the shortage of freights owing to the war.

## Woollen Mantfacturbs.

The chicf features of the world market in the early part of the year under woollen manareview were : (1) the high prices ruling for the finished article, (2) the steadily factures increasing cost of the raw material, and (3) the prevalence of short time in the mills. Owing to large war contracts an embargo was placed upon the export of woollen goods from the United Kingdom. Thus the supply for ordinary trade purposes was greatly restricted, and the imports into India fell from R3,85 lakhs to R1,88 lakhs-a decrease of R1,97 lakhs. of which the United Kingdom alone accounted for R87 fill lakhs. The largest item is woollen piecegoods in which the United Kingdom predominated, Holland coming next to Germany and France. The average declared value was R1-0-8 per yard of piecegoods against 14 annas 9 pies in 1913-14. In shawls as well as in yarn and knitting wool, Germany had hitherto held the market, but in 191.1-15 the United Kingdom occupied the first position as regards shawls, Germany being second. The United Kingdom and Italy were the chief sources of carpets and rugs.

Details of the trade under the various heads are noted below. The share of

| Importa of wowllen shawls ${ }_{\text {No. }}$ |  | 1014.15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 18 (1,000) |
| Prom United Kiugdom | . 296,718 | 8.84 |
| " Germany . | . 237,500 | 7,50 |
| " Auntrin-Hungary | - 10,3.46 | 37 |
| " Other countrics | - 31,120 | 59 |
| Total | 575,684 | 16,70 | Germany in the imports of woollen shawls was 45 per cent against 49 per cent for the United Kingdom and 2 per cent for Austria-Hungary. The shawls which are mostly imported from Germany and AustriaHungary, together with their prices, are :(1) German Lohi shawls: (a) woollen, made in imitation of $\Lambda$ mritsar Lohi (or native) shawls. They range in price from $5 s$. 4.d. to $8 s$. per pair. The popular qualities cost $5 s .4 . d$. and $6 s .2 d$. per pair of $50^{\prime \prime} \times 2 / 212^{\prime \prime}$, ( 0 ) woollen and cotton mixed, the price of the standard quality bcing $4 s .1 d$. and $4 s .4 d$. per pair and the cheaper quality costing $3 s .9 d$. and $4 s$. per pair for the respective sizes of $48^{\prime \prime} \times 2 / 212^{\prime \prime}$ and $50^{\prime \prime} \times 2 / 212^{\prime \prime}$. (2) German plain serge slawls, woollen, the inferior quality costs $3 s$. $2 d$. per piece of $48^{\prime \prime} \times 106^{\prime \prime}$, and a good quality 48 . per piece of $50^{\prime \prime} \times 108^{\prime \prime}$, embroidered serge shawls usually costing from $1 s$. to $2 s$. per picce extra. (3) German embroidered merino shawls, woollon, at varying prices from $2 s$. to $8 s$. per piece according to the kind of embroidery and quality of the cloth. (4) German Shot shawls, woollen, the popular quality costs 48 . per piece of $48^{\prime \prime} \times 106^{\prime \prime}$. The better qualities range up to 68 . per piece of $52^{\prime \prime} \times 112^{\prime \prime}$. (5) German Beige shawls, (a) woollen, the prices ranging from 48.6 d . to 68 . per piece. The demand is largest for a quality at 58. per piece of $48^{\prime \prime} \times 106^{\prime \prime}$. (b) Woollen and cotton mixed-only one quality at 3 s . 10 d . per piece of $4 \mathrm{~S}^{\prime \prime} \times 106^{\prime \prime}$. (6) German fancy check shawls, woollen and cotton mixed, the price varies from $1 s$. $5 d$. to $2 s .8 d$. per piece according to the size of various designs. A quality at $2 s .5 \frac{2}{2} d$. per piece of $48^{\prime \prime} \times 106^{\prime \prime}$ is also in demand, but this style is now out of fashion. (7) Austrian woollen Pine shawls (a) with imitation gold embroidery, one quality and size only at $6 s$. per piece of $48^{\prime \prime} \times 100^{\prime \prime}$, and ( $b$ ) with silk embroidery of various sizes and qualities at prices varying from 4s. 10d. to $6 s$. per piece according to the kind of embroidery; the popular quality being ts. 10 d . per piece of $48^{\prime \prime} \times 100^{\prime \prime}$. (8) Austrian woollen knitted shawls cost on an average about $2 s .6 d$. per piece of $48^{\prime \prime} \times 106^{\prime \prime}$.

Within the last few years German woollen yarns have been largely imported via Bombay and Karachi for weaving shawls. These shawls compete with the Punjab article at reduced prices, and at the same time undersell the shawls made in the Cawnpore mills. The low price is made possible in some cases by cutting the size of the shawl or by supplying inferior material. An opportunity has occurred at the present time for British or Indian manufacturers to
capture the market in plain shawls. The very low priced German embroidered siawls are, however, more diffioult to oust from the Indian market.

In yarn and knitting wool, Germany's share was 70 per cent in 1013-14. Inferior qualities of worsted yarns are imported in small quantities from Germany alone. The better qualities of woollen or worsted yarns, styled Fingering wool, are obtained from the United Kinglom and used for knitting socks and stockings. Imports of knitting wool from Germany consist almost wholly of Berlin wool, for which there is an enormous demand both ly Europeans and Indians alike. It consists of four-fold soft spun yarn of good colour and finish, and is used for working carpet slippers and cushion covers on cotton Ponelope canvas, and also for knitting caps and jackets. It is put up in packets varying in woight from 4 oz . to 1 lb ., each packet containing four small bundles of equal weight. The prices at which these packets are sold are as follows:

Weight por packet. Rows. Fold and skeins. Price per packet.


There are also other qualities of Berlin wool known as (1) 4-fold Andalusian, (2) 3 -fold Saxony wool, and (3) 2-fold Shetland wool. They are practically handspun Berlin wools of different plics, and are used in small quantities by Juropeans for knitting children's garments such as socks, jackets, caps, and underwear. The price is uniform at about $38.7 \frac{1}{2} d$. per lb .

Under woollen piecegoods German goods are principally flannels and flannelettes of the following descriptions:-1. Plain woollen coloured flannels imported in assorted colours, the price ranging from $5 d$. to $8 d$. per yard of $27^{\prime \prime}-28^{\prime \prime}$ in width. 2. Striped woollen coloured flannels at $7 d$. per yard of $30^{\prime \prime}$ and at $8 \frac{1}{4} d$. per yard of $33^{\prime \prime}, 3$. Woollen white flannels, ranging in price from $7 d$. to $18.4 d$. per yard of $27^{\prime \prime}-28^{\prime \prime}$ wide. The narrower width of $24^{\prime \prime}$ is also largely sold at $7 \frac{1}{2} d$. per yard. 4. Woollen guaze twill flannels, varying in price from $7 \frac{1}{2} d$. to 10 d . per yard of $30^{\prime \prime}-31^{\prime \prime}$ wide. These are also imported in widths of $27^{\prime \prime}, 30^{\prime \prime}$, and $36^{\prime \prime}$. 5. Woollen coloured French merinos cost from $7 \frac{1}{9} d$. to 11d. per yard of $42^{\prime \prime}$, whereas genuine French merinos are obtainable from $9 d$. to $1 s .2 d$. per yard. 6. Woollen black and coloured Cashmeres range in price from $1 s$. to $3 s$. por yard of $44^{\prime \prime}-46^{\prime \prime}$ and $54^{\prime \prime}$, the largest width being most in demand. These shawls are also imported from Austria and compete with the English made article, which is more expensive by $2 d$. to $3 d$. por yard. 7. Woollen and cotton mixed suiting flannels, costing from $7 d$. to $\% s$. per yard of $48^{\prime \prime}$ and $54^{\prime \prime}$. There has been a shortage of supplies of these woollen goods, and the stocks carried over from the previous year are being rapidly disposed of.

Woollen and cotton mixed braids are imported mostly from AustriaHungary and the United Kingdom; mixed curved braids No. 13 (i.e., 13 cord) are sold at $9 \frac{1}{4} d$. black and $9 \frac{1}{2} d$. scarlet, and mixed round braids at $5 d$. black and $5 \frac{1}{4} d$. scarlet, per gross yards less 5 per cent discount in. $\frac{2}{2}$ gross yard packets. Woollen braids imported from Germany are mostly "Llama lustres or braids," which are used as trimmings and are of the following qualities:-Quantity No. 53 at $2 s .7 d .$, No. 61 at ${ }^{2} s .10 d$. , No. 65 at $3 s .1 d .$, No. 81 at $3 s .4 d^{2}$., No. 97 at $38.7 d$., and No. 101 at 48 . per gross yards, f. o. b. less 4 per cent discount. They are packed in boxes containing 4 bundles each of 36 yards, and imported in a variety of colours.

## chapter IV.

## Chief Exports in 1914-15.

In the previous chapter :mports into India were discussed in alphabetical order. In the present chapter exports are similarly treated. The statistical tables, which give the details of these exports, will be found in pages 107-108 in Part II of the Report.

Under exports the head 'chemicals and chemical preparations' consists Chemieals, (Saltchicfly, if not entirely, of potassium nitrate or saltpetre. The quantity and petro). valuc of saltpetre rose from 13,400 tons, valued at R31 lakhs, to 16,400 tous, valued at R43 lakhs, the highest value reached since 1908-09. During the first four months the exports were 6 per cent above those of 1913-14, but since the outbreak of war, they increased by 30 per cent over those of the corresponding period of the previous year, amounting to 11,500 tons, valued at R331 $\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs. Calcutta is the chief port from which saltpetre is exported from India, her share being 97.4 per cent of the total. In 1914-15, the imports into Calcutta were 17,951 tons, and of this 10,261 tons came from Bihar and Orissa, 5,381 tons from the United Provinces, and 2,272 tons from the Punjab. The exports from Bengal to forcign countries were 15,976 tons, and to Indian ports 77 tons only. Only a small quantity is imported by sea for chemical and medicinal purposes, and by land from Nepal, the figures for 1914-15 being respectively 9 tons and 41 tons, against 27 tons and 82 tons in 1013-14.

## Coal.

There was a set-back again last year in the exports of coal and coke, only coal. 501,286 tons having been exported against 723,641 tons in 1913-14. The figure receded to the levol of 1904-05, excepting the year 1908-09 when only 571,582 tons were exported. The production of Indian coal during 1914 amounted to 16,4464,263 tons, valucd at R $\overline{5}, 86$ lakhs, as against $16,208,009$ tons, valued at I55,70 lakhs, in 1913. About 56 por cent of the total production of coal in India is raised from the Jherria coal fields in Bihar and Orissa, and 30 per cent from the Ranigunj coal ficlds of Bengal. The other coal fields of any






$1918 \cdot 13$ - $14,700 \quad 881 \quad 654 \quad 10004$ tons) 1919.14 - $10,204 \quad 723 \quad 559 \quad 9 \quad 9 \quad 0 \quad$ tons) together with the export declared unit values. Indian coal was in good revicw. Exports are relatively very limitedand in India in the year under only to about 26 tons produced. The bulk of the coal pre proportion of one ton coal retained for con. in the country. The of coal produced is thus consumed sumples: 1,000 Tons. quantity of coal (both Indian and foreign) retained for
 (including raily per cent of the whole quantity is consumed by railways and an equal quantity factories, about 7 fer cen by iron and brass foundries, and brick and tile sumed by inland steamers. The consumption coal, and nearly 4 per cent is consumed by inland steamers. The consumption at the collieries (ineluding wast-
age) is some 10 per cent of the total. In 1914, prices (average for the twolve months ending December) of Indian coal (I)eshurghur) rose at Calcutta, but those at Bombay and Karachi for both Indian and Welsh coal fell. The
 in September, but feil to $\mathrm{A} \cdot \mathrm{b}-4$ in November, to P 4 in lobruary, and closed at 73 -8 in March 1915. The prices for Deshurghur ruled higher in 1914 than in 1913.

Coal was shipped as usual mainly to Colombo--392,610 tons or 66 per cent of the total exports was sent to Ccylon. This quantity approximates to the exports to Ceylon in 1913-1.4. Exports to the Straits represented 100,636 tons or 17 per cent, and to Sumatra 72,810 tons or 12 per cent, of the total. Exports' to Aden rose from 5,336 tons to 16,537 tons. Of the total exports about 64 per cent was shipped during the war period. A still larger trade would probably have been recorded if the carriage of coal from the ports had not been impeded by the want of shipping facilities due to the war. Shipments of bunker coal from Calcutta for use in steamers were 969,338 tons against $1,010,074$ thns in 1913-14. The exports of coke amounted to 1,794 tons, valued at $\mathrm{P} 21,700$.

The marginal table shows the average sea freights for 1914, from Calcutta
 $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wales to Rombay } \\ & \text { Ranigunj to Calcutta }\end{aligned} . \cdot \mathrm{H} 2-4, \quad$ Kanigunj to Calcutta is also stated. Early in the year under review freights from Calcutta rose to R5-4 per ton for Bombay, R4 for Colombo, and R3-8 for Rangoon; later in the year they ruled at R6-8, R5 and R3-8 per ton; but in March 1915 the rates reached R9, R8, and R6-8 respectively. 'Tonnage was hardly obtainable at the close of the year, and coal had to be sent by rail.

|  |  |  | anics in the share list with a paid-up capital of |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. of | ${ }_{\text {Capital }}$ | lakis, 43 declared no dividend. One company gave a |
|  | Cos. | 12(1.akhs.) | vidend of R800 per share of R10 p |
|  | 129 | 721 | 90 per cent respectively, three 55 per cent, two 50 por |
| 1911-12 | 128 139 | 722 710 | cent and 37 ! per cent, two 35 per cont, and the |
| 1912.13 | 139 142 | 716 | cent and 372 per cent, two 35 per cont, and the rest |
| 1914.15 |  | 74.4 | deciared dividends from $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to 27 es per cent. |

Moro than half the coffee-producing area in India is situated in the Mysore State, in Iravancore, and in Cochin, and the remainder in Madras and Coorg. The area in 1913-14 was estimated at 85,723 acres in British India, and 117,954 acres in Mysore, Travancore, and Cochin, the total area being 203,677 acres as against 216,399 acres in 1912-13. It is difficult to ascertain with any degree of accuracy the area or yield of the coffee estates of Southern India. The continuance of high prices was a stimulus to production, especially in Brazil, which has so extended the cultivation that its yicld is now about the three-fourths of the world's production.* Brazilian coffee now rules the market. The Brazilian crop for the season 1913-14 amounted to $13,816,000$ bags as against $11,485,000$ bags in $1912-13$ and $12,456,000$ bags in 1911-12. To the above figure must be added the produce of other districts, which makes a total for the Republic of $1.4,365,000$ bags, this being the largest crop for four years. The crop of 1914-15 was a short one in Sao Paulo, which is estimated at 9 million bags compared with $11{ }^{1}$ millions in 1913-14. Prices of Santos were at the comparatively high level of 42 s . per cott, but declined sharply towards the end of July to $32 s$. When trade assumed a war normal, a fairly large business was dono in exports to neutral countries, and up to $44 s$. was paid for December delivery. Prices lave since eased off slightly. The price of Indian coffee in the London market, which was 658 . per cwt in April 1914, fell to $57 s$. in October 1914, but rose to 628 . in December and closed at 678 . in March 1915. One outstanding foature of the year is the extensive business put through in the London market, the enforcel closing of Hambury as a distributing centre diverting the attention of neutral countrics to London. There has also been direct shipment to Scandinavian countries. Much of the coffee that gees to England is reshipped to foreign countries.

There was a small recovery in the exports from British India during the year
 $\begin{array}{cc}c \mathrm{Ft} & \mathrm{K} \\ (1,000) & (1.001)\end{array}$ level of the trade a decade ago. The quantity increased last year by 12 per cent, but owing to a decline in the declared value of $\mathrm{R} 2-2-10$, the rise in the total value was

|  | (1,000) | (1.0) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10\%5.08 | 36k) | 1,75, ${ }^{1}$ |
| 1908-10 | 233 | 1.19,54 |
| 1911-12 | - 231 | 1,34,62 |
| 1913-14 | - 240 | 1,53,66 |
| 1914-16 | - 29511 | 1,60,38 |
|  | Deciared valuen |  | only 8 per cent. More than 61 per cent of the total trade was done in the pre-war period. when the exports of enffee amounted to $178,56 \pm$ cwts, valued at $\mathrm{Rl} 1,05$ lakhs pet cwt

 ${ }_{19}^{1911-12}$. $\cdot{ }_{58}^{55} 13$ ${ }^{1912,23} \cdot{ }^{30} 5810$
 186,860 cwts in the same period of $1913-1 \mathrm{l}$. France took $132,181 \mathrm{cwts}$ or nearly half the quantity exported, and the United Kinjdom 90,127 cwts, Australia including New Zealand $14,178 \mathrm{cwts}$, Arabia 14,022 cwts, Ceylon 11,125 cwts, and Austria-Hungary $8,287 \mathrm{cwts}$

## The Cotton Industry.

(1) Raw Cotton.

Before the outlireak of war it was recognised that the cotton trade was coton raw. entering upon a period of serious depression, owing to the fact that the Indian market was overstocked with cotton piccegoods. The depression may be ascribed, among other reasons, to:-(1) overtrading ; (2) the deficiency in 1913 of the monsoon in three great provinces; (3) the failure of many Indian banks; (4) the very good crops in the United States, in Egypt, and in India; (5) a considerable portion of last year's crop remaining unsold in Egypt ; and (6) the large quantity of cotton stored up in China on account of the Revolution. The dificulties have been aggravated by existing conditions since the two great markets of Germany and Austria-Hungary are cut off, while Belgium has seriously curtailed hor demand for the raw artiole. The result is that there have been considerable supplies of the raw material and an abnormal decrease in consumption coupled with a great fall in prices. These are the distinctive features of the year's trade.

Indian cotton occupies an important position in the world's supply of cotton, since India ranks as the second largest cotton-producing country of the world. On the average of the five years ending 1913-14 the world's production amounted to 21.08 million bales of 500 lbs , of which the United States of America supplied $13 \cdot 33$ millions, India 3.51 millions, Egypt $1 \cdot 44$ millions, and other countries less than 3 millions. Unlike Egypt, India seldom attempts to market any but cotton of very moderate quality. The raw cotton that India can spare usually finds a ready market in Japan, China, and in European countries. When American cotton is more or less scarce, there is a demand among British spinners for the better sorts of Indian cotton. The soil, the climate, the requirements of Indian spinners, the care and skill of Indian cultivators are not very conducive to the supply of a good quality of cotton. Although Iudian cotton as a class is the worst cotton that is produced to any large extent, it supplies the material for producing coarse, cheap goods, for which there is always a great demand.

There is no doult that India is capable of increasing her cotton production, and the season $1913 \cdot 1+\mathrm{marked}$ a step in advance. The revised outturn was $\overline{5}, 06(\mathrm{i}, 000$ bales (of 400 lbs ) as against $4,610,000$ bales for 1912-13. There was an increase of nearly 10 per cent in outturn with au increase of 14 per cent in acreage, and the crop was the largest ever grown. The total area reported for $1: 114-15$ was $24,634,000$ acres, a decrease of 2 per cent as against that of 1913-14. The estimates for the 1914-15 crop also indicated a considerable increase of outturn, namely, $5,233,000$ bales *, which is 3 per cent more than in 1913-14. In the current season of 1915-16 the area sown up to 1st October is estimated at $16,253,010$ acres. The reduction is due chiefly to low prices of cotton obtained last year and also to unfavourable weather conditions in some provinces.

Attention continues to be devoted to the improvement of the Indian cotton crop, both in the quality of the lint and the increase in yield. In Tinnevelly, Kurnool, and Bellary*considerable improvement has been effected in raising the general level of the crop by the distribution, through seed farms,

[^18]of better seed olitained by bulk selection, and by the introduction of the seeddrill and bullock-hoe for sowins and interculture. Cambodia cotton is now thoroughly established in the south of the Marlras Presidency, in the south of Dharwar, and in some parts of Mysore. The introduction, into the western part of the Dharwar cotton tract, of Broach cotton, which has a higher ginning percentage than the local Kumta, has so far met with great success. In Sind, experiments are being made with $\Lambda$ merican cotton. The main feature of the cotton work in the Central Provinces and Berar has been the distribution of ooseum seed through private cotton seed farms organised on a co-operative hasis.
In the United Provinces the cultivation of white flowered cotton, giving a higher ginning percentage and better yields than the prosent mixture, is rapidly extonding in the Western circle. In Burma seed farms are being established in the districts of Pakoku, Myingyan, and 'Ihayetm:'o. Although much has been done in various provinces for improving tho crop, thore are difficulties which arise in the organization of seed distribution, in the supply of pure seed, and in the prevention of adulteration both in seed and lint.

The prices of good Bronch cotton at Bombay opened at R288 per candy of 784 lbs., but fell to $\mathrm{X2} 210$ in August, R175 in September, and reached the lowest level ( $\mathrm{Z1} 135$ ) at the end of October. The prices then revived and were R150 in November, R178 in Decenber, R192 in January, and closed at R196 in March 1915. The following chart illustrates the monthly average prices of 1914-10 and 1913-14.

## RAW COTTON



A portion of the Indian crop of the season 1913-14 and a portion of the crop of the season 1914-15 came inte statistical consideration in the exports during the year 1914-15. The exports amounted to $10 \frac{3}{3}$ million cwts, valued at $\mathrm{R} 33 \frac{1}{2}$ crores, against 102 million cwts , valued at F 41 crores, in 1913-14. This represents 42 per cent of the total value of raw materials exported from India, and 19 per cent of the total exports The exports showed a decrease of nearly 3 per cent in quantity and 18 per cent in value. The average declared value per unit fell from $\mathrm{R} 38-\mathrm{J} .0-1$ to $\mathrm{R} 32-5-9$ per cwt or ly 16 per cent, and the total loss due to reduced prices amounted to R 6 . 1 crores. The distribution of the trade is shown

|  | Exporta of | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1913-14 | 1914-15 |
|  | tons | tons |
| Japan. | - 240.878 | 222,7.17 |
| Italy . | 42.129 | 87.745 |
| Gormany | 84,403 | 61,974 |
| Belgiun | 50,654 | 30,718 |
| United Kingdom | 10,246 | 35,389 |
| Austria Hungury | 37,352 | 29,287 |
| Prance | - 26,219 | 27,614 |
| Chiun, | 9,714 | 13,409 |
| Spain. | 8,347 | 11,248 | in the margin. About 62 per cent of the trade was effected in the pre-war period. Tho United Kinglom, Italy, and Japan had larger receipts during the war period, as compared with those in the earlier period. The figures in table No. 40 on page 123 show the oxports of raw cotton by sea from British India during the cotton years, September to August, of 1912-13, 1913-14, and 1914-15. It will be observed that the exports to Japan, while considerably less during the last seven months than in the corresponding soven months of the previous season, exceed the exports in the corresponding seven

months of the season 1912-:3. This is not the case, however, with the shipments to countries other than Japan. The principal purchasers of cotton other than Japan are in normal years Germany, Belgium, Italy, Austria-Hungary, and Franco.

## (2) Cotton Manupactures.

The depression in the cotton trade, which was noticeable before the close of cotton manurac1913, continued, as we have seen, into 1914, and four weeks before the outbreak tares. of war the full effects of a prolonged depression were discernible. Stocks began to swell with no off-take and a dozen mills resolved to stop working for some time, although the majority continued to work. Both the spinning and weaving industrics suffered throughout the year, and at the close of the year, there was no immediate prospect of a large off-take of the accumulated stocks. The problem of the supply of chemicals and dyes, which were regularly obtained from Germany, presonted also a serious difficulty on the outbreak of war. The

|  | Yarn | Woven goods |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1910.11 | 010 | 240 |
| 1911.12 | 645 | 267 |
| 1912-13 | 08s | 285 |
| 1013-14 | 688 | 274 |
| 1914.15 | 052 | 277 | outturn of the mills during the last five years is prompotion. shown in the marginal table, from which it will be seen that the production of yarn during 1914-15 was 652 million lbs, a decrease of 31 million lbs or $4: 5$ per cent, while that of cloth ( 277 million Ibs ) increased by 3 million lbs or about 1 per cent, as compared with the production of 1913-14. A rough estimate of the value of Indian production in 1914-15 is R30 value of local manufactures, therefore, is less than the imports from abroad by nearly 84 crores.

The quantity of coarse, medium, and fine yarns produced in Indian mills Yarn,

|  | 1918-14 |  | 1914-15 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Prodaction million lbs. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Imports } \\ & \text { million lba. } \end{aligned}$ | Production million lbs. | Imports million lbs. |
| Nom, 1-25 | 617 | 2 | 591 | 1 |
| 26-40 | 63 | 27 | 58 | 29 |
| Alovo No. 10 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 7 |
| Totas | 683 | 37 | 651 | 37 | and imported by sea from foreign countries during the past two years is shown in the margin. The production of coarse yarn (Nos. 1-25) was about 90 per cent, of medium counts nearly 9 per cent, and of No. 40 and above less than half per cent, whilethe proportions of the same counts to the total imports were respectively 3 per cent, 78 per cent, and 19 per cent. Thus the position of India as regards the production of yarn practically remained the same as in the preceding year.

The production of Indian weaving mills consists chiefly of grey and bleached Woren goods.

piecegoods. The principal items are shown in the margin as compared with the imported goods. There was aslight recovery in production during ihe year.
The production of grey and bleached piecegoods increased by 8 million
 yards to 880 millions, but that of coloured goods decreased by about 36 million yards to 255 millions. These compare with the imported goods as shown in the margin.
In the whole of India $6,634,989$ spindles and 104,180 looms were at work during 1914-15, employing on the average 258,733 persons, the share of Bombay
 being $4,648,370$ spindles, 81,411 looms, and 175,743 persons. In the marginal table the average monthly capacity per 1,000 spindles and 1,000 looms in 1914-15 is shown as compared with the previous two years. Thehighest capacity was reached in the year 1912-13. India produced in 1914-15 652 million lbs of yarn, out of which 247 million lbs were consumed in the
production of cloth, 142 million lbs were exported by sea and land, leaving about 263 million lbs, which was prohabiy consumed in the hand loom weaving. It will thus be seen that more yarn is consumed in the country than what is exported.

Exporte-yarn.

|  | Yarn million $\boldsymbol{R}$ lbs (Inklia) |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Woven } \\ \text { Goods } \\ \text { if (lakhis) } \\ \text { ? } 20 \end{gathered}$ | Total Jf (lakha) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1910-11 | 183 | 8,42 |  | 11,01. |
| 1011-14 | 151 | 7,69 | 2,19 | 9,78 |
| 191 -13 | 204 | 9,92 | 2,28 | 12,20 |
| 1918-14 | 198 | 9,83 | 2,29 | 12,12 |
| 1914-15 | 134 | 6,28 | 1,78 | 8,01 | The figures of the export trade are given in the margin. The trade in The figures of the export trade are given in the margin. The trade in and the demand from most of the consuming countries was poor. The exports declined by 64 million libs or 32.5 per cent, due to smaller shipments to Asiatic Turkey and China. The value fell by $\mathrm{A} 3,55$ lakhs or 36 per cent. The average value per lb was 7 annas 6 pies against 7 annas 11 pies in 1913-14. The price was lower as a result of trade depression owing to the war. China took 117 million lbs, valued at 75,42 laklis, or 87 per cent of the total, against 178 million lbs, valued at $\mathfrak{k 8}, 77$ lakhs, in 1913-14. Shanghai and Japanese mills are the competitors of the Indian mills on the China market. India's exports of yarn to countries other than China amounted to 17 million lbs, against 20 million lbs in the previous year. The Straits took practically the samo quantity, namely, $4 \frac{8}{4}$ million ll s, valued at R24셜 lakhs, which is less by R3 lakhs than the value of exports in 1913-14. The trade with Asiatic Turkey declined very considerably from $7 \frac{1}{4}$ million lbs and R35 ${ }_{3}^{2}$ lakhs to $4 \frac{\lambda}{3}$ million lbs and $\mathrm{Z} 22 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs. The exports to the other chiof countries-Aden, Persia, Ceylon, and Eoypt-very closely approximated to the previous year's figures. The United Kingdom and Japan respectively took $454,980 \mathrm{lbs}$ and 10 lbs against $301,691 \mathrm{lbs}$ and $79,220 \mathrm{lbs}$ in 1913-14.

The exports of piecegoods also contracted ly 22 million yds or 24.7 per cent in quantity and by 755 lakhs or 25.7 per cent in valuc, indicating a decrease in the declared value by 2.2 per centfrom 3 annas 10 pies per yard in 1913-14, to 3 annas 9 pies per yard in the year under review. The detailed figures for different kinds of piecegoods are shown in the margin. Grey goods represent 49 per cent of the total, and in this line the trade declined by nearly 11 million yards and $\mathrm{Rl} 19 \frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, while coloured goods consisting chiefly of lungis and saris represent $50 \cdot 6$ per cent of the total, showing a decline of 11 million yards and $\mathrm{R} 34, \frac{2}{3}$ lakhs. The principal customers are East Africa, the Straits, Aden, Ceylon, Persia, Asiatic Turkey, Siam, and Egypt.


| East Africs |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Portagueso | $6 \cdot 1$ | 8-1 | $4 \cdot 6$ | 6.6 |
| German . | $6 \cdot 3$ | $12 \cdot 1$ | $2 \cdot 8$ | $5 \cdot 8$ |
| British Protectorate | $5 \cdot 5$ | 10.6 | 3.8 | $7 \cdot 1$ |
| Other ports | 4.7 | 7.9 | $4 \cdot 1$ | 6.7 |
| Toias | 21.6 | 38.7 | 16.3 | 26.2 |
| Asintic Turkoy | 12.8 | $18 \cdot 4$ | 4.6 | 6.3 |
| Alen - | $7 \cdot 1$ | 131 | $10 \cdot 5$ | 17.3 |
| Persia | $7 \cdot 6$ | 14.7 | $5 \cdot 7$ | $9 \cdot 9$ |
| Ceylon | $9 \cdot 3$ | 24.7 | 6.8 | $17 \cdot 3$ |
| Straits | 17.9 | 72 | 14.9 | 59.9 |
| Siam | $4 \cdot 9$ | 12 | $3 \cdot 9$ | 0.4 |
| Egypt | $2 \cdot 9$ | 4.9 | $1 \cdot 2$ | $2 \cdot 1$ |
| Other Countrics | $5 \cdot 1$ | $14 \cdot 2$ | 43 | $9 \cdot 8$ |
| Total | $67 \cdot 6$ | 175 | 51.9 | 132.6 |
| Grand Total | $89 \cdot 2$ | 213.7 | 67.2 | 158.8 | The respective shares of these countries are shown in the margin and indicato the fluctuations in trade as compared with the previous year. The trade with China declined from 970,600 yards to 177,200 yards. The other Eastern countries showed marked decreases, namoly, the Straits by 3 million yards and \#12 lakhs, Ceylon by $2 \frac{1}{4}$ million yards and $77 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs, and. Siam by a million yards and ㄲ2 $2 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs. Aden recovered from the previous year's depression, the increase amounting to 3 million yards, valued at $\mathrm{Z} 4 \frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, while Asiatic Turkey and Egypt recorded a decrease of 8 million yards and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ million yards respectively. Persia also took 2 million yards less than in the previous year. Both German East

Africa and the British East African Protectorate suffered and recorded a decrease of $3 \frac{2}{2}$ million yards and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ million yards respectively. Handkerchiefs, which are made by the hand looms in the Mralras Presidency and are chiefly exported to the United Kingdom, improved slightly in 1914-15.

The value of dyes and colours exported from India during 1914-15 rose Dyes and colonss. by $\mathrm{fj} 7 \mathrm{~T}_{3}$ lakhs to $\mathrm{Rl}, 62$ lakhs, of whicl indigo represents 55 per cent, myrobalans 32 per cent, cutch and gambier 6 per cent, and turmeric 4 per cent. Myrobalans are chiefly exported to the United Kingdom, the United States, Germany, and Belgium for tanning purposes.

## Indigo.

Owing to the war the trade in natural indigo received a well deserved Inditgo. stimulus. The total exports increased by 6,203 cwts and R68 ${ }_{3}^{2}$ lakhs to 17,142 cwts, valued at about $\not \subset 90$ lakhs, recording an increase of 57 per cent in quantity, and 322 per cent in value. The trade in the pre-war period amounted to 1,575 cwts and $\mathrm{P} 3 \frac{1}{4}$ lakhs and was distributed amongst the United Kingdom ( 358 cwts ), Austria-Hungary ( 91 cwts ), Russia ( 44 cwts ), Asiatic Turkey ( 498 cwts), Persia ( 147 cwts), and Egypt ( 399 cwts). In the war poriod the United Kingdom was supplied with 11,917 cwts, valued at $\mathrm{f} 83 \frac{1}{4}$ lakhes, the United States 210 cwts, Japan 178 cwts, China 50 cwts, and Australia 163 cwts . The average declared value per cwt both

| Declared valuo per owt. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | In the Un |
|  |  | Kingdows (2) |
|  | 18 | 12 |
| July 1914 | 184 | 211 |
| Brytambor | 303 | 439 |
| Nuvomber | 438 | 518 |
| Jnutury 1015. | 026 | 853 |
| March | 062 | 915 | in India and the United Kingdom was lowest in July, and rose rapidly to a very ligh figure during the war period as will be seen from the marginal figures. The prices of middle quality realised at

 March ".062 ${ }^{915}$ December to March, ranged from $\mathrm{Z} 1,012$ to $\mathrm{Rl} 1,050$ per cwt, as against R255 to Z 262 in the preceding season.

The area and yield of indigo cultivated in India during the season 1914-15 did not show any improvement, as the effects of the war on this trade were not foreseen at the time of sowing.* In the earlier part of the season the crop suiffered through excessive rain in the western districts of the United Provinces and through deficient rainfall in North Bihar. Seasonal conditions were also uufavourable in the remaining districts of Bihar and Orissa. Elsewhere, especially in the Deccan, the season was good throughout. The total area sown was 131,700 acres, being 24 per cent short of last year, and the yield of dye was estimated at 44,900 cwts or a decrease of 7 per cent, as compared with 172,600 acres and $26,800 \mathrm{cwts}$ in 1913-14. The diseased condition of the Java indigo plant. known locally as ' wilt', has been the cause of the greatly restricted area under this variety in Bihar.

In consequence of the cessation of the supplies of synthetic indigo, which was entirely a German product, Indian indigo is at a premium, but it is not possible to obtain it in sufficiently large quantities unless vigorous efforts in research, both chemical and agricultural, are undertaken. Mr. and Mrs. Howard have recently demonstrated that with certain improved methods the yield of indigo can be very much increased. If natural indigo has to recover its place in the British market and compete with synthetic product, it is necessary to prepare indigo in a standard form of high purity. Government has taken up the question. An indigo conference was held at Delhi in February last, in which the possibility of assisting the industry was considered from three points of view -agricultural, research, and commercial. It was generally agreed that in the agricultural side everything possible was being done by Government, and that the outlook was favourable. From the research and commercial point of view it was proposed that a chemist should be appointed to work on the standardisation and purification of natural indigo, and in its preparation in the form most suitable to consumers. These proposals are now under consideration of Government. in view of the shortage of indigo and in order to prevent speculative withholding of stocks, the British Government have purchased

[^19]supplies of natural indigo through the ordinary trade channels and in the open market. The question of the price at which natural indigo can le placed on the market is all important. In the year previous to the outbreak of war (1913) the (annual average) declared value per cwt in the United Kingdom was for natural indigo $\not 7196-12$, and for synthetic indigo $\mathcal{P 4} 4-2$. Synthetic indigo was, therefore, 76 per cent cheaper. In 191.4 the prices were for natural indigo $\mathrm{R} 512-15$, and for synthetic indigo $\mathrm{Pl} 48-14$.

## Grain, Pulse, and Flour.

Grain and pulse.
The trade in grain and pulses depends largely on the climatic conditions of the seasons, and therefore varies much from year to year. This head is by far the most important in the export trade, although it is sometimes surpassed by two other important heads, namely, cotton and jute, raw and manufactured.* The total value fell from R60 crores or $£ 10$ millions in 1912-13, and R45 crores or $£ 30$ millions in 1913-14, to R29 crores or $£ 193$ millions in 1914-15, representing $16 \cdot 4$ per cent of the total export trade. The most important items included in this head are rice and wheat.

## Rice.

India is the world's greatest exporter of rice. The value of rice exported during 1914-15 amounted to over R17 crores, or $£ 11\}$ millions, which represented 59 per cent of the total value of grain, pulse, and flour, 35 per cent of the class of Food, drink, and tobacco, and 10 per cent of the total export trade. The quantity exported was $1,561,969$ tons, to which Burma contributed 1,125,764 tons or 72 per cent, Madras 195,650 tons or 13 per cent, and Beqngal 170,400 tons or 11 per cent. The rice exports of the year werc the crops partly of the season 1913-14 and partly of the season 1914-15. The harvests in 1914-15 of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, and Burma were reduced by 14 per cent, 26 per cent, and 9 per cent respectively, as against- those of the previous year. The provincial

Outturn by Provinces 1013-14 1914-15 1,000 tons, 1,000 tons.
 details of the crops are noted in the margin. The 1913-14 crop on the reported area of 75,425,000 acres amounted to $28,790,000$ tons, which showed a net increase of 1 per cent as compared with the previous season, and the crop of 1914-15 was estimated at $27,964,000$ tons on an area of $76,181,000$ acres, the yield being 3 per cent short of the 1913-14 crop. The three important provinces of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, and Burma accounted for the decrease, the crop having suffered through deficient rainfall towards the latter part of the seuson. The probable surplus of the 1914-15 crop available for export from Burma was estimated at about $2,118,000$ tons of cleaned rice, against 2,287,500 tons in the provious scason.

The figures of rice exported during the last three years are given in the margin. The lighest export was recorded in 1912-13 at 2,763,321 tons, as xport was recorded in 1912-13 at $2,763,321$ tons, as
against $2,450,508$ tons in 1913-14. Last year there was a further decline of 888,539 tons and 79,45 lakhs, indicating a decline of 36 per cont both in quantity and in value. The marginal table shows the principal

countries (in order of importance) to which rice* was exported during the last two years. Ceylon headed the list with 278,880 tons, valued at $\not \approx 4,02$ lakhs ( $£ 2.7$ millions). The Straits came second with 232,846 tons, valued at $\not \approx 2,21$ lakhs ( $£ 1 \cdot 5$ million), and the United Kingdom third with 211,794 tons, valued at $\AA 2,07$ lakhs ( $£ 1 \cdot 4$ million). Exports to Germany, Holland, Austria-Hungary, Japan, and Asiatic Turkey declined heavily, while those to Java, Mauritius, West Indies, and Australia improved. Over 566,100 tons or 37 per cent of the total rice (husked) were taken to Europe, 715,500 tons or 47 per cent to Asia, 171,800 tons or 11 per cent to Africa, and the balance to America and Australia. Thus it will be seen that rice is exported to every quarter of the globe.

In 1914-15 the exports from Bengal and Burma were considerably curtailed, as compared with the previous year. The provincial shares and the percentages to the total trade are noted in the marginal table. The bulk of the South Indian rice trade with Ceylon, it may be noted, is done in the Tanjore district where rice mills have been erected at many Railway stations.

On the outbreak of war considerable difficulties in the disposal of the Burma crop were anticipated owing to the closing down of the German and AustroHungarian markets, and the partial restriction of shipments to neutral countries. Those fears were not, however, realised, and the difficulty which the trade had to face was a scarcity of tonnage and not so much a decline in demand. During the yoar $1,126,000$ tons of rice and paddy were exported from Burma to foreign countries and 1,223,000 tons to India, against 1,855,000 tons and 899,000 tons respectively in 1913-14. Burma found new customers in Portugal and Greece. Denmark also appeared as a customer after a lapse of three years. Cuba took 27,000 tons against 5,000 tons in the previous year. America, British East Africa, Ceylon, and the Dutch East Indies also took larger quantities. The direct shipments from Rangoon to Japan and the Java ports have been steadily declining. With an increased demand from America and with improved steamer services, the future of the Burma rice trade seems to be encouraging. The increase of 37 per cent in the exports from Burma to India proper was probably due to the lower prices ruling for Rangoon rice, and also to the smaller outturn in Bengal due to want of seasonal rain at the end of the monsoon.

The price of paddy was high at the end of the year 1913-14, viz., R130 por 100 baskets of 46 lbs each, and there were no important variations until June-July, when sales were effected in a gradually falling market. The outbreak of war caused a slump in rice prices. Although prices somewhat recovered towards the end of December, they again declined towards the end of January when supplies came in freely, and rose again in March. The ycar, however, closed at fl93-95 with an upward tendency. The prices of Rangoon white rice (specials) remained steady till the outbreak of war, when there was a drop, reacining in September R270-280 per 100 baskets of 75 lbs each. The price rose to t 295 in early December but fell again to Z 240 towards the ond of February. With some oscillations the price was at about $\mathbb{q 2 3 0}$ or R100 less than the market price at the beginning of April 1914. The prices ruling in Calcutta and Rangoon in each month are illustrated in the following chart :

[^20]RICE
(Por Md. of 89 2bs.)


Nore. -There were no quotntions for langoon rice in September and October, 1914.

## Wheat

Indinn wheat in 1014-15

The onttarn of wheat.

The position of wheat in the year under review was of extraordinary interest and importance. Next to rice, wheat as a separate crop occupies the greatest area under cultivation in India, as is shown on chart No. 8 on page 96. It is harvested in India from March to May, and therefore the statistics of wheat exports in 1914-15 refer to the crop of the scason 1913-14. The seasonal conditions were favourable in the Punjab, which contains about a third of the total wheat area. In some of the important wheat growing districts of the Uuited Provinces, the Central Provinces, and the Bombay Presidency, as also in the majority of the Rajputana and Central India States, the crop suffered considerably from drought. Elsowhere the condition of the crop was on the whole fair. The yitld, however, showed a decrease of nearly 15 per cent, as compared with the previous year, and of 4 per cent as compared with the quinquennial average. The outturn was $8,358,000$ tons as against $9,853,000$ tons of the previous year. There was, accordingly, a short crop, and without the war prices of Indian wheat would, other things being equal, have tended to rise in the focus of the world's market (the United Kingdom). It may be mentioned bere that the United Kingdom takes annually between
Exports and prices 36 and 40 per cent of the total exportable surplus of the world's markets, since it produces only about one-fifth of its requirements. This exportable surplus is about 10 per cent of the total production, and thereforc, a slight decrease in this surplus makes itself felt in the world markets very quickly. It may also be noted that although India produces only about 10 per cent of the total supply of wheat, the crop is important as it comes on the European market at a very convenient time of the year. On the average of the three years 1911-12 to 1913-14 nearly 10 per cent of the exports from India were in May, 17 per cent in June, 22 per cent in July, 10 per cent in August, 10 per cent in September, 6 per cent in October, and 6 per cent in November. Indian supplies in the imports into the United Kingdom usually predominate from July to September, just as do Russian supplies in October and November, the United States from December to February, the Argentine from March to May, and Canada in June. Had there been no war, the facts that (1) the previous year's crop in India was short and Indian stocks were below normal; (2) Australia had a bad crop and could export no wheat; and (3) the Argentine crop, owing to extraordinary bad conditions of weather and internal transport, was delayed in moving to the coast for export to Europe, would have been sufficient to result in a rise in wheat prices in India and the world's markets." In addition to these causes, were causes arising directly from the war. The Russian authorities, on account of Turkey's closing the Dardanelles, suspended on the 30th October steamship services to and from the grain port, Odessa, and the probability of Russia coming at any moment on the market, as a seller of wheat, was then no longer possible. This was obviously a most important factor in
the shortage of supplies, Another circamstance due to the war was a reduction of the wheat crop in France and elsewhere, which resulted in France competing with other importing countries for wheat. Then again with the diminished supply of wheat there was the increase in demand owing to the largely increased consumption by armies in the field, since armies as compared with the same individuals when in civil life consume very large quantities of wheat. There were also the large demands of foreign countries such as Italy and Holland for wheat, which is quite outside ordinary experience. With these increased demands, there has been, in spite of high wheat prices, no corresponding diminution in the demand for wheat by consumers in the United Kingdom who are demanding as much as they did before the war began. This is, perhaps, not surprising in view of the fact that, as Sir Robert Giffen seems to have been the first to observe, a rise in the price of wheat still leaves bread the cheapest food, which English people will consent to eat in any quantity; so that, when they have to curtail their purchases of more expensive foods, they buy not less bread than usual, but more. There was, too, the difficulty of sea transport and the consequent rise of freights. In February this year, for example, freights from Karachi to Liverpool were 45s.; in February of the previous year they were 128. , and in 1913 about the same period $19 s$.

| Month | 1911-12 | 1912-13 | 1913-14 | 1914-15 | 1915-16 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April . | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { tons } \\ & 67,900 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { tons } \\ & 68,900 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { tons } \\ & 27,300 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \operatorname{tons} \\ \hline, 100 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { tons } \\ & 10,600 \end{aligned}$ |
| May | 135,700 | 107,000 | 166,300 | 24.500 | 10,5014(a) |
|  |  |  |  |  | 94.400 (b) |
| Junt | 189,500 | 243,500 | 260,400 | 169,000 | 41,800(a) |
|  |  |  | 260,200 | 16,00 | $250,010(b$ |
| Joly | 286,200 | 398,000 | 318,500 | 169,500 | $37,300 a)$ 150,3006 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Augat | 125,200 | 153,200 | 134,700 | 42,500 | 36,500(b) |
| September | 65,800 | 231,500 | 134,800 | 56,100 | 3, +200 |
| October | 65.700 | 148,500 |  |  | $\because$, |
| November | 74,100 | 144,300 | 46,700 | 85,000 | . |
| December | 97,300 | 79,660 | 21,700 | 37,000 |  |
| Junuary | 101,900 | 99,100 | 20,700 | 25,000 |  |
| Febrasry | 75.2 | 51.500 | 9,700 | 21,600 |  |
| March | 9*300 | 35,100 | 8,700 | 8,800 |  |
| Total | 361,9601 | ,680,2011 | 202,200 | 70,400. |  |

(a) Prirate.
(b) Governwent.

In the light of these facts it is interesting to examine the statistics of exports and prices during the period under review. The monthly and yearly exports are given in the marginal table. The export of 1914-15 was valued at $\mathbb{Z} 8 \frac{1}{3}$ crores or $£ 5 \frac{1}{2}$ millions. This was 17 per cent of the total value of food, drink, and tobacco exported (class I in the Trade returns) and 4.7 per cent of the total exports from India as against 20.3 per cent and 5.4 per cent respectively in 1913-14. As will be seen from the table in Chapter $X$ the principal consumers of Indian wheat are the
United Kingdom and France.
The movement of prices will be seen from the following chart :-


As comparod with the wholesale prices at the end of July 1914 the rise in wheat prices was on 31st August 2 per cent; on 30th September 4 per cent; on 31st October 10 per cent; 21 per cent on 30th November and 25 per cent on 31st December 1914. On 31st January 1915 prices were 34 per cont above the July level. On 15th February the maximum was reached-a rise of 45 per cent. By 28th February prices had begun to fall and showed a 4 a) per cent rise, and by the 31st March, with the promise of an excellent harvest, they had fallen to 21 per cent above the level at the outbreak of war. It may be noted that at the end of October 1914, when prices began to show a decided upward trend, it was believed that considerable stooks were still in the country, and the first action taken by Government was to empower, by the Articles of Commerce Ordinance, Local Governments to enquire into stocks, and to take over, if necessary, such as might be unseasonably withheld. Shortly after this, it was decided to restrict the export of wheat and wheat flour, from December to March, to 100,000 tons. This step had the effect in steadying prices for the time being, but it did not give substantial relief. Government was forced to prohibit the private export of wheat and to take over from April 1615 the control of the export trade. The sole object of the Govermment of India in effecting this prohibition was to control local prices, which would otherwise have risen in sympathy with prices all over the world, and produced distress in India in spite of abundant harvest this year.

Other food grains.
Othor food grains.
The exports of " other food grains" i.e. other than rice and wheat, which had

|  | $\begin{gathered} 1912-13 \\ 1,000 \text { tons } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1913-14 \\ 1,000 \text { tona } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1914-15 \\ 1,000 \text { tons } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { i912-13 } \\ \text { P(lakhs) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1913.14 } \\ & \text { R(Iakha) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1914-15. } \\ & \text { (lakha) } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Barley | 615 | 190 | 29 | 5,50 | 1,57 | 20 |
| Gram | 145 | 70 | 23 | 1,19 | 69 | 24 |
| Jawnr and bajra | 32 | 84 | 105 | 33 | 86 | 1,12 |
| Maizo | 27 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 2 | 1 |
| Puleo | 208 | 115 | 88 | 1,68 | 1,07 | 1,01 |
| Other sorts | - 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 1.023 | 463 | 248 | 897 | 415 | 265 | extranrdinary development in the years 1911-12 and 1912-13, fell considerably in 1914-15, as will be seen from the figures in the margin. The trade in barley and gram was on

Barley.

Pulse,

Mides and skins, raw. a much smaller scale than in the preceding two years. The exports of barley are liable, it may be noted, to great fluctuations according as the English, Russian, or American crop is abundant or not. There was a partial failure of the barley crop in the United Provinces, to which the surplus of the Punjab crop was diverted. The demand from Europe was considerably limited. The share of the United Kingdom in the barley trade was 88 per cent against 79 per cent in 1913-14, the quantitative decline being from 149,600 tons to 25,900 tons. Of pulse more than half the quantity that was exported from India went to the United Kingdom. The average declared value rose from ¥74-10-5 in 1913-14 to $\mathrm{P5}$-12-1 per cwt in 1914-15. Larger demands from Aden, the Red Sea Ports, Egypt, and Italian East Africa accounted for the larger exports of jawar and bajra.

## Hides and skins.

Previous to the outbreak of war, the trade in raw hides in this country was good; there was a large demand for hides, and prices ruled high. While in the continental markets stocks were bigh owing to overtrading in the previous year, the United States had a shortage which was estimated at approximately two million pieces. On the declaration of war, the trade which had up till then been brisk was seriously dislocated. Exports to enemy countries, especially to the great emporium of Indian hides, Hamburg, were stopped, and exporters had to find new markets for the raw material. The raw hide business of India, it is well known, has hitherto been largely, if not quite entirely, in the hands of German firms or firms of German origin. Germany has had the largest share of India's raw hides. In the four months before the outbreak of war she took 39 per cent of the total exports. In 1912-13 she took 32 per cent, and in 1913-14, 35 per cent. Raw hides were exported to" Trieste in considerable quautities whence they were taken to Germany or Austria. In the four months before the outbreak of war 15 per cent of India's exports passed through Trieste ; in 1913-14 the percentage was 21.

[^21]On the outhreak of war, the United Kingdom found the supply of hides equal to her requirements. Owing, lowerer, to War Office requirements for sardlery, bonts. etc., shipments from India to the United Kingdom shortly becane necessary. Imports, therefore, from India rose by 212 per cent to. 6,615 tons in 1914-1\%. The United States, it may be noted, increased their imports from India by 22 per cent to 9,$4 ; 9$ tons. Sweden and Norway imported 976 tons and 112 tons respectively, while preriously it would seem that these countries depended on Hamburg for their supplies. Of the export of cow hides in 1914-15, Calentta accounted for 73 per cent. Burma 12 per cent, and Sind 12 per cent, while in buffalo lides Calcutta did 79 per cent of the business, Burma 1.5 per cent, and Sind 6 per cent. In raw skins, Bengal's share was 40 per cent, against 31 per cent in the case of Bombay, 25 per cent in Sind, and a modeat 4 per cent in Madras.

The year's exports of raw hides declined from 55,587 tons, valued at f8! crores ( $£ 5 \frac{1}{2}$ millions), to $35,69\left(\right.$ tons, valued at $75 \frac{1}{\ddagger}$ crores ( $£ 3 \frac{1}{2}$ millions). The exports of raw skins fell from 24,328 tons, valued at $\mathrm{f} 3 \frac{1}{3}$ crores ( $£ 2 \frac{1}{4}$ millions), to 20,422 tons, valued at $\mathrm{f} 2 \frac{1}{4}$ crores ( $£ 1 \frac{2}{3}$ millions). The detailed figures of exports will be found in table No. 34, page 119, in part ii of this Jeport. It is interesting to compare the effects of war and abnormal conditions on the hide trade. In the four months before the outbreak of war the exports of raw hides were 18,886 tons and of raw skins 9,165 tons; in the corresponding four months of the previous year the figures were respectively 18,369 tons and 9,225 tons. In the war period of the year under review the decreases as compared with the corresponding period of 1913-14 are very noticeable. For hides the figures were only 16,810 tons against 37,418 tons in the corresponding period of the previous year; for raw skins the figures were $11,2 \overline{5} 7$ tons against 15,103 tons in the same period.

Next with regard to prices. The prices of hides and skins in Calcutta during the last four years 1911-1014 were:-

|  | 1911 | 1912 | 1913 |  | 1914 |  |  |  | 1915 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| * |  |  |  |  | Jan. to July |  | Aug. to Dec. |  | Average |  | Jau. to March |  |  | - |
|  | R $\quad$. | $R \quad a$ | $\boldsymbol{R}$ | $a$. | $\boldsymbol{R}$ | a. | R | $a$. | R | $a$. | R |  | a. |  |
| Hides, cow (Dacca)"-per corge (i.e., per 20 pieces of $7 \mathrm{lbi}_{\mathrm{t}}$ enels). | 1040 | 1030 | 106 | 5 | 118 | 3 | - | - | 118 | 3 | 85 |  | 0 |  |
| $\because$ buffalo . - jer 20 lbs | 80 | 812 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 10 |  | 0 |  |
| Skins, gont - . per 100 picces | 11312 | 1350 | 130 | 0 | 131 | 1 | 98 | 5 | 121 | 4 | 98 |  | 0 |  |

The large decreases, especially in cow hides, are noteworthy in the above table. The declared value per cwt of raw hides exported was $\$ 80-14$ in the prewar period, as against $\mathrm{R} 05-5$ in the war period, the average for the year 1914-15 being R73-8-9.

The vear under review has witnessed many important changes in all sec-Hdes and skins, tions of the world's trade, but none hare been more far-reaching than that in the tannee. leather industry. The declaration of war caused the English industry to leap into activily at a time when the market was wholly unprepared for the demand owing to the high prices ruling ceverywhere for the raw material. The British Government, the navy, and forcign military authorities all gave large orders for boots and leather accoutrements, and the industry had a busy time for the rest of the year. The consumption was enormous and the price of heary goods increased by ahout 50 per cent. The total exports of hides and skins, tanned or dressed, increased by 10 per cent in quantity to $33 \pm, 425 \mathrm{cwts}$ and by 12 per cent in value to $\mathrm{A} 4_{4}^{4}$ crores. Madras ports accounted for 74 per cent of the total exports of tanued hides, and $\$ 3$ per cent of skins, dressed or tanned, and practically the whole of the remainder was shipped from Bombar.

[^22]| Aren, Outlurn, coummption, and exports of |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | bulcs. | blen. |  |
|  | (1,600) | (1, ¢00) |  |  |
| 1910.11 | 2, 2 \% | 7,9:3 | 3,940 | 3,550 |
| 1911.12 | 3,106 | 8.235 | :3,756 | 4,6,41 |
| 1912-13 | . 2 | 0,483 | 4,435 | 4,97i6 |
| 1913-14 | 2,911 | 8,4934 | 4,374 | 4,310 |
|  |  | 0,444 | 4,1005 | 3,040 |

was grown, which would, even in ordinary circumstaners, have led to a substantial fall in prices. the marginal table shows in thousands the figures of area, outturn, mill consumption, and actual exports during the past five seasons. The area last year increased by 15 per cent and the yield by 17 per cent. Bengal represents $2,917,000$ acres and $9,443,200$ bales, Bihar and Orissa 330,100 acres and 693,200 bales, and Assam 111,600 acres and 307,500 bales.
Prices of ram Jute Jute prices-(1) Calculta.-Early in 1914 abnormally high prices still
in Calcuta. in Calcutta. prevailed, "pucca" bales changing hands at $£ 88 \%$. In March the price doclined to $\mathrm{R77}$. April saw a recovery to $\mathrm{R} 86-8$, a figure which declined to R80 in May. In June the market weakened as a result of the bumper crop, and $\mathbf{~} 63$ was touched. In July there was a rally to X 70 , and after the outbreak of war quotations were nominal from fion to lise in August. Prices gradually receded until a minimum of P 30 was reached in November. A recovery set in during December, the price being from R39 to P 40 . Prices reached $\mathrm{P} 43-8$ in January, fell to P 37 in February, but again rose to P 42 at the end of March. The chart below illustrates the average prices of 感 group month by month in Calcutta :-

RAW JUTE
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Jute prices-(2) London.-In London in consequence of a short crop and a good demand the price of first marks was quoted $£ 2758$. per ton in July 1913 and was as high as $£ 36$ 10s. in Septomber 1913. It remained at vory near the top figure until the end of April 1914. The absence of activity in the market for manufactures reacted on raw material and prices were about $30 s$. per ton lower in May. Favourable reports of the growing crop had an influence on values, and first marks for August shipment were offered at £26 10s. towards the end of June. Business in spot jute was small, and prices were nominal at about £31. At this period a scarcity of steeping water for the new crop was feared, and the favourable reports conccrning the acreage and condition of the crop were not quite equal to expectation. The price yet fell somewhat sharply in July to $£ 2710 \mathrm{~s}$. for August shipment, while $£ 35$ was oftered for spot jute for first marks as well as for "Daisee middles." During August husiness was not possible. The difficultios attending shipments from Caleutta, caused by scarcity of tonnage and the activities of the Emeden, were gradually modified and by the middle of September first marks were nominal at :25 10s. The prices of shipment jute were $£ 19$ at the end of September and : 114 at the beginning of December, this being at about the price level of: 1009-10. Prices, however, gradually improved and the year closed with $£ 21$ in March 191 .

[^23]Expor/s of Rau Jule.-The exports in 1914-15 amounted to 2, 528.532 bales, valued at 712,91 lakhs ( $£ 8 \%(\%$ millions), against $4,303,325$ bales with a value of ti30, $8: 3$ lakhs ( $£ 20 \cdot \mathrm{~J}$ millions) in 1913-14. The decrease was, therefore, 34 per cent in quantity and 58 por cent in value. The exports in the pre-war period were 21 per cent of the total. The largest importer of raw jute is the $\overline{\text { rnited }}$ Kingdom, which took $1,487,245$ bales, valued at $\mathbf{7 6}, 74$ lakhs. Hitherto Germany was the second ; she imported 168,174 bales, valued at $\mathrm{Z} 1,32$ lakhs, in the first four months of the year. The exports to the United States were $4: 4,244$ bales, valued at $\mathrm{Zl}, 33$ lakhs. The quantities taken by Italy, France,

|  | pxports of April to July. |  | Raw Jetr. Angnest to March. |  | Total. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1914-15. | 1913.14. | 191s-15. | 1913-14. | 1914-13. |
|  | hmlen | balen | bnles |  |  |  |
| rinited Kingdom | . 180,102 | 2 ¢¢, !05 | 1,450,965 | 1,301,143 | 1,626,067 | 1,487,249 |
| (1.rmany . | - 134,180 | 168,174 | 7:3, 320 |  | 856,928 | 16s,174 |
| Anatrin-Hungary | . 56,230 | 56,818 | $193,8.12$ | 8,064 | ${ }^{2.56,052}$ | -632,433 |
| Italy | - 14,520 | 43,517 | 166,992 | ${ }_{152,975}^{188,910}$ | 211, 4165 | 191,492 |
| Franee | - 35,571 | $3 \times 175$ | 371,623 |  | 118,613 | 140,545 |
| ${ }_{\text {Spuin }}^{\text {Suited Staten }}$ | - 16,990 | 17,315 83,280 | 101,623 $6000,1 \% 2$ | 1230,458 | 65\%,366 | 454,244 | Spain, and AustriaHungary are shown in the marginal table, which also illustrates the exports before the war and during the war period to the principal countries, as compared with the corresponding periods of the previous year. It will be noted that Italy and Spain increased their imports of the raw material during the war period as against the corresponding period of the previous year.

Consumption in Indian mills.-The estimated consumption of jute by the Calcutta mills during 1914-15 (to 30th June 1915), was, according to the Indian Jute Mills Association, 4,668,000 bales as against 4,374,000 bales in 1913-14. The annual extra-mill consumption is estinated at 500,000 bales.

## (2) Jute manufactures.

Next with regard to jute manufactures. It will be remembered that among Jute manufactures. the circumstances which added materially to the rapid development of the world's jute industry were the Crimean war in 1804-56, and the Civil war in America in 1861-63. It was anticipated on the outbreak of war that history would repeat itself, and that thers would be a large demand for manufactured jute, especially for military and transport purposes. This anticipation was fulfilled and by the end of the year under review Calcutta jute mills were never in a more prosperous state. The short time agreement among the Bengal mills to work five days a week from April 191 t came to a conclusion at the end of September. From the 3rd October the mills commenced a six day week, some of them on the full double shift of $13 \frac{1}{2}$ hours and others on 11 hours single shift. The result of the exceptionally high level at which raw jute and jute goods had until then been ruling, was not only been to curtail the consumption of jute goods, but also to bring substitutes for jute such as textilose and textilite, within the region of possibility. When, however, the price of the raw material reached its lowest level, most of the mills took advantage of the situation, and secured large stocks of cheap jute. The demand for manufactured goods during the months of August and September was not active, and as a consequence the mills were unable to sell groods against their purchases. But later on the mills sold against their purchases at a large profit, especially after October, owing to the fact that during the latter half of the year a large amount of jute goods were manufactured to an extent which had never been previously known in India, and it is likely that as long as the war continues the jute mills here will be kept fully employed.

The extent of the jute industry and its importance to India may be gathered from the figures of the export of the manufactured articles. During
 the year the exports amounted to nearly Z 26 crores or $£ 17 \frac{1}{3}$ millions, representing about 56 per cent of the total value of exports of the articles wholly or mainly manufactured and about 15 per cent of the total exports of Indian merchandise. In the pre-war period the exports amounted to nearly f 9 crores ( $£ 6$ millions) or 35 per cent of the year's trade in jute manufactures, against $78_{\frac{1}{2}}$ crores ( $£ 5 \frac{2}{3}$ millions) in the corresponding period of 1913-14. In the war perioll the value fell from f 20 cuores
( $213 \frac{1}{3}$ millions) to R 17 crores ( $E 11$ !s millions), the declinc being due not to a smaller volume in trade, but to a great decrease in the pries of fininhed goods in sympathy with lower prices of the raw material. The expertsof gunny bags and gunny cloth amounted to 396 millions and 1,057 million yards respectively, against 369 millions and 1,061 million yards in 101.3-1.t, the figures for the war period being respectively 267 millions and 71.5 million yards against 24.3 millions and 742 million yards in the corresponding period of 1913-1.4. The prices of Hessian cloth ( $10 \frac{1}{2}$ oz-40") per 100 yards were over F1:5 in the first three monthis; prices fell to K11-K and f10-12 in August and Scptember, and touched 788-12 in October. In the months of November to February they ranged botween R10-s to R11-14 but rose to R15-1: in March. Similarly the prices of "A" Twill bags $44^{1 "} \times 26 \frac{1}{2}$ ", 24 lbs. hommed, werc during the months of April to July, between Ris5 and $\mathrm{Z}: 36-12$ per 100. They then fell to P 27.8 in Fehruary, but rose to li 31 in March. The average price for the year was R12-8-6 for 40"-101 $\frac{1}{2}$ o\%. Hessians and R32-7 for "A" Twill bags, against R17 and R3G respectively in the previous year.
$\Lambda$ detailed examination of the export figures of manufactured goods shows that there was a large export of gunny loags and cloth to the United Kingdom, the total value being $\mathcal{Z 2} 2 \cdot 18$ crores ( $\mathrm{E} 1 \frac{1}{2}$ millions) against Fl 176 crores ( $\mathrm{E} 1 \frac{1}{6}$ millions) in 1913-14, partly owing to war demands, gunny bags increased by 20 millions and gunny cloth by 17 million yards to 47 millions and 68 million yards, respectively. These heavy shipments commenced in November, and continued till the end of the financial year. Russia (via Vladivostock) imported largely both gunny bags and cloth. Japan also bought heavily. Exports to the Argentine Republic fell in value from Fl 2.94 crores ( $£ 1 \cdot 96$ millions) to Z 2.36 crores ( $£ 157$ millions) and to the United States from F11.74 crores ( $£ 783$ millions) to $\mathrm{R10} 1 \mathrm{l}$ crores ( $£ 6.67$ millions). Trade with Germany, Turkey, Belgium, and Egypt was restricted. Chile took less, owing to a smaller business in nitrates. Brazil, which uses large quantities of gunny bags and sacking for sugar and coffce, gets the wrapping chicfly through the United States. Canada similarly obtains her jute goods chiefly through the United States. Australia also reduced her demand due to war conditions and to the failure of the harvest. Australian buyers cancelled their contracts for jute goods, September shipment, owiner to their goods not being shipped in time. A conference was afterwards held in Calcutta and the shippers entered new clauses into the contract with a view to protecting themselves against similar cancelment during the war. Calcutta shippers have now insisted on a special clause in the case of all contracts with Australian buyers.

During the year 1914-15, there were 70 jute mills,* employing 238,274 persons, 37,830 lonms, and 795,528 spindles. The share lists include 39 Companies with a subscribed capital of R6,60 lakhs, $\dagger$ of which one dechared a dividend of 55 per cent, three 20 per cent and over, ten 10 per cent and over, and thirteen 5 per cent and over, and two less than 5 per cent. The average value of the shares in jute mill companies during 191.4-15 was R159 for each K 100 slare against R126 in 1913-14 and R136-13 in 191\%-13. The net profits carned amounted to R1,02 lakhs, ( $£ 680,000$ ) against $\mathrm{R} 2,6 \mathrm{~S}$ lakhs ( $£ 1 \cdot 79$ millions) in 1913.

## Lac.

Iudia continucs to be the principal source of the supply of lac. As will be seen from tho marginal table, prices have contin-

| Declared valuo per cwt |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | A |
| 1906-07 | . 129 | 15 |
| 1907.08 | . 112 | \$ |
| 1906-09 | -73 | 6 |
| 1909-10 | - 49 | 15 |
| 1910-11 | - 0 | 13 |
| 1911-12 | - 47 | 0 |
| 1912-13 | . 49 | 5 |
| 1913-14 | . 57 | 15 |
| 1914-15 | 43 | 13 | ued to fall since 1906. In 1914-15 largely, if not entirely, owing to the war, a further fall in prices took place. The lowest price of shellac II. N. throughout the ycar was in October (R23 per maund of $82 \frac{2}{7} \mathrm{lbs}$ ) and the highest in April ( $\mathrm{I} 36-8$ ). The United States of America are India's best customer, taking more than half the total exports ( 53.3 per cent or 195,500 cwts). The United Kingdom comes secoud, taking 27 per cent of the total exports or 98,800 cwts out of a total of 366,700 cwts. The other customers were chiefly Germany,

[^24]France, Molland, Italy, and Mustria-Hungary. The exports consisted chiefly of shellac 307,800 ewts sut of a total export of 366,700 cwts. The exports of loutton lac were 2,500 ewts, sed iac 12,301 ewts, stick lac $\mathrm{i}, 100 \mathrm{cwts}$, and other kinds 19,900 cwts.

## Exports of Metals and Ores.

India, as is well known, is relatively a small prodacer of minerals. Her yetalsand ores. exports in the year under review of iron, steel. lead, manganese ore, etc., were only $\mathrm{Rl}, 60$ lakhs. The total quantity and value of metals and ores exported during 1914-15 amounted to 513,708 tons,

|  | Tons. | f2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jrin or ateel | 52,8\% | 2x,53,529 |
| J.ad | 9.515 | 17, $\because$ B,13 4 |
| Mangnitse ore | 410,590 | 75,311.293 |
| Others | 13,806) | 35,54.831 |
| Tozsi | [13,5\% | ,50,70,761 | valued at $\mathrm{fl} 1,60$ lakhs, against 822,527 tons, valued at $\mathrm{ft2}, 1912$ lakhs, in 1913-14. The details for $1014-15$ are given in the marginal table. The most important item is manganese ore, $\dagger$ the export of which declined from 718,049 tons, Yanganese ore. valued at $\mathrm{Pl}, 21$ lakhs, to 440,590 tons, valued at R75 lakhs. The shipments were considerably restricted in the war period, and were $4+$ per cent of the total exports (as against 70 per cent the average of the previous three years). The largest customer, the United Kingdom, took $2 \cdot 27,281$ tons against 258,776 tons in 1913-14, but the other principal countries-Belgium, France, the United States, and Japan-reduced their demands. The average declared value for the year was $\mathrm{fll7-1-7}$ per ton against $\mathrm{P16}$-14-4 in 1913-14. Exports from India to any country except the United Kingdom and France have been prohibited. The United States, however, have secured much of the Brazilian supply, and with the British prohibition in force stecl-making countries are likely to require all the ferromanganese they can secure, without making any re-sales through neutral ports for German aecount.

The heading "ores, unenumerated" is chiefly wolfram or tungsten ex- Wolram. ported normally from Burma to Germany, the United Kingdom, and the Federated Malay States. The chief source of supply until comparatively recent years was the United States, but some five years ago attempts were made to develop the wolfram deposits of the Indian Empire, and Lower Burma now heads the list as the worid's greatest producer. According to the Director of the Geological Survey, the total production of the world is about 8,000 tons per ambun of concentrates carrying from 60 to 70 per cent of tungstic trioxide, $\mathrm{WO}_{\mathrm{s}}$. Of this Burma produces one quarter. In Siam the mining of wolfram is a recent development. Wolfram is also produced in Australia and in the Malay Peninsula. Formerly, Germany used to take over 00 per cent of the total exports from India, but this is one of the minerals of which the export was restricted owing to the war. Thus shipments for Germany were diverted to the United Kingdom, which took 1,118 tons or 58 per cent of total exports of 1,916 tons, valued at $\mathrm{R} 26 \frac{3}{3}$ lakhs. It is understood that English smelters have overcome the difficulty in handling this metal, and are now in a position to cope with any guantity that may be exported to them.

Of metals the important items are iron or steel and also lead. The exports Iron or steel. of iron or steel amounted to 52,800 tons, valued at $£ 2 S \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs, againsi 84,855 tons, valued at nearly fly lakhs, in 1913-14. The output of iron ore in India, it may be noted, was practically stationary for many years at the average of about s0,000 tons per annum until 1911, when the average output was almost quadrupled owing to the increased production by the Tata Iron and Steel Company at Sakchi. Tatas are producing iron and steel in considerable quantities, as

| Production in 1914. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Tons. |
| Pigiron (a) | 10,463 |
| Stes 1 | 6.8.4Ms |
| Plinums | 75.94 |
| Rails and beams | 55.443 |
| Sara | 6,74 | noted in the margin. Improvements were effected in the quality and output of steel during the year ending June 1914, and the Gorernment contract for rails has been in a large measure completed for the financial year 1914-15. The daily arerage number of employees at Sakchi was $8,57.4$ men and women, including 185 Europeans, exclusive

[^25]of 5,100 Iahourers at Gurumaishini, Panpowh, Choitosilh, and Bhelatand. During the year there was great depression in besth Europuan ind American markets and more particularly in Japar, ome of the largest emsumes of pig
 Scotland, Italy, and the Philippines have been alded to the list of countries th, which the products are being shipped. Xiails and fishplates are also largely supplied to the various Inlian railway lines, hesides other products such as structural, spring, tool and octagon stcel. As a result of the depression and want of freight, the stocks of pig iron have increased.

In 1913, a new discovery of a large area of iron ore enabled the Bengal Iron and Steel Company to extend their works at Barakar. They produced 72,444 tons of pigiron in 1914 against 59,379 tons in 1913, and 18,045 tons of pipes, railway sleeper and chairs, mill columns, and general castings. tons, valued at $\mathfrak{z i 7} 17$. lakhs, against 3,432 tons, valued at nearly f9 lakhs, in 1913-14. Exports are almost entircly from Rangoon to the United Kingdom and Ceyion, with the exception of a single small consignment of 101 tons to Russia. Exports were prohibited sonn aftor the outbreak of war, but, as the restrictions imposed did not affect these markets, the trade was not interfered with.

Exports of Oils and Oinseeds.
(1) Oils.

The abnormal conditions of the year did not interrupt the slow but steady progress in the exports of oils. The increase was $4 \boldsymbol{x}^{2}$ million gallons in quantity and $\mathrm{fl} 6 \frac{2}{3}$ lakhs in value, the total for the year being 30 million grallons, valued at R1,00 lakhs. India's exports of oils are relatively very small, when compared with the great volume of her exports of oilsects. The marginal table shows her exports of principal non-essential oilseeds and their oils and oilcakes
 during the last two years. It has often leen pointed out that it is both economically and industrially unsound for India to export her oilseeds in large quantities, instcad of manufacturing the oils and oilcakes in India. It allows other countries to reap the manufacturer's profits, and at the same time deprives Indian agriculture of such potential wealth as cattlo, food and manure. An immense quantity of oil is, howerer, already manufactured in this country by more or less crude processes. Village oil mills worked by bullocks, and presses worked by hand, exist in all parts of the country. These supply most of the local demand for oils. There has been a great increase in recent years in the number of oil mills worked by steam or other mechanical power. These crush all the commoner oilsceds, and this development has been especially noticeable in the case of mustard oil, castor oil, and groundnut oil. Castor oil mills have been working successfully in Bombay, the Punjab, the United Provinces, and elsewhere; mustard oil manufacture is a flourishing industry in Bengal; there are several coconut oil nills on the Malabar coast and Cochin, and groundnut oil mills in Bombay. Some of the layger mills deal with a great variety of seeds.

Coconut oil.-Of vegetable oils the most important item is coconut oil. The exports rose from 1,091,500 gallons, valued at R234 lakhs ( $£ 155,000$ ), to $1,824,500$ gallons, valued at nearly 1337 lakhs ( $£ 247,000)$. Hitherto Germany made coconut oil from copra, which was shipped in a large quantity to that country, and supplied it to the United Kingdom and other places. This year the
oil made in Malalar went to the Tinited Kingdom, which took 1, $, 544,000$ gallons against only 223,700 gallons in 1913 -14. The share of the United States was, in consequence, restricted to 159,000 gallons against 447,700 gallons in the previous year. The oil was in great demand in the United Kingdom for the manufacture of margarine to replace a shortage of dairy butter, and this increased demand will, it is expected, continue until the close of the war. There would seem to be a possibility, if the difficulty of carriage could be got orer, and if a high elass of refined oil were maintained, of supplying the United Kingdom with some of the oil which she imported until the outhreak of war from Continental countries. In 1913, for example, the United Kingdom imported from Germany $£ 859,000$ worth of unrefined, and $£ 521,000$ worth of refined, coconut oil. If it is remembered that the greater part of the raw material (copra) was imported from India, it may be assumed that large quantitics of the coconut oil imported into the Onited Kingdom from Germany is made of Indian copra.

Nineral oils.-The trade in mineral oils, which is almost entirely confined to mineral ous (PetroBurma, improved by nearly th million gallons. The exports were $26 \frac{1}{5}$ million leam, etc.) gallons, valued at F 25 $\mathrm{B}_{2}^{2}$ lakis. The output of petroleum in Burma during 1914 was $25 . \frac{1}{2}$ million gallons, a decrease of 18 million gallons, or nearly 7 per cent as compared with 1913. Shipments from Rangoon of kerosene oil abroad were 1,300 gallons only; while benzine, petrol, and other motor spirit, which have hitherto been included in other kinds of mineral oil, amounted to $21 \frac{1}{2}$ million gallons, valued at $¥ 20 \frac{1}{4}$ lakhs. The production of petrol and benzine in India including Burma was in 1914 orer 26 million gallons. The estimated production for 1915 is about 243 million gallons. The United Kingdom was credited with over $20 \frac{1}{2}$ million gallons, valued at $\mathrm{R} 19 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs, almost the whole of the remainder having been shipped to Holland in April. Lubricating oils were exported to the extent of $1 \tilde{5} 4,385$ gallons against $96,041 \cdot$ gallons in 1913-14.

Essential oils.-Under essential oils, lemongrass oil, which is exported Lemongrass onl. from South Malabar, declined in quantity by 20,000 gallons and in value by R. 4 lakhs. There was a considerable drop in the exports to France and Germany, the principal customers. Lemongrass oil is used by ærated water manufacturers.

## (2) Oilseeds.

The exports of seeds in the year under reriew decreased considerably. oliseeds.
The total amounted to 953,900 tons, valued at $\mathrm{Pl} 14 \frac{2}{3}$ crores ( $£ 9 \frac{3}{4}$ millions), agaiust $1,582,600$ thns, valued at $\not \approx 25 \frac{2}{3}$ crores (over £17 millions), in 1913-14. In normal years about 95 per cent of the exports goes to belligerent countries, and the unexpected closing of some of these markets or the curtailment of their demands shortly after the outbreak of war led to a serious situation, especially in regard to copra and groundnuts. In the previous rear Continental countries alsorhed nearly 64 per cent of the oilseeds exported from India. There was a reduction in the ralue of exports of over fl 10 crores in the last eight months of the year, representing over 40 per cent of the prerious years shipments in that period. With the decreased


Noticcable decreases occurred under rapeseed, groundnuts, sesamum, and castor seeds. The exports of oilseeds from;; Bombay showed a decrease of 42 per cent, Sind 64 per cent, and Madras $38 ;$ per cent.

The exports were derived from the crops of 1973-14 and the watly erop Area and Outurn or oilsocas of 19]s-15. The finally reported area and

| Area and Outturn of oilsoeas |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1913-14 |  | 1914.15 |  |
|  | 1,000 | 1,Оны | 1.0018 | 1,107 |
|  | nerey | toms | acres | tons |
| Rape ntid mustard | 6.2h\% | 1,187 | 6.402 | 1,19: |
| Linmeed | 3,031 | 3 mf | 3,3:12 | : ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Scrammum | 5.107 | 40:3 | 5,413 | 578 |
| (iroundnuts | 2,106 | 7.19 | 1,945 | 929 | outturn of the principal oilseds are noted in the margin (in thousands). The: special features of the trade in pach kind of seeds are briefly noted below.

## Lingeal.

Grouninut.

The average quantity of linseed exported is about 77 per cent of the total production. Seasonal conditions of the 1913-1. crop were on the whole nol very favourable. The area sown with linseed covered over 3 million acres and the yield was about 380,000 tons. In the season of $1914-15$ the condition of the crop was reported to be fair to good, exeept in Bihar and Orisa, Bongal, and parts of the United Provinces. The area sown was $3,332,000$ acres or 9 per cent larger than in 1913-1.1, and the yield was estimated at 390,000 tons. The world's production of linseed in 191.4 was estimated at 2,710,000 tons, or 7 times the Indian crop, against $3,031,000$ tons in 1.913. To this the Argentine contributed about $1,200,000$ tons, Russia 550,000 tons, the United States 390,000 tons, India 386,000 , and Canada 188,000 tons. The world's linseed shipments in 1914 amounted to $1,332,000$ tons, against, $1,850,000$ tons in 1913 , namely, from India 352,000 tons, the Argentine 863,000 tons, Russia 82,000 tons, and the United States and Canada 22,000 tons. The net imports into the United Kingdom were 450,000 tons or 34 per cent of the total shipments, of which over 200,000 tons were from India.

Shipments of linseed from India, which formed 3.t per cent of the total

|  | Exports of Linsoed |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3913.14 | 1914-15 |
|  | Tons | 'Tons |
| United Kingiom ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 157,315 | 209,110 |
| Germany - | 48.326 | 10,053 |
| Belgium | 38,459 | 24,418 |
| France | 115,459 | 39,716 |
| Italy . | 30,657 | 31.137 |
| Other Countries. | 23,657 | 10,143 |
| Total | 413,873 | 321,577 | exports of seeds, declined by nearly 92,000 tous or 22 per cent, owing to reduced demands from the continent of Europe (except Italy), in spite of larger shipments to the United Kingdom, which took nearly 50,000 tons more. The value fell from R6,69 lakhs ( $£ 4 \cdot 46$ millions) to $\mathbf{P} 5,25$ lakhs, or $£ 3 \cdot 5$ millions, the declared value being f88-e-8 per cwt against P8-1-3 in 1.913-14. The prices in London ranged between 46 s . 3 d . to 52 s . per quarter of 410 lbs , while those in Calcutta fell from R6-2-0 per maund in April to $\mathrm{Zt} 4-7-6$ in October, which were also respectively the highest and lowest prices during the year.

The trade in groundnuts* was seriously affected by the war in the year of report. The exports were reduced by more than one-half from 278,000 tons, | Exports |
| :---: |
| $1913 \cdot \mathrm{l} 4$ | valued at 122,27 lakhs. The reduction was due to the lack of transport facilities, high froights, and the suspension of demand on the part of the Marseilles market. It is interesting to note that in the ycar before the outbreak of war 80 per cent of the exports was sent to France, which on account of the war had to curtail in 191415 the production of its refincries at Marscilles and elsewhere: A.ustria-Hungary took 5 per cent of the exports in 1914-15.

Production.-Whe total area returned for the 1914-15 crop was 1,995,000 acres, which showed a decrease of 5 per cont, owing to untavourable weather conditions at sowing time, but the total yicld was estimated at 929,000 tons of nuts in shell, an increase of 24 per cent over the 1913-14 crop. The chicf producing countries of the British Empire aro India, Gambia, and Nigeria. Attention is also being given to the crop in the Sudan, Uganda, East African Protectorate, Nyassaland, Rhodesia, Natak, and the West Indies. Since Marseilles camot take ordinary quantities at present, it is urged by the Imperial Institate, London, that a market shoul! be created in

[^26]the United Kingdom for Indian and other British grown grominnuts. A quantity of the Indian nuts was imported into Hull for the production of oil, but the amount so far disposed of in this way was small in comparison with the available supply from India.

Trade. - In the pre-war period the exports declined by $\mathbf{5 , 7 1 5}$ tons, and since the outbreak of war they hare declined by 133,870 tons. The opening price in Madras, which was $\not \mathrm{fll} 4$ per candy of 529 lbs , rose to $\mathrm{R} 42-8$ in July, but gradually fell to P 2 j in January and i 20 in March. The freight rates for Marseilles adranced from 22 s . $6 d$. per ton in April to 23 s . 9 d . in July, 558 . in January, and 87s. 6d. at the end of the year. Shipments to France, representing, as already noted. some 80 per cent of the total exports in former years, fell by 51 per cent to 109,108 tons only, those to Germany and Belgium by 60 per cent and 80 per cent respectively. The United Kingdom, however, took $4,3 \pm 8$ tons in place of 480 tons in 1913-14. Ordinarily the share of Madras in this foreign trade was 70 per cent of the total exports. In the year 1914-15 exports from Madras fell by 42 per cent, learing a large surplus which was sent coast-wise to Bengal where the oil extracted therefrom was mised with mustard and rapeseed oil, the latter being comparatively cheaper. Exports from Pondicherry by sea also declined from 86,500 tons to 51,500 tons, a decrease of 40 per cent.

The trade in rapeseed decreased from 249,000 tons and $\mathbb{R 4 , 2 8}$ lakhs rapeseed Exporto of Rapeand ( $£ 2 \cdot 85$ millions) to 96,900 tons and R1,62 lakhs 1913-14 1914-15 tone tons

United Kingilem
Germany -
Helcium
Frate
France
Italy
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Italy } & \cdot & - & 53,943 \\ 20,513\end{array}$
Other conatrics . . 13,727 i4,754
Total . . 249,005 96,912 (£1.08 millions). The crop of 1913-14, which came into statistical consideration in the year of report, was estimated at $1,087,000$ tons, and showed a decrease of nearly 12 per cent, as compared with the previous season, owing to unfarourable weather conditions. The 1914-15 crop was, however, better than the 1913-14 crop by 10 per cent, the estimated rield being $1,195,000$ tons. The percentage of exports to the production is about 19 in normal years. In $1914-10$, owing to war conditions and contracted shipments to Continental countries, it was less than 10 per cent. The United Kingdom took a larger quantity than usual, because of the cessation of shipments from Russia. Prices in London raried from 458 . to 51 s . 6 d . per quarter of 416 lbs . The declared value averaged $\not \approx 8-6$ per $\mathrm{c} \pi \mathrm{t}$. The wholesale prices in Calcuta ranged between $\mathrm{Al}-6-9$ per cwt in May to $\mathrm{H9-3-3}$ in October.

The percentage of exports of sesamum to the production is about 20 . sesamam, th

The trade in cotton seed has

|  | Exports of Cottonseed |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 1913-14 \\ \text { tuns } \end{gathered}$ | $191+15$ |
| United Eingdon ${ }_{1}$ | . 279,128 | 20, $2+40$ |
| Fravce | - 2こ95 | -3,108 |
| Other countries | - $\quad$ - 80 | 2.181 |
| Toras | . 38.3 .329 | 207.759 |


|  | Exports of Sesamum |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1913 -14 |  |
|  | tons | tons |
| Germany | 16,510 | 1,8\%0 |
| Belmiam | 33.7\%9 | 5.360 |
| France | 22.507 | 13,323 |
| laty ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - | 14.293 | -9,5S\% |
| Austria Hungary | 19,342 | 4,093 |
| Other countries | 6,070 | 12,338 |
| Totar | 112,001 | 46,405 | an area of $5,075,000$ acres. The last at 578,000 tons. Shipments last year declined from or jipilii. 112,200 tons, valued at $\mathrm{Z2}, 69$ lakhs ( $\mathbf{~ 1 1} \cdot 8$ million), to 46,700 tons, valued at $\mathbb{Z 1 , 0 7}$ lakhs $(£ 713,000)$, the average value being fil-6-11 against R 12 per cwt in 1913-14. The decrease is due to smaller shipments to Continental countries. The crop of 1913-14 affecting the exports of $191+15$ was estimated at 403,000 tons on

fared better than rapeseed, sesamam, and cotton seed. groundnuts, as it is chiefly carried on with the United Kingdom, which took 202,440 tons, valued at $\mathrm{E} 1,47$ lakhs ( $£ 980,000$ ), as against 279,200 tons, valued at $\notin \mathbf{2}, 09$ Jakhs ( $£ 1 \cdot 4$ million) in 1913-14. The decrease in Indian exports is ascribed to the fall in prices in foreign markets and the difficulty of securing freights.

Castor seed,

Copra.

Oniam.

The exports of castor seed fell from 134,888 tons, valued at $\mathrm{F} 2,00$ lakhs ( $£ 1$ ? Exports of Catoresed million), to 82,815 tons, valued at $\ddagger 21,16$ lakhs;
 $\begin{gathered}\text { Germany } \\ \text { Belgium }\end{gathered}: \quad: \quad \underset{14,822}{0,781} \quad \underset{8,069}{732}$ France, Belgium, and Germany, but the exports $\begin{gathered}\text { Belgiam } \\ \text { Frnico }\end{gathered}: \quad . \quad{ }_{20,989}^{14,822} \underset{11,684}{1,068}$ to the last three countrics were considerably
 $\underset{\text { Other Countries :- }}{\substack{\text { Unt } \\ 1,574}} \begin{gathered}2,200\end{gathered} \quad$ United Kingdom in 1914 were about 20 per cent under those of the previous year. It is not an extensive industry in the United Kingdom. The prices of the oil remained low, but there has recently been a large demand for export and the value has risen, affording an opportunity for more profitable working.

The exports of copra or coconut kernel receded from 38,192 tons, valued at

| Exports of Copra. 1913-14 191.5-15 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| United Kingdom | 852 | 8,523 |
| Ruanin. | 3,652 | 2.959 |
| Germany | - 23,900 | 9,712 |
| Holland | - 837 | 7 2,763 |
| Bolgium | 5,1446 | 6 2,251 |
| Finnco. | 3,411 | 1 4,915 |
| Other countries | 90. | - 723 |
|  |  |  |
| in thousands P (lakhis) |  |  |
| Coconut no. 272 $\cdot 14$ <br> Coir fibre    |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| ture. |  | 57.04 |
| Cordngo |  |  |
| Coprn " 637 123.29 |  |  |
| Coconut puonac " 07 |  |  |
| " vil gals | 1,825 | 96.93 | R1,56 lakhs ( $£ 1.04$ millions), to 31,846 tons, valued at $\mathrm{R1} 1,23$ lakhs ( $£ 820,000$ ), the average value declining from $\mathrm{Pr} 20-6-9$ to R19-5-9 per cwt. Shipments to Russia, Germany, and Belgium decreased, but those to the United Kingdom, Holland, and France increased. Formerly Germany was the principal consumer of Malabar copra, which was used in the manufacture of margarine and edible fats. The United Kingdom, it is interesting to note, took half her requirements in this respect from Germany. As a result of the war copra is now being crushed in the United Kingdom for home consumption. The importance of the several products of coconut palm may be gauged from the export figures quoted in the marginal table.

## OPIUM.

Rabbor.
The opium market was much disturbed in the months following the outbreak of war, and in the monthly sale* in August an average price of 71,212 per chest was realised as compared with $\mathcal{Z} 1,578$ in July 1914. Although there was an improvement in price after August in consequence of a decision not to sell opium below the fixed upset price of $\mathrm{fl} 1,600$ a chest, the number of chests put up for sale was not sold in full in the sales from September to

| Prom Coleatta | Exports of Opinm |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1918-14 | 1014.15 |
|  | Chests | Chents |
| T'o Straits | 1,537 | 755 |
| Jnve. | 3,205 | 2,850 |
| Sinm. | 1.130 | 2,00n |
| Indo-China. | 875 | 2,890 |
| Hongkong | 1,156 | 1,000 |
| Japan | 799 | 900 |
| Other Countrica | 389 | 861 |
| From Bombay |  |  |
| To Hongkong | 2,765 | ... |
| 'Total | 11,906 | 10,856 | December and 1,352 chests remained unsold at the close of 1914. The total exports during 1914-15 amounted to 10,856 chests, valued at $\mathrm{Zl}, 76$ lakhs, as compared with 11,906 chests, valued at $\mathrm{F} 3,42$ lakhs in 1913-14. The average price realised in 1914-15 was $\mathrm{P} 1,568$ against f2,120 in 1913-14. The exports of 1914-15 were entirely from Bengal and were distributed as shown in the margin.

There has been a steady development in the exports of rubber from India. The exports increased from 23,264 cwts, valued at R79 lakhs, in 1913-14 to the record figures of $32,825 \mathrm{cwts}$, valued at R93s lakhs, in the year under review. India including Burma and the Mergui has increased its plantations $\dagger$ from 46,000 acres in 1913 to 65,000 acres in 1914. There are


220,000 acres in Ceylon, 500,000 acres in the Malay, 400,000 acres in the Dutch East Indies, and 40,000 acres in what were formerly German Colonies, Samao, German East and West Africa. A large number of rubber trees came into bearing in the Madras Presidency in 1914-15. In spite of the uncertainty as to arrivals, the lack of shipping facilities, and the financial difficulties, the English market remained steady and the demand was active. Some of the exports from America found their way to Germany through neutral countries, and the export of rubber from the East to the United States (which absorbs 45 per cent of the world's production estimated at 207,000 tons), was prohibited on October 22nd. The export of rubber was prohibited from the United Kingdom on November 17th. The United Kingdom and Ceylon are the principal markets for Indian rubber. Shipments to the United Kingdom rose in value from $\mathrm{A} 50 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs to $\mathrm{Z70}$ lakhs, but those to Ceylon fell from R253 lakhs to R 21 lakhs. The declared value in 1914-15 was R284-3-10 against f338-2-10 per cwt in 1913-14. The value for March 1915 was $\mathrm{f} 273-3-11$ as against $\mathrm{f} 319-15-8$ in March 1914. The value of rubber imported into India, it may be noted, also rose from \#53 lakhs to R57 lakhs.

## Silk Exports.

The imports of silk have been discussed in the previous clapter. Silk, silk, raw and whether manufactured or raw, for export, is not one of India's chief exports, but it deserves notice because the trade, which amounted to $\mathrm{Al} 1,55$ lakhs in 1869-70, declined to $\mathrm{Pl} 1,05$ lakhs in the eighties and to about R79 lakhs in the nineties, and in 1914-15 was valued at only $\mathrm{Zlo} \mathrm{\frac{1}{3}}$ lakhs. Of the export of $\mathrm{ml} 15 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs, raw silk was valued at m12 lakhs.

The marginal tables are intended to illustrate the decline of the industry. The exports of raw silk, both from mulberry and non-mulberry feeding silkworms, amounted to $82,700 \mathrm{lbs}$, valued at m 8 lakhs, against $160,200 \mathrm{lbs}$, valued at $\mathrm{R} 15 \frac{1}{4}$ laklis, in 1913-14, while that of chasam (waste) and cocoons fell from 1,042,900 lls , valued at R9솔 lakhs, to $\mathbf{4 3 3 , 6 0 0} \mathrm{lbs}$, valued at nearly R4 lakhs; the total value of raw silk (including chasam and cocoons) declined by 52 per cent. II.-Exports of sill manufactures. to $\mathrm{Zl2}$ lakhs. The decrease is most marked

|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{f} \\ (1,000) \end{gathered}$ | Variation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Avernge of ( 1,00 ) Variation |  |  |  |
| 10 years ending | 1879-80 | 19.64 | 100 |
| " $\quad$, | 1889.90 | 29,11 | 148 |
| " $\quad$ | 1899.40 | 17,20 | 88 |
| " | $1900 \cdot 10$ | 8,60 | 44 |
| In the year | 1:10-11 | 7,69 | 39 |
| " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1911-12 | 6,51 | 33 |
| " " | 1912-13 | 7,38 | 38 |
| " | 1913-14 | 5,68 | 29 |
| Average of 3,45 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| III.-Prices of raw silk per factory seer.* |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| A vernge of fi A. p. Inder N |  |  |  |
| 5 years ending | 1890.94 | 1788 | 100 |
| " $\quad$ " | 1895.99 | $16 \quad 010$ | 91 |
| " $\quad$ | 1900-04 | 1545 | 87 |
|  | 1905.09 | 1612 | 92 |
| In tho year | 1910 | 1394 | 77 |
| " " | 1911 | 141411 | 85 |
| " " | 1913 | 15146 | 91 |
| " ${ }^{\prime}$ | 1913 | 162 | 92 |
|  | 1914 | 1612 | 96 |
| Averge of |  |  |  | in the exports to France (which usually takes 70 per cent of Indian raw silk) from 712,110 lbs to $187,209 \mathrm{lbs}$, while those to the United Kingdom rose from $276,502 \mathrm{lbs}$ to 287,630 llbs. The fluctuations are attributable to the war.

The export of silk manufactures in 191.415 was valued at $\mathrm{f} 3 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs as compared with \# $5 \frac{9}{3}$ lakhs in 1913-14. Mixed goods accounted for a loss of $\mathrm{R80}, 000$ and piecegoods of fil $\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs. The United Kingdom, the chief customer of Indian silk piecegoods, took 80,200 lbs worth 7777,000 in place of 162,800 lbs valued at $\mathrm{Zl} \frac{3}{\frac{3}{3}}$ lakhs in 1913-14.

The price of raw silk (European filature) in Calcutta in 1914-15 was P16-7-7 per factory seer* against $\mathrm{Z} 16-2-4$ in the previous year. Prices have fallen in recent years, as will be seen from the marginal table.

[^27]
## The Tea Industry.

The war has had a beneficial effect on tea, which has been fortunate enough

## Tea Statistics

1914-15 1913-1
 to have a large outturn coupled with remarkably high prices. The exports rose by H55조 lakhs, in spite of the inability to export during two months in which practically no tonnage was available. The exports to the United Kingdom increased by $28,000,000 \mathrm{lbs}$, and this offset the decline in the exports to Russia and other countries. The figures for 1913 established a record both in production and consumption. The year under review, however, surpassed its predecessor. The most remarkable feature of the market was the sustained demand in spite of the disturbing influences of the European war. A very satisfactory level of price has been maintained throughout the year, especially for useful, common, and lower medium sorts.
Production.-The weather conditions were, on the whole, favourable from

May to July. The weather in the following three months was only fair, and an early cold weather in November and December checked the growth severely. The production was estimated at 313 million lbs

|  |  | Yield per acre lbs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Darrang | - | - 691 |
| Laskhimpur | . . | -621 |
| Jalpaiguri | . . | - 613 |
| Sibsugar | - . | - 585 |
| Sylhat | . | - 572 |
| Travancore | - | - 563 |
| Nowgong | - . | - 548 |
| Cachar | . | - 547 |
| Coimbatore | - | - 477 |
| Malabar | - • | - 444 |
| Dehra 1Jan | . | - 419 |
| Nilgiris | - - | - 416 |
| Kamrup | . | - 395 |
| Chittagong | - | - 389 |
| Darjeeling | - . | - 353 | against 307 million lbs in 1913, an increase of 6 million lbs or 2 per cent. The comparative figures for Ceylon and Java are given in the margin. Of the increase in Indian production, the major portion was in Assam and Darjeeling. The Duars and Terai showed decreases. The area planted was 622,600 acres against 609,700 acres in 1913. The average production in the whole of India (excluding Burma) was $55 \pm$ lbs per acre plucked, being the same as in 1913. The highest production, as will ${ }_{\text {Clittag }}^{\text {Kang }}: \quad: \quad 389$ be seen in the marginal table, was 691 lbs in Darrang.

Prices. - The average prices realised for the total quantity of tea sold during the past season* at public auctions and privately were 7 annas 7 pies per lb, against 7 annas 9 pies in 1913-14, 7 annas 1 pie in 1912-13, and 7 annas 7 pies in 1911-12. The sales opened on the 26th May with an average price of 8 annas 2 pies per lb , by the end of July this had fallen to 7 annas 10 pies when the sales ceased: on re-opening, the third sale (the first two being hardly representative) gave an average of 7 annas 2 pies on the 3rd November. From then the rates steadily advanced and the last sale closed with an average of 8 annas 4 pies per lb. Prices in London were fairly maintained until September when the interference with shipments both from India and Ceylon made market conditions abnormal, and an extensive demand from near Continental countries, combined with smaller offerings, resulted in a considerable rise in prices, common leaf touching in the first week of November the high level of $9 \frac{1}{4} d$. per lb -a figure not reached since June 1891. The stringent regulations referred to below as to exports to Holland, Scandinavia, and Denmark made on 17 th November at once caused a sharp reaction, prices giving way as much as $1 d$. to $1 \frac{1}{3} d$. per 1 l within a week. The average of the calendar year in London was $9 \cdot 13 d$. per lb against $9 \cdot 11 d$. for Indian; $9 \cdot 04 d$. against $8 \cdot 98 d$. for Ceylon ; and $8 \cdot 6 d$. against $8 d$. for Java.

Consumption.-The quantity entered for home consumption in the United Kingdom in 1914 was $317 \frac{1}{3}$ million lbs, against $305 \frac{1}{2}$ million lbs in 1913 . In the first four months of 1915 the quantity entered for home consumption rose from 100 millions to 132 millions. It is probable that the pressure of an $8 d$. duty will call for a lower priced tea, such as that of China, which exported during January and April 1915 over $9 \frac{1}{2}$ millions against $2 \frac{3}{4}$ millions in 1914 In other countries the consumption of tea continues to progress, although the war may exert some adverse influences. If the abolition of vodka drinking in Russia could be accompanied by a corresponding increase in tea drinking,

[^28]a further requirement of 50 to 100 million lbs may be estimated for that country. Unfortunately the duty is excessively high at $18.10 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$. per lb . The despatch of so many British troops to Europe made a considerabie difference to the demand in this country. In India, however, the consumption of tea seems to be increasing. The quantity of tea available for consumption in India based on reported production added to imports and less the exports by sea and land was 19 million lbs, against 23 million los in 1913-14, or onesixteentl of a pound per head of population as compared with a per capita consumption in the United Kingdom of about $6 \frac{2}{3} \mathrm{lbs}$.

Freights.-Freights for tea have not increased to the same extent as those for other articles. Until the 9th August freights for tea remained steady at the rates in force in the past two years, namely, £1 158 . per ton subject to a rebate of 58 . The outbreak of war disorganised shipping. The rates in consequence fell to $£ 1108$. with a surcharge of 25 per cent until the middle of September. Matters became normal in November, and the surcharge was reduced to 58 . until the middle of l/ecember 9, nd to $3 s .9 d$. during the remainder of the year. The Indian Tea Association had a five years' agreement with the Liners' Conference, which, however, has since been modified, wherelby the rate was increased from £1 10s. to £278. 6d. with effect from 1st June 1915.

Exports.-The exports to the chicf consuming centres are shown in the

| Exports of Indian tca | Tea exports 1013-14 1914-15 |  | to Foreign countries Per 1913-14 1914-15 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,100 | 1.000 | cent. | $\stackrel{\mathrm{f}}{ }$ | fl |
|  | Jba | 1 lb | age | (lakha) | (lakhs) |
|  | Quan |  | Exports |  |  |
|  |  |  | in |  |  |
| by seato - |  |  | 1914.15 |  |  |
| United Kingdom | 209.051 | 237.304 | $78 \cdot 9$ | 10,3i | 12,24 |
| Runsin | 33,398 | 19,636 | 6.5 | 1,67 | 1,00 |
| Turkoy, Asiatic | 2,830 | 1.230 | ${ }^{4}$ | 15 | 7 |
| Perain. | 246 | 2,049 | $\cdot 7$ | 1 | 12 |
| Caylon. | \$,900 | 3,293 | $1 \cdot 1$ | 24 | 20 |
| Clinn | 11,007 | 8,309 | 2.7 | 51 | 39 |
| Canmia. | 11,565 | 10,951 | $3 \cdot 6$ | 65 | 59 |
| United States of America | 1.942 | 2,738 | 9 | 10 | 13 |
| Austrnlasia | 9,705 | 10,991 | $3 \cdot 7$ | 49 | 55 |
| Total all countrics | 280,474 | 300,733 | 100 | 14,98 | 15,53 |
| By laud | 2,196 | 1,782 | ... | 10 | 9 |
| Grand total | 201,670 | 302,515 |  | 15,08 | 15,61 | margin. These are direct exports as declared in India, and do not include re-exports of Indian tea from the United Kingdom. The United States and Australia apparently took more than they had previously done. About a million lbs for Australia were destroyed by fire on board the "Janus". Other markets took less excepting Persia. The noticeable features of the year under review are briefly, on the one hand, the growth of the exports to the United Kingdom, Persia, the United States of America, and Australasia, and on the other, the decline in the trade with Russia, Turkey, Ceylon, China, and Canada. The total figures have surpassed the record figures of 1913-14, showing an increase of 11 million lbs or 3.9 per cent in quantity, and $755 \frac{1}{6}$ lakhs or 3.7 per cent in value. In view of the congestion of the Calcutta warehouses and the enforced retention at the estates of large portions of the crop, coupled with the difficulty of obtaining tonnage, the trade figures are satisfactory. The figures of exports by rail and sea to Bombay seem to indicate a change of route for Persian teas owing to the war. Russia, next to the United Kingdom, is ordinarily India's best customer, but was not in a position since the outbreak of war to make purchases until the necessary financial facilities had been provided by the joint action of the British and Russian Governments. Trade with Russia was, in fact, stopped from the end of July to November and was resumed in December. For the remainder of the year 1914-15 there was an active demand for Indian teas by Russia. In addition to the direct shipments viá Vladivostok, Russia received through Hankow $4 \frac{2}{3}$ million lbs of Indian tea, against 11 million lbs in 1913-14. The United Kingdom, however, continues to absorb the major portion of Indian production. Of the quantities shipped about 7 million lbs were lost in transit to London by the depredations of German cruisers. According to the Board of Trade returns for 1914, the United Kingdom imported $374 \frac{1}{2}$ million lbs against 365 million lbs in 1913, or an increase of $9 \frac{1}{2}$ million Ibs, namely, 203 $\frac{1}{3}$ millions from India, 111 millions from Ceylon, 221

millions from China, and 371 millions from Java and other countries. Included in British imports, however, is always a large quantity which is re-exported. In 1914, $65 \frac{3}{4}$ million lbs were re-exported in place of $57 \frac{1}{2}$ millions in 1913 , and the amount was inclusive of $30 \frac{1}{2}$ million lbs of Indian tea, which was sent to Jussia (nearly 2 millions), other European countries ( 17 millions), the United States ( 3 millions), and Canada ( 4 millions). In the last week of August a sudden demand from other European countries arose as already noted, which quickly grew to so large dimensions that on enquiry it was discovered that the ultimate destination of the commodity sent to Holland, Sweden, and Denmark, were enemy countries. The export was, therefore, stopped on November 17. Germany, however, was not a teadrinking nation but her troops wanted it, and Holland, it was considered, could supply the demand from Java. The recognition of this fact led the Government to withdraw its embargo.

Green tea.-The quantity of green tea* exported by sea remained at the level of 1913-14, namely, 548,000 lbs, the value declining from 10 annas to 9 annas 2 pies per lb. The bulk of last year's shipments was for the United Kingdom, Canada, and Ceylon. The quantity manufactured in 1914 was 3 million Ibs, as compared with $3 \frac{1}{4}$ million lbs in the provious season. The bulk of this was exported by land to Afghanistan and other frontier countries.

## Tobacco.

The exports of tobacco are considerably less in value, although greater in quantity, than the imports. The exports of tobacco showed a decrease of $11,341,600$ lbs or 38 per cent in quantity, and of Rll laklis or 23 per cent in value - the total trade amounting to $\mathbf{1 8 , 6 8 1 , 5 0 0} \mathrm{lbs}$, yalued at $\mathrm{P} 36 \frac{3}{4}$ lakhs. Unmanufactured tobacco accounted for a decrease of $11,327,273 \mathrm{ll}$ s and cigars of $91,700 \mathrm{lbs}$. France, Aden, China (Hongkong), and the Straits (the principal consumers of Indian tobacco) reduced their demands by 53 per cent, $3-\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, 56 per cent, and 10 per cent respectively. The area under tobacco in British India in 1913-14 was 1,001,700 acres, excluding 36,500 acres in Native States, as against 964,700 acres and 68,700 acres respectively in 1912-13. Despite the larger area and increased production, the exports of tobacco leaf decreased on account of higher rates of freight and other factors connected with the war, and also to some extent on account of the increased internal demand. An attempt has been made to grow and cure tobacco in Bihar and Southern India that will take the place of the American tobacco, which forms so large a part of the cigarette and pipe tobacco imported into this country. The Peninsular Tobacco Co., assisted by the Imperial Tobacco Co., has been able, not only to undertake the manufacture of cigarettes on a large scale, but to make experiments and to co-operate with the Department of Agriculture in attempting to secure a tobacco of fixed and uniform grade for the manufacture of cigarettes. The experiments made by the Agricultural Research Institute at Pusa have led to the discovery of a type of Indian leaf which has the light colour, the fine texture, and the necessary elasticity, when cut, to make good fillings for cigarettes. The flavour and aroma are said to be fair. The Peninsular Tobacco Co. has factories at Monghyr, Bangalore, and other places. Ihey manufacture cigarettes. It bas been calculated that $11 \frac{1}{2}$ million lbs or 4,340 million cigarettes were railed from Monghyr in 1914. In spite of considerable supplies to the Einited Kingdom for the use of the army, the exports of cigars declined. Owing to the war the cigar industry in Trichinopoly had not a very successful year.

## Exports of Weod.

Nood.
The exports of wood and timber, excluding wood manufactures, were valued at R921 $\frac{1}{3}$ lakhs against R1,0513 lakhs in 1913-14, of which teakwood accounted for $\mathrm{A} 84 \frac{3}{4}$ lakhs and sandalwood for Ris $\frac{1}{3}$ lakhs. There has been

|  | Exports of cubie tons ( 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Teak } \\ & \text { R } \\ & 000) \mathbf{p} \end{aligned}$ | wood. <br> Average value. <br> per cubic ton |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1912-13 | 61,421 | 95,24 | 155 |
| 1913-14 | - 50,737 | 78,65 | 155 |
| 19145 | - 44,626 | 84,73 | 190 | a steady decrease in the exports of teakwood as will be seen from the figures in the margin. The heavy decrease of 10,684 cubic tons in 1913-14, due to deficient supply, has been followed by another fall of 6,111 cubic tons in 1914-15, although the value showed a considerable advance

[^29]of $\mathbb{Z} 6$ lakhs, the value per cubic ton having increased from $\mathbf{\# 1 5 5}$ to $\mathbf{\# 1 9 0}$. Ten years ago (1905) the price in Calcutta was R125 per cubic ton. The United Kingdom imported more Indian teak than in the preceding year, over 65 per cent of the total quantity exported from India. The outbreak of war resulted in a demand for teak for military purposes, but on the other hand Germany, the second largest consumer, of Indian teakwood got no supplies after August. Shipments to Natal, Cape Colony, Australia, the United States, and France showed increases, but in the case of other countries a decrease was noticeable. The exports of sandalword fell from R19 $\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs to R $5 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs, owing to the sandalmod: positponcment of the usual auctions in the $M$ ysore forests and to the cutting-off of the German market, which imported previous to the war a large amount of this wood. Exports of wood manufactures, it may be noted, declined from fll,78,000 to $\mathrm{fl}, 40,000$.

## Exports of Wool and Woollen Goods.

The exports of raw wool from India during 1914-15 amounted to wool, raw. over $44 \frac{1}{2}$ million lbs, valued at $\not \& 2,37$ lakhs, against 49 million liss, valued at fer, $50 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs in 1913-14. The decrease was due to the stoppage of shipments in August when tonnage was not available, and to the restrictions placed by Government on the exports of saw wool. The prohibition imposed by Government after the outbreak of war on the export of raw wool from India to all ports other than those of the United Kingdom, Russia (except the Baltic ports), and France, did not apply to qualities of wool not required by manufacturers in India. Subsequently on the 20th November it was notified that the taling of raw wool by sea or by land out of British India was prohibited, but this prohibition also did not apply to those qualitics of wool required by manufacturers in India. Since local manufacturers required for army clothing contracts all varieties of Tibet wool, as well as


| 10 | ${ }_{9}^{9 .}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1911 | 9 | 5 |
| 1113 | 9 |  |
|  |  |  | varieties from the 13th January 1915.

In 1914-15, the United Kingdom took $43 \frac{3}{3}$ million lbs or 98 per cent of the exports from India; a decrease of 5 per cent as compared with 1913-14, the United States of America $620,800 \mathrm{lbs}$, or 112 per cent, Germany $109,200 \mathrm{lbs}$, Italy $66,500 \mathrm{lbs}$, Japan $28,900 \mathrm{llbs}$, Holland $21,900 \mathrm{lbs}$, and Austria-Hungary $8,100 \mathrm{lbs}$. The prices per 1 lb of wool at Bombay and Karachi are given in the marginal table.

| Prices of | $\begin{gathered} \text { Tibetan wool } \\ 1913-1 \neq 1 \\ \text { per maund } \end{gathered}$ | (Caleutta). 1914.15 per mannd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{A}_{\text {pril }}$ | $\mathrm{fl}_{26} a_{8}^{a}$ | If a. |
| May | - 250 |  |
| June | - 250 | 28 |
| July | 250 | 29 |
| Angust | 200 | 980 |
| Siptember | - 240 |  |
| Uctober | - 250 | 278 |
| Norember | - 250 | 230 |
| ${ }^{\text {D }}$ Jrcuiber | - 240 | 22 |
| January | - 250 | 218 |
| February | - 250 | 2 O |
| March. | 250 | 230 |

The raw wool re-exported by sea during 1914-15 was nearly 10 million lbs , valued at Rŏ0 lakhs, against $10 \frac{1}{4}$ million lbs, valued at $\mathrm{Z} 49 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, in the previous year*. The re-exports to the United Kingdom amounted to R4t歪 lakhs or 88 per cent of the total. The re-exports from Bengal amounted to $1 \frac{1}{9}$ million lbs, valued at R6 $\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, and mainly consisted of Tibet wool. It is not possible to estimate the Tibetan clip since wool is clipped over the British border and dribbles in slowly to Chumbi and Gyantse, where it is stored and sent on to Kalimpong when mule transport is arailable. The wholesale prices of Tibetan wool at Calcutta during the years 1913-14 and 1914-15 are quoted in the margin.' The fall in price in 1914-15 between iN ovember and December is noteworthy.

In 191+15 India exported woollen goods to the value of R17 lakhs, against R25 lakhs in the previous rear. 90 per cent of these god 177 lakhs, against woollen goods. and russ, of which about tyree-quarters went to the goods consists of carpets nearly half of the remainder, about one-tenth to the United Kingdom, and carpets and russ There are, it may be noted, six woollen mills of the total, to the United States. being in Bangalore. Tro of the mills mills at present at work in India, one cent of the total outturn of the Indian mills, the value of which was estimated

[^30]for 1913 at R61 ${ }_{2}$ lakhs and for 1914 at $\mathrm{R8} 8$ ) lakhs. These mills also import Australian wool, which is used cither pure or mixed with Indian wool, for the production of high class goods.

## CHAPTER V.

## Trade and Currency

Stepts taken at the outbreak of war.

There is an intimate connexion betweon the trade of the year and currency oporations. It will be sufficient here to refer bricfly to the salient features of the year 1914-15. The Government of India undertake the supply of currency as well as the remittance of large suins of money on trade account. The actual curroncy, it may be remembered, which is scattered up and down the country in Troasuries, is under the direct control of the Government of India in the Finance Department, and not under Local Governments. The Government of India supply the currency in that form and to that extent, necessary to pay for the produce exported, and the Secretary of State's bills, which are cashed in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, are met with money from the trade at Presidency towns, while transfers are sold upcountry. These transfers are met from incoming revenue. In the year under review trade from April

Trade anl
Onrrency. to July was comparatively dull and the weakness of exchange resulted in the Socretary of State's council drawings being lower than usual- $\mathrm{R} 4,65$ lakhs against R9,56 lakhs in the corresponding months of 1913. This, however, in view of the war that was shortly to broak out, was peculiarly fortunate since the treasury balances in India in the beginning of August were accordingly in a strong position. With the dislocation of the world exchanges on the outbreak of war, there was some probability of exchange between India and London falling. Immediate steps wore taken by Government to sell sterling bills and telegraphic transfers on London up to a maximum limit of $£ 1$ million a week, in order to provide a guarantee of immediate remittance when required. The sale of sterling bills (which meant merely a transfor from the Resorve in Eugland to that in India) amounted to $£ 8,707,000$, for the months August 1914 to January 1915 inclusive. Steps were also taken early in August to strengthen the Gold Standard Reserve by an exchange of $£ 4$ millions of silver for an equivalent quantity of gold from the Paper Currency Reserve. This transfer between the Paper Currency Reserve and the Gold Standard Reserve took place entirely in India. Before it was announced that "reverse councils" and transters would be sold on the Secretary of State, steps were taken first to prevent the issue of gold in India to any one person or firm to a less oxtent than $£ 10,000$, and finally on the 5th August the issue of gold for reasons explained in Chapter I, page 3, was refused altogether to private individuals. The stock of gold in India at the end of March was $£ 10$ millions, which will be used for the support of exchange, should occasion arise. Owing to the withdrawal of deposits from the Post Office Savings Banks, Government placed the Post Offices in possession of adequate funds and issued orders regarding the prompt payment of all claims. In August and September there was a net withdrawal of about R 6 crores ( $£ 4$ millions) from the deposits, which in the previous July had risen to $24_{13}^{2}$ crores. After September, however, the drain very materially slackened. In regard to the steps taken, which resulted in a return of confidence, Sir William Mcyor remarked in his last Financial Statement, that "it is perlaps a welcome indication of the way in which the strength of our financial position is really viewed by our enemies that a number of German prisoners at Ahmednagar have themselves opened accounts with the Government savings banks." Eivery attempt was made to encash notes promptly at district treasurics, whereas they are legally encashable only at a Currency Office. The demand for the encashment of notes shortly after the outbreak of war was chiefly in Bombay, where the bank failures of the previous two years were still fresh in memory. Nearly $£ 3,000,000$ was the abnormal cnenshment, of which less thau $£ 2,000,000$ was in the Bombay Presidency. The necessity of strengthoning the cash balances in district treasuries, in the Post Offico Savings Banks, and in the branches of the Presidency

Banks precluded in the early months of the war the economy of concentrating Government balances at important commercial centres. The position of the Presidency Banks and, it is understood, also of the Exchange Banks was strong at the outbreak of war. The bank rate was 3 per cent in Calcutta and Bombay, and 4 per cent in Madras, in the first few days of the war. On Gth August it rose to 5 per cent and 4 per cent, respectively, in Calcutta and Bombay, and in Madras on 20th August to 5 per cent. The rate was increased to 6 per cent on the following dates:-in Bombay on 20th August, in Madras on 12th October, and in Calcutta on 5th November,--the rate at which it also stood on 31st March 1915.

In the year under review, the sale of Council bills (including telegraphic connell ullls. transfers) on Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras was only £7,748,111, as

1905-06 - . $31,586,973$
1900 -07 . $33,432,190$
1007.68 - - 15,307,001
$1608 \cdot 09$ - 13,015,426
1009.10 - $27,116,080$
1810.11 : $\quad 26,463,303$
$1011-12$ - - $27,058,550$
$1912-13$ - $\quad 25,759,700$
$1913.14: \quad: 31,200,826$
1914-15 : $\quad 7,748,111$ against $£ 31,200,826$ in the previous year. It will be seen from the marginal table that the amount sold is much less than in any year of the last decade. Indeed we should have to go back to the year 1870-71, when a sinilar amount ( $£ 8,443,509$ ) was sold. The sale of Council bills in the first four months was, as already noted, small. The largest weekly sale outbreak of war the demand for Council bills was further restricted. In the cold weather months, when bills are chiefly sold, the amounts were small as against the previous year.

|  | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1914-15 (in lakhs) | 72 | 25 | 41 | 32 | 30 | 29 | 1,81 |
| $1913-14$ (in lakhs) 1,70 | 4,09 | 6,11 | 4,11 | 5,90 | 6,80 | 4,91 | 3,41 |

Against the sale of Council bills on Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras, there Rererso Coneclls. has to be set the sale of Reverse Councils and Telegraphic Transfers paid on London, which amounted to no less a sum than $£ 8,707,000$. On the provious occasion in 1908-09 Reverse Councils were sold to the extent of £8,058,000.

The net remittance to India by the Secretary of State has already been referred to as a novel feature in the history of Indian finance in Chapter I. The point arises in this connection as to how the Secretary of State was able to make a net payment on account of the Government of India in addition to meeting his liabilities and those of the Government of India in London, since as is well known the Secretary of State does not collect, generally speaking, revenue in London. This was effected (1) by the recovery of $£ 8.7$ millions from the War Office of sums expended in India on behalf of the Home Government, (2) by the transfer of $£ 1$ million from the Paper Currency Reserve in London in August 1914, a corresponding transfer taking place from the treasury balances to the Paper Currency Reserve in India, and (3) by the Socretary of Stato's borrowing $£ 10 \cdot 9$ millions in place of $£ 5 \cdot 9$ millions, the amount for which he had budgeted for the year under review.

| The course of exchange varied from 1 s . $3 \frac{7}{8} d$. on 31 st July 1914 to 1 s . $4 \frac{1}{16}$ d. Exehange. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | $\begin{gathered} \text { A verago } \\ \text { rate. } \end{gathered}$ | on 17th February 1915. The average rate of exchange during the year was only 065 of a penny lower |
| 1905-06 | 10.042 | than in the previous year. The marginal table gives |
| 1900.07 1907.08 | - ${ }_{16.039}^{16.03}$ | the rate during the last ten years. The difference |
| 1908.09 | - 15.96. | between the highest and lowest average rates was less |
| $1909 \cdot 10$ 1900.11 | ${ }_{16}^{10 \cdot 091}$ | than $\frac{1}{8}$ th of a penny, and the steadiness of exchange |
| 1911-12 | 16.083 | is striking. The monthly rates of exchange with |
| 1912-13 | ${ }^{16.058}$ | the rates in the corresponding months of the previous |
| 1913-14 | - 16.078 | year are as follows.- |
|  | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { May } & \text { June } \\ d . & d . \end{array}$ | July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. March. |

 $1918 \cdot 14.16 \cdot 05416.06016 .00015 \cdot 95316.01216 .09916 \cdot 10916.08216 .06416 \cdot 06 \mathrm{~S} 16 \cdot 10016.0 .46$

Exchange is usually most firm in the busy season, especially in the months of October to May, and weakest in the slack season, notably in the months of June to September,

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Reserve.

Monoy and Presilency Bank rater.

Next with regard to the Gold Standard Reservo. This Reserve was strength-

|  |  |  | ened in the berimning of the crisis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 31-t Marell | 31at March | by exchanging et millions of silver |
|  | 19 | 19 | held therein in India for an equiva- |
| Gold in India - | ${ }^{2}$ | 5,238,184 | lont quantity of gold previously |
| Rupest in India | $4,000,000$ $1,300,000$ | 1,250,000 | held in the Paper Currency Reserve. |
|  |  |  | On tho last day of the year under |
| of State at aliort nutice. | 24,902 | 8,1150 | review the Reserve was £25? |
| Mritinh and other sccurities | 17,116,069 |  | rollions |
| Temporary boan to Trensury <br> balances, Iudin . |  | 7,000,000 | millions, as against E $25^{1} \frac{1}{2}$ millions |
| Book eradit in Tronanry | $\cdots$ |  | in the previous year, the decrease |
| Accouuta - -India . | 22,199 | 8,205 | in the earmarked gold of the |
| Total | $\overline{26,532,230}$ | $\overline{25,648285}$ | Reserve during the year being no |
|  |  |  | less than $£ 3 \cdot 1$ millions.* |

Monoy in 1913-14 continued on the whole plentiful, except from Scptember to Decomber, when the Bank failures in the Punjab and Bombay (referred to in Chapter I) had a tightening effect on the market. The Government of India, however, promised to give the requisite assistance through the Presidency Banks, if necessary, and this had a reassuring effect throughout Northern and Western India, where the crisis was chiefly felt. In 1914. 15 the money market was strong, and the Bank of Bongal rate, indeed, did not reach 7 per cent, as in the previous year; the minimum rate of 3 per cent in July and the first week of August lasted only for 28 days (from 9 th July to 5th August), while the maximum rate ( 6 per cent) continued from 0 th November 1914 to 31st March 1915. In Bombay, the Presidency Bank rate was 6 per cent from April to 20th May 1914 and again from 20th August to the end of the

| April | 1914 | Beugnal. | $\underset{\text { B }}{\text { Bomby }}$ | Madras. <br> 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May | , | - 5 | $6 \cdot 5$ | 7.6 |
| June | " | . 5.4 | 5.4.3 | 6.5 |
| July | " | - 4-3 | 3 | 1 |
| Auguat | " | - 3-5 | 3-4 ए-6 | 4-5 |
| Sepitember | " | - 5 | 6 | 『 |
| October | " | - 5 | 1 | 6.b |
| Noveraber | " | - $5 \cdot \mathrm{~B}$ | 0 | 6 |
| Decomber |  | - 0 | c | 0 |
| January | 1915 | - 6 | 6 | 6 |
| February |  | - 6 | 6 | 6 |
| March | " | - 0 | 6 | 8 | year; 5 per cont from 21st May to 3rd June 1914, and in $\Lambda$ ugust which lasted for a week (from 13th to $19 t h$ ), tho maximum and mininum rates being 3 and 6 per cont. In Madras, the maximum rate was 7 per cent from January to 25th May 1914, and the minimum, 4 per cent, from 23 rd June to 19th August 1914, as will be seen from the marginal table. Before the outhreak of war the position of the Presidency Banks was strong. In order to promote public confidence the large Government deposits, which the three Presidency Banks already held, wero increased in August and romained during the year at as high a level as Government resources could permit.

Treasury balances.
The total cash balances in Civil Treasuries and in the Prosidency Banks at the beginning (lst April 1914) and the end
 6,88,02,000 larger figures ahovo.

Paper Currency and
Paper Currenoy
Rescrve.

The average gross circulation of Paper Currency during the year 1914-15

| Year. | Avorago active circulation. fl (lakisa) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1905.00 | 30,62 |
| 1008.07 | 33,93 |
| 1907.08 | 34,42 |
| 1908.09 | 33,10 |
| 1909-10 | 37,21 |
| 1910.11 | 38,74 |
| 1914-12 | 41,89 |
| 1012-13 | 45,39 |
| 1913-14 | 46,63 |
| 1014-15 | 45,43 | was 764 crores. The marginal table shows the average active circulation (i.e., excluding the quantities held in Government Treasuries and the Presidency Banks) for $1914-15$, and the previous years of the decade. It would seem on the whole that the increase in the circulation of 5 and 10 -rupee notes is to be., explained by the increased demand for these notes purely for currency purposes, while the increase in the circulation of Pl 100 notes and over is due to their increased use as a store of value and for remittance purposes. The Paper Currency

[^31]| P'ancr Currency Femervo 31st March 1014 H |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 31.t March } \\ 1915 \\ \text { H } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Heacrue fucld in iruliz- . | 22,43,53,073 | 7,61,45,767 |
| Goll ${ }_{\text {Silyrer }}$ | 20,03, 24,916 | 8:33,53.014 |
| Cinvomment Sceurities | 9,70,45,9.46 | 9,49,99,9.5 |
| Reserve beld in EdaladGiold | 9.15,00,000 | 7,95,00,000 |
| sterlision securities | 1, $0 \times 10,00,000$ | 4,00,00,(8) |
| Totn | ,11,7\%,9:35 | 31,62,90,615 |
| Reserve during | e last | week of | rupers (53 per cent), gold in Inda ( 12 per cent), sccurities in india ( 16 per cent), gold in England (12 per cent), and securities in England ( 7 per cent). It is interesting to compare the Reserve in the corresponding week of the prosious year: the percentages were coincd silver rupees 31 per cent; gold in India 34 per cent; securitics in India 15 per cent; gold in England 14 por cont; and securities in England 6 per cent. There was, therefore, owing gold held in Ind increase in the coined an increase in England. There was a very noticeable been made to the deunand for encashment of Currency notes, which took place chiefly in the Bombay Presidency and to some extent in the Punjab and Burma.

The marginal table comparos the receipts of gold into the two mints at recelpts of gold 1013-14 1914-15 Calcutta and Bombay in 1914.15 with those of into the Mints.

|  | $\begin{gathered} 1013-14 \\ H 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 914 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calcuta | 1,00,89,845 | 26,41,400 |
| Bombny | 8,10,48,665 | 2,56,72,950 |
| Tutal | 10,16,78,550 | 2,93,63,350 | the preceding year. These figures exclude (a) R1,77,742 worth of light weight and uncurrent sovereigns and half-sovereigns received from treasuries and other Government departments, and (b) 2,762 sovereigns tendered at the mints as current weight, but subsequently withdrawn by the tenderers, as they were found to be reduced, soldered, fraudulently defaced, or of foreign mintage. After the outbreak of the war an arrangement was made, whereby the Government of India agreed to receive, on behalf of the Bank of England, gold produced by certain Indian Gold Mining Companies for safe custody at the Bombay Mint. The gold is melted and assayed bofore deposit, the charges being one anna for melting every ten tolas, and R4 for each assay. The amount deposited to the end of March 1915 was 345,980 standard ounces.

The one significant fact as regards coinage was that there were no additions Comnge. to the rupee currency in the year under review. The abnormal conditions of trade precluded any demand for additions to the rupee currency which, on the contrary, Government were stcadily reabsorbing by the sale of Reverse bills.

In the year under review about 22 Indian Banks failed. These banks Bank fallures. wero Joint Stock Banks registered under the Indian Companies Act, whose hand offices are located in India* Of these the two important banks which had been badly shaken by the crisis of the previous year, noticed in last year's review, were the Punjab Co-operative Bank, which was established in 1904 and had an authorised capital of $\not 225$ lakhs, and the Bank of Upper Indiat established as far back as 1862 and having an authorised capital of $¥ 110$ lakhs. From November 1913 to July 1915 altogether some sixty-two banks failed, the authorised capital of these being 810 crores, the subscribed capital over A 4 crores, and the paid-up capital nearly $\mathrm{Rl} 1 \frac{1}{2}$ crores. The paid-up capital of these banks was only 14.5 per cent of the authorised capital, and 35.4 per cent of the subscribed capital.

[^32]Miscellaneous matters relating to trade and currency, such as the imports and exports of gold and silver, the absorption of gold, and the balance of trade have already been rofered to in Chapter I. The tables (nos. 36-38) in Part II of this Report give the statistics relating to those questions in detail. It will be noted from the tables that $\mathrm{f} 8,21$ lakhs of gold bullion was imported during the year, of which R7,22 came from the United Kingdom. Egypt, followed by the United Kingdom, sent most of the coined gold that was imported. fi8,54 lakhs of silver bullion, out of a total import of $\mathrm{fll} 10,30$ lakhs, came from the United Kingdom. The exports of silver coin were f2,22 lakhs, and the imports P 81 lakhs only. It may be noted in connexion with the financing of the jute and cotton crops in 1914-15 that there was a very large reduction in the amount of currency, which was quite out of proportion to the fall in the value of these crops. In the Calcutta Circle the absorption of rupees in the jute season, which has been exceedingly large in recent years, fell to $\mathbf{Z 6 4}$ lakhs, and this took place concurrontly with a large return of notes from circulation. The Controller of Currency thinks that "the explanation apparently is that the decline in the prices for these commodities led to their being temporarily held up by the cultivators and to their coming forward much more slowly than usual to the large trade centres. Whereas therefore in normal years the bulk of these crops is financed within a relatively short period, in the year under review the finance was spread over a much longer term, the practical result being that the rupees used to pay for the earlier portion of these crops were again available for the finance of the portions of them which came on the market at a later period." $\ddagger$

## CHAP'IER VI.

## Customs, Shipping, and Freights.

## Customs.

Indian customs revenue is mainly derived from the general import duty, corluin special import duties such as those on arms, liquors, sugar, petroleum, and tobacco, and an export duty on rice. Gencral import duties, which were abolished in 1882, were reimposed in 1894,* since which date, the general rate of duty on commodities imported into British India by sea has been 5 per cent ad valorem. Cotton was exempted in 1894 when the general duties were revived; in December 1894, a 5 per cent duty ad valorem was imposed on imported cotton goods and yarns, while an excise duty of 5 per cent was imposed on all yarns of counts above 20 spun at power mills in British India; in Tebruary 1806, cotton yarns and threads imported or manufactured in India were freed from duty, while a unitorm $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent ad valorem duty was imposed on all woven cotton goods imported or manufactured in India at power mills. The products of hand looms are exempted. General import duties are levied for fiscal purposes, and not for the protection of Indian industries. It will be noted that machinery (excluding tools and implements to be worked by manual or animal labour), railway materials, gold, living animals, food grains, coal, raw cotton, raw wool, cotton twist and yarn, sowing and darning threads, printing materials, and books (but not paper) are, among others, on the free list. The rapid expansion of the cotton and petroleum industries of India has interfored with the further improvement of the import duty realised. In 1806-97, the first year of the existing arrangements, the net customs revenue (imports) amounted to $\mathrm{K} 3,4.5$ lakhs and in 1902-03 to $\mathrm{At} 4,26$ lakhs. Last year the net revenue reached $\mathbb{R} 7,87$ lakhs. The gross revenue from imports, salt excluded $\dagger$, was $¥ 8,07$ lakhs-a decroase of 14 por cent as comparod. with the oustoms revenue ( $\mathrm{R} 9,36$ lakhs) realised in the previous year.

[^33]In the margin are noted the principal items from which the revenue was Princtpal tomas

| Articles anbject to apecial rates of duty－ Liquors | Rates of duty． | 1912．13 1918－14 1914－15 R（lakhs） H （lakhs） P （lakhs） |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Vargiug frume 3 to Pl 13 | 1－6 | 1，34 | 1，23 |
|  | per Imp．gal．and allo 5 per cent ad valorem． |  | 71 | 85 |
| Pctroleatn | One anas and if pies per Iup．gal．and 5 per cent ad oalorems． | 70 | 98 | 1，55 |
| Silver hallion and coin | 4 anras per ounce． | 1，03 | 99 29 | 1,55 |
| Tobacco－ | Varying fiom Hl to HL － per lb ．and also H 3.2 per 1,000 of cigarettes weigh－ ing leess than 3lbs． |  |  |  |
| Articles aubject to General |  |  |  |  |
| Import datiea |  | 1，92 | 2，13 | 1，54 |
| Cotton manofactores | 31 yer cent ad valorem | 1，39 | 1，53 | 1，03 |
| Uther maspafectored artícles． | 5 per cent ad ralorem | 1,3 73 | 1,03 92 | 4．6 |
| Sucar－－． | 5 percent ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 53 | 73 | 49 |
| Metals（excluding vilver）and mant－ factures thereof． | Varying from 1 to 5 per cent． | 53 | 73 | 4 |
| Oils，axcluding petro． leum． | 5 per cont． | ${ }^{2}$ | 2 | 2 |
| Raw materisls and nomanufactured articlen． | ．．． | 17 | 14 | 14 |
| Articles of food and drink（excluding | Varying from $2 \underline{1}$ to 5 per cent． | $\geq 9$ | 30 | 20 |
| sugar．） <br> Chemicals，droge，dycs， ctc． | Varying from 21 to 5 per cent． | 18 | 18 | 14 | derived in 1912－13， 1913－14，and 1914－15， and although．the Indian tariff com－ prises a lengthy list of dutiable articles，＊ there are but few on which indivi－ dually any revenue of importance is collected ：these are spirituous liquors， petroleum，sugar， metals including silver bullion and coin，and cotton goods．Increases were noticed only under petroleum，due to the heavy imports of American oil，and silver，the imports of which were sti－ mulated by low prices．The most important decreases occurred under sugar， cotton goods，and manufactured articles，mainly attributable to the abnormal trade conditions consequent on the outbreak of war．

The amount of excise duty on cotton goods produced in the mills in Excisodats． British India was over $\not$ \＃ 49 lakhs，and in the Native States the duty amounted to R2 $2_{3}^{1}$ lakhs，as against m 5 m lakhs and $\mathrm{X} 2 \frac{1}{3}$ lakhs respectively in the previous year．

The value of goods woven in Indian mills is estimated from the excise duty returns at $\mathrm{Zl14} \mathrm{a}^{3}$ crores in $1914-15$ ．The value＇of cotton goods imported was R 45 crores in the same period．
＇The export tariff schedule is limited to rice and riceflour only，a duty of export daty on 3 annas being levied on each maund of $82 \frac{9}{7}$ lbs．The duty realised was $\mathrm{fl} 83^{\text {rice }}$ lakhs as against $\mathrm{Pl}, 29$ lakhs in 1913－14，the decrease being due（1）to the diversion to India from Burma of a part of the exportable surplus，and（2）to the scarcity of tonnage to foreign countries．

The export duty on raw jute and jute manufactures for the benefit of Daty on jate． tho Calcutta Improvement Trust，yielded 79 lakhs，being f 2 lakhs less than in the previous year．The tax was introduced in 1912，when R16 $4 \pm$ lakhs were collected．Since 1903，a duty known as the tea cess，a Daty on tea． sumall tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ pie per lb levied on all Indian tea exported，and imposed at the request of the tea industry for promoting its sale and consumption，yielded in the year under review nearly $\nexists 4$ lakhs．Government，it will be noted， merely acts as a revenue collecting agency in regard to this duty．

The details of Customs Revenue under each head are shown in part II of this report（table 5！on page 126），together with the schedule of Indian Tariff in an abridged form in table No． 52 on pages 126－127．The rates of import duties levied in different fcreign countries on certain staple Indian merchandise are also shown in table 53 on page 138 of Part II．

## Shipping

Shipping statistics，which afford a useful，though not a definite，measure of Forelgu shipplng． the volume of trade，were of special interest in 1914－15．As the trade was affected Total number and tonange of vessels cnterad by the outbreak of war，the total tonnage was

|  | and | ared． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No． | Tons（1，000） | Average |
| 1910．11 | s，5il | 14904 | 1，751 |
| 1911－1 | 8，808 | 16.616 | 1，874 |
| 1912－13 | 8，749 | 17．心くら | 1，993 |
| 1913－14 | 8，617 | 17，3si | 2，018 |
| 1914－15 | 7，900 | 12，558 | 1，615 | reduced $\ddagger$ ．The number of vessels was much smaller than it had been for the preceding five years，but they were，on the average，of the same carrying capacity as in 1908－09．These

[^34]Native craft.

Stenmers.

Nationality of vessels.
figures do not, it is important to remember, include the large number of steamers hired by Government for transport purposes. Since the opening of the Sue\% Canal, forvign trade has been carried mostly in stoamers at the expense of sailing vessels. A few sailing vessels still visit Calcutta, but Native ornte No. Tons, the sailing ships entering other ports are now almost $\begin{array}{llll}1006-107 \\ 1008-09 & -2,508 & 170,132 \\ 2,1063 & 1.46,979\end{array}$ entirely those classod as native cralt which, thourh $\begin{array}{lll}1911-12 & 1,868 & 144,042 \\ 1914314\end{array}$ numerous, contributed in 1914-15 less than one per cent $\begin{array}{llll}1913-14 \\ 1014-15 & : 1,1,907 & 100,033 \\ 10,410\end{array}$ of the tomnare, and were engaged in trade chicfly with Asiatic 'Turkey, Aralia, Porsia, and Southern Asia. They are slowly, but surely disappearing. Tho proportion of steamer tonnage increased steadily from about 97 per cont in 1904-05 to 99 per cont of the total in 1914-15. The number of stoamers that entered and cleared was 5,611 with an aggregate burden of neacly 13 million tons, the average tonnage per steamer being 2,258 as against 2,683 in 1913-14. This is, perhaps, striking in view of the great European war. In the preceding year (the year before the outbreak of war) the number of steamers that entered and eleared was 6,410 with an aggregate burden of over 17 million tons. About 94 per cent of the steamers which eleared left in ballast. The averago tonnage of each sailing ship fell from 84 to 81 . The entries from and clearances to the United Kingdom were over 3 million tons, being 27 per cent of the total tonnage, as against $3 \frac{1}{2}$ million tons or 21 per cent in 1913-14. Entries from and clearances to British Possessions other than the United Kingdom amounted to over 4 million tons, representing 33 per cent of the total. The tonnage, therefore, from and to the United Kingdom and British Possessions amounted to 60 per cent of tho total tonnage. The vessels which enter and clear the ports of India for the most part fly the 13ritish flag, the tonnage of vessels sailing under that flag representing about 80 per cent of the whole, of which 2 per cent is the tonnage of vessels

| Nationnlity of Vcasels enturod and cleured. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1911-12 | 1912-13 | 1913-14 | 1914-15 |
| 1ritieh | 6,117 | 5,1:31 | 4,051 | 4,827 |
| British Indian | 617 | 600 | 503 | cro |
| Japaness | 121 | 108 | 191 | 183 |
| Gcrman | 472 | 509 | 550 | 172 |
| Norwegian | 134 | 131 | 80 | 153 |
| Austro-Hungariau | 213 | 245 | 285 | 83 |
| Italinn | 83 | 90 | 73 | 83 |
| French | 58 | 47 | 60 | 35 |
| Russian | 45 | 47 | 44 | 33 |
| Other mationalitica | 110 | 154 | 174 | 180 |
| Total | - 7,000 | 7,161 | 8,020 | 6,849 | under the 33ritish Indian registry. The number of vessels, which entered and loft Indian ports last year, was $7,960^{*}$, of which vessols of foreign nationalities were 022 . Vessels belonging to foreign countries are obtaining an increasing proportion of the carrying trade, although last year they showed a decrease. Japan had the largest share followed by Germany, Norway, AustriaHungary, Italy, France, and Russia.

India, it may be noted, is not yct a slip-building country and the industry is conducted on the smallest basis. Last year 8 steamers were built, with an aggregate tonnage of 843 tons, that is, an average of 105 tons each, and 99 sailing vessels of an aggregate tonnage of 3,442 or 35 tons each. The British India Steam Navigation Company purchased, built, and commissioned 24 additional steamers with a net tonnage of 126,648 tons, and the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company, Limited, commissioned 4 steamers with 20,931 gross tonnage. Towards the close of the year, a direct service betwecn Calcutta and Swedish ports was commenced. The Austrian Lloyd Steam Navigation Company had made a special direct service of fust passonger steaners between Karachi and Europe, but the outbreak of war interfcred with the working of this scheme.

The marginal table shows the number and tonnage of vessels which entered and cleared with cargoes in the Indian coasting trade during 1914-15. The total number and tonnage of vessels which entered and cleared with

|  | Entered |  | Clearod |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | vestels. | '「ous. | vessels, | Tonts. |
| British | 4,741 | 8,362,478 | 4,783 | 8,360,519 |
| British Indian | 2,243 | 1,035,696 | 2,191 | 910,0.48 |
| lorcign | 106 | 1,140,5:8 | 434 | 1,2:3,488 |
| Nativu craft | 82,254 | 1,411,323 | 60,312 | 1,375,30ّ2 |
| 'lotal | 89,644 | 11,053,025 | 73,720 | 11,869,407 | cargoes declined from 175,202 vessels and 31 million tons in 1913-14 to 163,364 vessels and about 24 million tons in 1914-15. The number of British vessels declined 25 per cent, British Indian 13 per cent, Foreign 30 per cent, and Native craft 7 per cent.

[^35]The marginal table shorrs the entries and clearances of Japanese ressels in the
Japanese vessels (coasting trade) 1014-15.

|  | Entered |  | Cleand |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | vepuls. | Tons. | reserle | Tons. |
|  | 29 | 102, 181 | 29 | 100,884 |
| Bombay | 4 | 12,343 | 9 | 31,011 |
| Sisd | 1 | 3,249 | 8 | 9,036 |
| Madras | 23 | f3,830 | 13 | 32,240 112,473 |
| Burma | 29 | 100,689 | 33 | 112,473 |
| Total | ${ }^{86}$ | 2\$2.291 | 87 | 285,704 | coasting trade of the séveral maritime provinces of British India during 191415. The number of vessels entered with cargoes increased from 68 with a tonnage 226,276 to 86 with 282,291 tons, and that of vessels cleared from 71 with a tonnage of 236,323 to 87 with 285,704 tons. The increase is noticeable, especially when the total entries and clearances of foreign ressels in the coasting trade declined 30 per cent. The bid which Japan is making for an increased share of the coasting trade was also referred to on page 49 of last year's Review (1914).

## Freights.

Freights since the outbreak of war hare been of peculiar interest and maritume Frelghts importance. History repeated itself, but with greater emphasis. At the time of the European war of $1853-54$ freights between London and Calcutta rose rapidly. The deadweight rates rose from 15s. to 45 s and measurement rates rose from 20 s . to 50 s . The movement of freights since the outbreak of war in August may be bricfly summed up as follows:-In the beginning of the year 1914 the freight market in India was extremely weak; and rates continued steadily to fall. With the outbreak of war the position rapidly changed, and the rates of freight commenced to rise rapidly. The level reached at the end of March 1915 was about three times that of the lerel before the war. The abnormal rates owing to the existence of war will be seen in tables 50 and $\overline{5} 7$ (pages 129-130). In spite of the high rates that prerailed during the latter half of the calendar year 1914, the average ratos for 1914 were generally lower than the average rates for the vear 1913, owing to the exceptionally low freights in the first seven months of 1914. The low freights from January to July 1914 are shomn side by side with the high freights for the remaining fire months (August to December), and to these hare been added the still higher rates that ruled from January to March 1915. The monthly variations in Indian freight levels from August 1914 to March 1915 are giren in Table No. 57 (page 130). The arerage rise for all the chief ports in India orer the rate in July was 3 per cent in August, 45 per cent in Scptember, 47 per cent in October, 51 per cent in November, 54 per cent in December, 110 per cent, in January, 167 per cent in February, and 213 per cent in March. The rise in freight rates must be ascribed to the fact that the supply of ships arailable to carry goods was, for the time being, very much less than the demand, since a large proportion of the world's mercantile marine was employed in carrying troops, and at the same time the German mercautile marine was confined to port.

The rate of freight to the United Kingdom for jute and linseed in Calcutta stood at 20 s . per ton in the beginning of the year, and at 22 s . 6 d . When the war broke out. The rates rose rapidly and at the end of August they were raised by 60 to 70 per cent, exclusire of a surtax of 25 per cent. In October the surtax of $2: 5$ per cent was reduced to 20 per cent. In January freight charges were $52 s$. ©d. exclusive of a surtax of 20 per cent, and by the end of the official vear 191415 they stood at 72s. 6d. exclusive of surtax. The freight rates for tea* in Calcutta remained unchanged till the war broke out, when a surcharge of 25 per cent was added. This was subsequently reduced to $5 s$. and then to $3 s .9 \mathrm{~d}$. Coal freights from Calcutta to Bombay and Colombo declined till June, when the low lerel of $\mathrm{f} 3-12$ for Bombay and $\mathrm{R} 2-12$ for Colombo was reached. They rose again in July, but the war intervening, coal chartering became practically nonexistent, tonnage being scarce. Later coal freights commenced to rise again, and the year closed with n 9 for Bombay and A 8 for Colombo. The rates for

[^36]coal from Cardiff to Bombay were obtainable at 11s. with slight various from April onwards until the war broke out. The rates then roso stemdily until 3()a. was reached in the middle of January, since when quotations have not been available. The rates of homeward freights from Bombay, which were 12s. per ton for general cargo in July 1914, rose to 608. per ton in March 1915. In Burma, too, a weak freight market was rapidly changed on account of the strong demand for tonnage. The rate of freight for rice from Rangoon to London was in Maroh, 1915, £4 per ton, as against £1-2-6 in March, 1914. Madras and Sind showed similar increases.

From an examination of tables Nos. 59 and 60 (page 130) it will be seen that the rates from Calcutta to Rangoon were about twice as high in January 1915 as in January of the previous year-the freight for gunnies having risen from $\mathbb{7 3} 3-12$ to $\mathbb{Z 6} 612$ per ton, and for deadweight from fl 5 to P 9 per ton.

As regards the ratos from Calcutta to Eastern ports abnormal rises are also recorded in all commodities. The rises in the freight rates for gunnies and pig iron are most noticeable. For instance, the rates for gunnies from Calcutta to Shanghai rose from RE per ton in January 1914 to 7330 in January 1915, and the rate for pig iron from R7-8 per ton to R235 during the same period. In sympathy with the rise in froights, the deck passages from Calcutta to Rangoon and the Eastern ports rose very considerably as will be seon from table No. 58 on page 130 of the roport.

## The Indan Frelght War.

Maritime freights
from Calentta to
Rangoon anal the keen competion becore, the outbreak of war, of which a detailed account was given in last year's report, between the British India Steam

Rallway Freights. Navigation Co., and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, resulting in the decline in freights, has, owing to war conditions, been considerably suspended.

Little need be said regarding railway freights. The goods traffic is carried at an extremely low rate. The average rate for all kinds of goods carried is less than half a penny per ton per mile. Grain (cereals and pulses) and coal account for half the weight, and more than a third of the earnings from goods.

## CHAPTER VII.

## Frontier Trade.

Frontler trade.

with adjoining foreign countrics across a land frontier of approximately 6,800 miles.§ The value is comparatively small, being in 1914-15 about 6 per cent of the sea-borne trade. It has, however, increased recently in a very satisfactory way except in 1914-15.* The principal imports across the land frontior aro rice, oilseeds, provisions (chiefly in the form of ghi and pickled tea), cattle, sheep and goats, imported largely from Nepal ; horses, ponies, and mules chiefly 1014.15 from the Shan States; teak from Siam and Karennee in the eastern frontier of Burma; other timber from the North West frontier (Timah, Dir, Swat, and Bajaur, and Waziristan); raw woolt mainly from Afghanistan and Tibet; and fruits and vegeare cotton manufac-


[^37]spices, metals, sugar, tea, and salt are the most important, are on a much smaller scale. The marginal tables above summarise some of the main facts of this trade.

## Nohth Western Frontier Trade.

About 2j jer cent of the total frontier trade crossed the North West frontier last ycar. This frontior includes the frontier of Sind, the Punjab, and the North West Prontier Province.

Trade with Persia.-The trade with Persia continues very small, in spite of Persla. the efforts made to develup the route from Quetta by way of Nushki and Seistan. The Quetta-Nushki liailway was opened in 1905, and rebates of freight have been granted by some Indian railways on goods for Persia, but the trade has been subject to various drawbacks, and is yet small. From $\not$ ¹2 lakhs in 1909-10 it increasod to $¥ 19$ lakhs in 1914-15, the largest items in the exports from India being cotton piecegoods, leather, and tea.

Trade with Afgharistan.-Formerly the trade with Afghanistan was subject Arghanistan. to many restrictions in the way of heavy duties, monopolies, etc., but with the removal of some of them, the trade has expanded of late years, but not to the extent that may be expected. Last year the total value of the trade of Afghanistan (it2,57 lakhs) was less than that in 1913-14 (R2,81 lakhs). The trado was hampered during the earlicr part of the year by changes in fiscal arrangements across the border. Under imports raw wool decreased in value to H 58 lakhs, representing 23 per cent of the total, and in quantity to 6,000 tons, as against 7,000 tons in the previous year. The fall is ascribed by the Political Agent, Chagai, to the opening of woollen mills in Kabul, and to the $A$ mir's prohibition against experts. 'The low prices for raw wool oltainable in Karachi during the latter part of the year also were responsible for the curtailment of this trade. Prices in Karachi were in September to December ¥2 26 to H 26.8 per maund of 82 lbs , as against $\mathrm{\#} 27-8$ to $\mathrm{\#} 29$ in the corresponding period of the previous year. Fruits and nuts increased by $\not 79$ lakhs to $¥ 35$ lakhs. The increase was due to a large demand for raisins from the United Kingdom, owing to the stoppage of slipments of Sultana raisins after the declaration of war with Turkey. A certain amount of the increase is probably of a more permanent character, owing to an increasing demand for pistachio nuts in India. Cotton piecegrods, sugar, and tea mainly accounted for the decrease under exports from India. This decrease in exports is attributed to the tightness of the moncy market owing to the failure of certain Indian banks and to the European war.

Trade with Dir, Swat, and Bajaur:-The trade with Dir, Swat, and Bajaur Dir, Swat and (which are situated on the north of the Peshawar district in the Punjab) Bajar. remained stationary. The chief exports are cotton piecegoods and yarn, which accounted for 73 per cent of the total export trade with those territories.

Trade with Central Asia.-The Central'Asian trade with the Punjab passed Central asla. through Leld, which is also a junction for Indian trade with Western Tibet. This trade showed a considerable decrease last year. The staple imports are charas§, raw wool and silk, while cotton piecegoods and manufactured silk are exported.

## Northern and North-Eastern Frontier Taade.

Trade with Nepal.-Of the trade which crosses the Northern and North Nepal Eastern frontier, that with Nepal is by far the most important, amounting to ti5,76 lakhs, or 31 per cent of the whole frontier trade of India last year. A large proportion of this trade does not pass into or from Nepal proper, but is botween the Terai, which was ceded to Nepal in 1816, and the adjoining British districts. Imports from Nepal consist largely of agricultural produce, such as grain and pulse, oilseeds, jute, and are influenced chiefly by seasonal conditions. Parts of the country suffered last year from deficient rainfall. The
most noticeable decreases are under live animals, mainly cattle, hides of cattle, shi, raw jute, and rapesced. Nepal is the only country from which India imports jute, and its importation declined last year to $\mathbf{5} 8,500$ bales of 400 llss each, valued at 1217 lakhs, or about one-half per cent of the total estimated production in India. The decrease in the import of hides and skins and jube may be attributed to restricted exports to forcign countries on account of the war. Under exports, cotton piecegoods and yarn, and metals and metal manufactures accounted for 58 fier cent of the trade.
Tbet. Trade with Tibet.-The trade with Tibet has always been on a small seale, owing to the conditions of the country and the diflicultes of communication. With improved roads and better political relations with the 'libetans, it promises to expand. In 1914-15 the trade remained almost the same as in the previous year (R53 lakhs). Raw wool accounts for an increase of 73 lakhs under imports; the quantity imported in the year under report was 3,100 tons, valued at P 25 lakhs. Prices of Tibetan wool are shown in the chapter on exports. The decrease in the oxports of Indian piccegoods is noticcable, from $\mathrm{RF}_{4}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ lakhs in 1913-14 to $\mathrm{Pl} \mathrm{B}_{4}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ lakhs last year.
Sikklmand Bhutan. Trade with Sikkim and Bhatan.-The trade with Sikkim and Bhutan slowed slight decreases in the year of report. The exports to Bhutan, valued at Z 18 lakhs, consist chicfly of cotton and silk goods, and raw silk, and the imports thorcfrom of woollen piecegoods, llankets, and spices. There was some improvemont in the imports from Sikkim of fruits, grain and pulse, and provisions. The imports were valued at R29 lakbs, or a decrease of 7 per cent as compared with last ycar.

## Eaftern Frontier Trade.

Trade with Western China.--The trade with Western China is really the trade of Bhamo with 'rengyuch in Yunnan. The destination of the merchandise exported is the settled Chinese districts, but the passage to them is a mountainous region inhabited by marauders. Exports fell off last year, owing to a contraction in the trade in cotton piecegoods. Otherwise the trade appears to be increasing satisfactorily. The principal articles of imports are raw silk, lides, and live animals, while among exports cotton yarn and piecegoods, woollens, provisions, and jadestone predominate.
Slan sintes. $\quad$ Irade with the Shan States.-The trade with the Shan States is, like the 1913.141914 .15 trade with Kashmir, internal rather than external, IR (lnkhy) R (laklis) for these States are British territory, administercd for these States are British territory, administered
under local chiefs. More than 70 per cent of the

ImportsCattle Teak timber
l'ickled tea lickled tea
Horess Hories
Expurts-
Silk goods Metals
Apparel . unde across the Eastern frontior passes of the them to China and Siam. There was a noticcable increase in the total trado for 1914-15. The marked inereases are under exports of metals (mainly iron), silk goods, and apparel, while imports. of pickled tea (letpet), teak timber, borses and cattle fell off considerably.
blam. Trade with Siam.-The trade with Siam across the frontier is much smaller than the trade by sea. There was a slight decrease under imports, but exports were the same as in the previnus ycar, the total valuo of both being \#60 lakhs. Imports of animals, mostly cattle and clephants, and timber from North Siam represented 92 per cent of the total import trade with that country. Silk goorls imported from South Siam decreased considerably. Under exports the principal articles are cotton yarn and piecegoods, silk groods, apparel, and motals.

Trade with Karennee.-The trado with Karennec (which is situated on the north of the Ienasserim district in Burma) shows a marked decline, mostly under the imports of teak timber and elephants, via the Salween river and Toungoo routes.

For the detailed trade with the above mentioned frontier countries, table No. 67, pages 133-134, may be referred to.

## Shares of Provinces.

In conclusion it is interesting to note the shares of the various pro- Shares of Provinces. vinces in the total land frontier trade of 1914-15, which are given in the

| Sharen of Provinces in the Erontier Trale. | Exports. Impirts. Total. Percentage. <br>  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Burme . . | 3,77 | 3,91 | 7,68 | $36 \cdot 6$ |
| Bihar and Orisaa | 1,33 | 2.41 | 3,74 | 17.8 |
| N. W, Frontier Province | - 2,03 | 1,46 | 3,54 | 16.9 |
| Onited Provinces | - ${ }^{-4}$ | 1,39 | 2.03 | 97 |
| Sind and British Baluchistan | - 80 | 98 | 1,78 | 8.6 |
| Benpal. | - 37 | 78 | 1,16 | 5.5 |
| Punjab . | 17 | 15 | 32 | 1.5 |
| Anoin. | 18 | 20 | 36 | 17 17 |
| Kashmir | 18 | 17 | 35 | 17 |
| Total | 9,50 | 11,40 | 20,06 | 100 | margin in lakhs of rupees. It will be seen that most of the frontier trade is with Burma (36 per cent) and with Bihar and Orissa (18 per cent), which taken together account for more than half of the total frontier trade. The frontier trade of other provinces is of minor im-portance-the percentage being 17 in the case of the North-West Frontier Province, 9 per cent in the United Provinces, 8 per cent in Sind, and 5 per cont in Bengal.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## Coasting Trade.

The total value of India's coasting trade in merchandise but excluding bullion Folume of Coasting and specie*, represents about 30 per cent of her foreign sea-borne trade. Trade. 'Twenty years ago, in 1895-96, the total value of merchandise imported and exported coastwise was approximately $\mathrm{R7} 3$ crores, ten years ago, in 1905-06, it was R85 crores, and in 1913-14 the record figure of R121 crores was reached. The trade has generally been a progressive one, notwithstanding the developments in internal communications, especially of new railways. The rise in the last twenty years has been one of $\tilde{5}$ อ̃ per cent.
 registered at the non-British ports.

The marginal table shows the aggregate total value of the coasting prorincial Trade. trade for each province of British India
 for 1914-15. The share of Bombay in the total trade was 33 per cent, of Burma 27 per cent, of Bengal 20 per cent, of Madras 12 per cent, and of Sind 8 per cent. The greater part of the trade is carried on between Burma and Bengal, and Bombay and Sind. The principal articles of exports from Bengal are jute bags and cloth, and coal, from Bombay, cotton twist and yarn and piecegoods, and from Burma, rice, mineral oil, and teak wood.

[^38]Principal Artifles.

Rice.

Cotion plecegoods.
mineral olit.

Conl and Jute minufactures. statistles,

The values of the principal articles of exports of Indian merchandise Exports 1013-14 1914.15 are noted in the margin. There were decreases in almost all the important articles excepting rice. The most noticeable decreases were in coal (-R50 lakhs), cotton raw (-R30 lakhs), cotton piecegoods (-R30 lakhs), and jute bags (-22101 lakhs).

Rice is the most important article in the coasting trade, and is chiefly exported from Burma. Burma increased her shipments to India Tenkwood 333,000 tons, due to deficiency of supplies in India, and to buyers in Calcutta and elsowhere taking, full advantage of the lower prices of Rangoon rice. Shipments of grain and pulse from Bengal were restricted on account of the partial failure of the Bengal crop. Exports of rice and padily from Bengal decreased from 21,400 tons to 9,900 tons. Shipments from Bombay showed a slight increase.

Cotton piecegoods, mainly manufactured in Bombay, are next in order of importance. Coastwise exports of cotton piecegoods from Bombay, which represent the major portion of the coasting trade of the Presidency, declined from R 3,77 lakhs to R3,52 lakhs, due to restricted shipments to Bengal and Madras, partly set off by an increase in the exports to Sind.

Coastwise exports of kerosene oil from Burma to India proper declined by 2 million gallons to 107 million gallons. Bengal took 52 per cent, Bombay 20 per cent, and Madras 18 per cent. Exports of mineral oil other than lerosene from Burma increased from 7,861,000 gallons, valued at R54 lakhs, to about 9 million gallons, valued at R70 lakhs. These figures include about 2 million gallons of lubricating oil and about 4 million gallons of petrol to meet the requirements of the growing trade in motor-driven vehicles.

Coal, gunny bags and cloth exported from Bengal are also important itoms in the coasting trade. Shipments of the former, hampered by difficultics in obtaining freight, declined from $2,293,000$ tons to $1,884,000$ tons. Gunny bags and cloth also declined in value by R1,1:9 lakbs to $\mathrm{Al}, 77$ lakhs. Other principal articles in the coasting trade are cotton raw exported chicfly from Sind, teak wood from Burma, and tobacco unmanufactured from Bengal. All these exports showed decreases. Imports of cotton rav into Bombay declined by Ril,39 lakhs to Rn, 54 lakhs, due mainly to smaller arrivals from Kathiawar.

Imports and exports of treasuro on private account (consisting chicfly of Government of India rupees) declined heavily from Rl, 39 lakhs to R47 lakhs in 1914-15. On Government account the imports into Bombry declined from R1, 66,000 to $\mathrm{R} 40,000$ only, and the exports from R2,00 lakhs to R87 lakhs. Imports and exports of treasure on Government account into Burma also showed large decreases.

Coasting shipping and freights, with special reference to Japanese competition, have been dealt with separately in Chapter VI along with foreign shipping. The detailed tables on coasting trade will be found in Part II of this Report, page 134.

## CHAPTER IX.

## Inland Trade.

The inland trade returns* show where the commoditios after importation at the ports go for consumption, and whence the ports draw their goods for

[^39]export. They also illustrate the extent to which the several provinces interchange their commodities. In times of scarcity or famine these returns are of considerable value. The statistics relate mainly to the rail-borne trade, the

British Provinces-
Jengal Priaidarey.
Madras Presidency.
Buntay Presidency
Unitel Provinecs.
Bihar and Orisua.
Prnjab.
Central Provinces and Befar.
Ansam.
Sind and British Maluchinfan.
Native States-
Rajutufana and Central India.
Xizan's T'erritory.
31 yanro.
Kanhmir.
Chiof $S_{\text {raporth }}$
Cnlcutta.
Hombay Port.
Mombay Port.
Madran Ports.
Madran
Karachi whole country, with the exception of Burma (which is unconnected with the railway system in India), being divided off for the purpose into 17 principal blocks as stated in the margin. In the inland trade the same merchandise appears once as exports from one block, and again as imports into another block, and the total exports and total imports of India, therefore correspond. There are two serious drawbacks in dealing with this branch of trade, namely, (1) complete figures for the year under review (i.e., ending March) are not yet available and (2) values are not shown in the Imperial accounts of inland trade. The quantity figures for nine months, April to December 1914, are however, available, and are dcalt with in this report as against those for the corresponding months of the previous year, togcther with the total figures for that year. It should be remembered that the volume of inland trade reaches its highest point in the last throe months of the official year.

An estimate has been made for the total trade of the whole year, both EstImated quan tury in quaniity and value, as explained in the notes appended to table No. 62 , on and value. page 131, and the estimated figures of import and export are each $31,434,000$ tons, valued at R4,15 crores ( (276 millions), as against $33,751,000$ tons, valued at R1,47 crores ( $£ 298$ millions), in 1913-14. $\dagger$

The quantity of goods imported into, and exported from, each province, Distribation. together with the names of the provinces with which the trade is chiefly carried on, is shown in thousands of tons in table No. 64, page 132. The inland trade falls under two classes, namely, (1) trade of the Port towns and (2) that of the provinces, including in the latter term the Native States.

The trade of the Port towns, which is about one-third of the total inland ${ }^{\text {Tralle of Port Tomns. }}$ trade, is largely concerned with the collection of produce and manufacture for export, and the distribution of imported goods. It may be mentioned, however, that the traffic from the Port towns is not wholly in foreign merchandise, nor is the traffic which flows to them wholly country produce or produce intended for exportation. A portion of the traffic, which is distributed inland, although what portion it is difficult to say, is country produce and manufactures brought to Port towns by coast, or produced in the towns themselves and sent inland. Similarly a portion of the exports to the Port towns is intended for consumption in the ports, or for despatch by coast to other parts of the country. The figures in the margin show the volume of inland trade of the Port towns, as also
 their percentage share in the total inland trade. As a trading centre Calcutta holds the premier position amongst the Port towns, its trade being larger than the combined trade of all other Port towns. The inland trade between one Port town and another is small. It amounted to 66,000 tons in the first nine months of the year, and consisted mainly of an interchange of foreign cotton manufactures, grain and pulse, gunny bags, and hides and skins between Calcutta, Bombay port, and Madras ports.

[^40]
## Principal Articles.

The trade of the Port-towns in principal articles is shown in the margin.
 The traffic flowing from the Port towns to the intcrior of the country consists principally of foreign merchandise imported by sea, namely, cotton manufactures, metals and metal manufactures, kerosene oil, and sugar. In addition to these, railway plant and rolling stock, gunny bags, and salt are despatched from Calcutta to the interior. The inward traffic of the Port towns comprise chiefly such Indian producc as raw cotton, grain and pulse, and oilseeds. Calcutta also reccives a large quantity of coal and coke, raw jute, gunnybags, hides and skins, and tea; Bombay port receives metallic ores; Karachi raw wool ; and Madras portshides and skins.

The shares of different ports in the total trade of each province are shown

Shares of Port towns.

Articles of Imports and Exports.

Trade during the war perlod.
shares of Port towns in the total trade of each Province (Percentages).
Share of
Province. province in Calcutta Bombay Madras Karachi total trade (imports and exports)

| (imports and exports) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bengra | 15 | 63 | - |  | ** |
| Madirs | 5 | 2 | 1 | 71 | ... |
| Bombay | 5 |  | 51 | ... |  |
| United Provinces | 8 | 19 | 6 | $\cdots$ | 5 |
| Bihar and Orissa | 15 | 42 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Punjnb | 7 | 2 | 3 | ... | 36 |
| Central Provinces and |  |  |  |  |  |
| Berar | 4 | 10 | 49 | - | - |
| Assam | 1 | 36 | . | ..' | -. |
| Sind nnd British Balachistan | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 79 |
| Rajputana and Central Indin | 3 | 2 | 24 | 1 | $\ldots$ |
| Nizam's Territory | 2 | ... | 36 | 6 |  |
| Mysore . . | 1 | $\ldots$ | 4 | 22 |  | in the margin in percentages. About. 63 per cent of the trade of the province of Bengal is with Calcutta. A large portion of the trade of the United Provinces, of Bihar and Orissa, and of Assam is also with Calcutta. About 36 per cent of the trade of the Punjab is with Karachi, and the trade of Sind and British Baluchistan with Karachi is about 79 per cent. The trade of the $\stackrel{\text { Mysoro }}{\text { Bombay Presidency, excluding }} \stackrel{4}{\text { Sind, }}$ with its port town (Bombay) is 51 per cent. The Central Provinces and Berar have 49 per cent, Rajputana and Central India 24 per cent, and the Nizam's Territory 36 per cent, of their trade with tlie Bombay port. 71 per cent of the trade of the Madras Presidency and 22 per cent of the trade of Mysore are with Madras ports.

The principal articles of the import and export trade of each province, with the names of the provinces with which the trade is chiefly carried on, are shown in detail in table No. 63, pages 131-132. Bengal's position in the inland trade is high on account of its large production of jute, rice and other food grains, oilseeds, coal, and tea. Bihar and Orissa is important for its cnormous production of coal. Tea is the staple product of Assam; cotton, wheat, and seeds of the Bombay Presidency and Sind; cotton and groundnuts of the Madras Presidency; and spring and winter crops (e.g., rice, wheat, gram, linseed, rapeseed, etc.) of the United Provinces and the Punjab, and these are the articles which flow largely from the interior to Calcutta, Bombay (port), Madras ports, and Karachi.

Table No. 65 on page 133 shows the exports, imports, and total inland trade of each of the provinces, Native States, and chief seaports during the war period, July to December 1914, as compared with the corresponding period of 1913. The total trade declined, but not to the extent anticipated on the outbreak of hostilities. The principal decreases were in the trade of the ports; while the trade of the Central Provinces and Berar, Bengal, the United Provinces, and Madras also showed a falling off. The decreases were due chiefly to restricted movements of raw jute, food grains, oilseeds, metallic ores, sugar, and raw cotton. It will be noticed, however, that the trade of Bihar and Orissa increased (from $4,668,000$ tons in the six months of 1913 to $5,097,000$ tons in the corresponding period of 1914), mainly on account of large movements of coal and coke.

## CHAPTER X.

## Conclusions.

Jt must frankly be admitted that in view of the exceptional condiiions General Summary. brought aloout by the war, it has been a matter of unusual difficulty to place the changes in trade, referrel to in previous chapters, in their proper setting, and at the same time to keep the lieview within manageable compass. It has frequently been necessary to avoid detail altogether and simply to keep to those facts which are directly deducible from the statistics themselves. The word 'war' seems writ large on all the pages. India was unable to escape the effects of being linked up to the world markets, and this was not unexpected, since in recent years her economic solidarity has bound her tightly to the outside world.

In chapter I the cffects of the war on imports and exports of merchandise and treasure, on gold absorption, on the balance of trade, on prices, and on wages have been briefly aualysed. It was scen that, notwithstanding the fact that eight out of the twelve months of the year under review were 'war months,' the decrease in India's foreign trade was much less than was anticipated. The decrease in total trade was 28 per cent; in exports 29 per cent; and in imports 27 per cent. These comparisons are with the previous year. The total trade in merchandise was approximately equal in value to that of 1907-08; imports to those of 1911-12 and exports to those of 1909-10; re-exports (which are of small importance) were approximately equal to those of $1910-11$. The ducreaso in imports was chiefly in cotton yarn and piecegoods ( 25 per cent), metals and metal manufactures ( 38 per cent), sugar ( 32 por cent), hardware ( 35 por cent), machinery ( 22 per cent), glassware ( 50 per cent), and precious stones and pearls, unset, ( 81 per cent). There were, however, increases in kerosene ( 15 per cent), matches ( 26 per cent), and locomotives ( 26 per cent). The decreases in exports were in raw jute ( 58 per cent), oilseeds, ( 43 per cent), rice ( 36 per cent), raw cotton ( 18 per cent), wheat ( 37 per cent), hides and skins, raw ( 33 por cent), cotton twist and yarn ( 36 per cent), gunny cloth ( 16 per cent), and opium ( 4.5 per cent). There were increases in the exports of tea ( 4 per cent), indigo ( 322 per cont), hides tanned or dressed ( $5 \%$ per cent). It was shown that of the decrease in total trade in 1914-15 as compared with 1913-14, $2 \mu$ per cont was due to a decrease in volume and 5 per cent to a decrease in prices.

In chapter II (trade before and after the outbreak of war with certain countries) it was pointed out that most of the import trade in 1914-15 was, as usual, with the United Kingdom and other parts ofthe British Empire, while most of the export trade was with countries outside the British Empire. The decrease in trade with China and Hongkong (chiefly owing to the curtailment of the opium trade), and the rapid inorease in trade with Java and Japan are of special interest. The rapid increase in Japan's trade with India was ascribed, among other causes, to the fact that Japanese articles, such as cotton hosiery, matches, ctc., are cheap, and cheapness in the Indian bazars is at present oven of greater importance than quality.

In chapters III and IV the trade in principal commodities in the year under review was discussed, and in chapter V on the general relations between trado and currency it was indicated how the Indian currency system had been able to meet the crisis consequent on the declaration of war. No moratorium was declared and the exchange value of the rupee was maintained throughout between the gold points. It is doubtful whether this can be said of any other important country. The scarcity of shipping and the phenomenal rise in freights were briefly referred to in chapter VI. The salient features of the year as regards inland, frontier, and coasting trade have already been summarised in the chapters immediately preceding the present chapter. It is, therefore, unnecessary again to refer to the characteristics of the year's inland, frontier, and coasting trade.

The more important statisties are brought fogether in the summary table below :-

|  | 1906.06 1913-14 |  | 1914.15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 'Total Foreign Scaborne trado (a) . Ih (aklis) | $\begin{aligned} & 321,07 \\ & 143,76 \\ & 177,31 \end{aligned}$ | 4901, $\times 1$ | $\begin{aligned} & 351,20 \\ & 165,71 \\ & 157,46 \end{aligned}$ |
| Exports, including re-cxports (a) . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 2034,75 |  |
| Imports (a) . , |  | 2056,09 |  |
| Net imports of treasure | 16,1846 | 36,36 | 16,527,64 |
| Net imporls of gold |  | 23,33 |  |
| Total inland trade (merehandise) <br> , Coasting trade " <br> " Frontier trado " | $\begin{gathered} 628,41 \\ 85,00 \\ 14,85 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 891,196 \\ 120,77 \\ 10,25 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 829,86 \\ 112,77 \\ 18,59 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Gross Railway earnings <br> Railroad mileage . . . . . miles | $\begin{array}{r} 41,70(c) \\ 2 s, 611 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 63,55 \\ 34,656 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 59,69 \\ 35,368 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Total area } & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \text { Cultivated area } & & \cdot & (1,000 \\ \text { acres }) \\ \text { Wheat raised }\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 619,594 \\ & 219,192 \end{aligned}$ | $619,59+(e)$$219,192(c)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 207,684 \\ 8,570 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 219,192 \\ 8,358 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10,26 \\ & 27,964 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 21,6573,416 | 28,7905,066 |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 5,233 \\ 10,4+4 \end{array}$ |
|  | 8,141 | 8, 594 |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 8,418(c) \\ 12,59 \mathrm{~S} \end{gathered}$ | $16,208(c)$17,3861,065 | 16, 464 (c) |
|  |  |  | 12,854880 |
| Sea Customs revenue . . . ( ft lakhs) | 616 | 1,065 |  |
| $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Joint stock compauics } \\ \text { registered. }\end{array}\right\}^{\text {Tutal }} \begin{aligned} & \text { Authorised capital(Rlakhs) }\end{aligned} \begin{gathered}\text { No. }\end{gathered}$ | 264 | $\begin{array}{r} (f) 345 \\ (f) 66,64 \end{array}$ | 1073,91 |
|  | 7,66 |  |  |
|  | 41,52 | $\begin{array}{r} 65,55 \\ 319,456 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 64,0.4 \\ 321,747 \end{array}$ |
|  | 300,22: |  |  |

Porcentage of exporta to preduction.

This table perhaps speaks for itself. As most of theso statistics have already been referred to, reference need be made only to (1) the figures of out$t_{\text {urn,(2) }}$ the companics registered in 1914-15, and (3) the trade per hoad of population. The outturn of crops was good, especially that of wheat. This is of bigh importance in a country where agriculture has always been the chief industry, and where two-thirds of the population depend directly upon that industry. In this connexion it is interesting to note the changes, in 1914-15, in the percentage of export to the total production. The percentage oxports in 1914-15 to the total production were as follows (the figures of the previous year 1913-14 are given in brackets,) :-Rice 6 (9); wheat 8 (12); raw cotton 55 (59); rape and mustard 9 (21); linseed 83 (77); sesamum 8 (27); indigo $69(40)$; raw jute $27(48)$; sugar $2(4)$. These are the crops of which forecasts are prepared; and, therefore, for which production is calculated. The percentage of exports to total production for the quinquen.

Percentage of Exports by sna to production in the Quinquennium (1010-11 to 1914-15)

| Crop, |  | Exports by sea 1,000 tons | Production 1,000 tons | Porcentage oxprorts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rico | - | 2,360 | 28,642 | 8 |
| Whent | - | 1,230 | 9,566(g) | 13 |
| Cotton (raw) | - . | 414 | 787 | 56 |
| Rape and Mustard | - - | 230 | 1,235 (g) | 19 |
| Linseed . | - - | 396 | $514(g)$ | 77 |
| Sesnmum | - | 99 | $460(g)$ | 21 |
| Sugnr | - | 10 | 2,3צ2 | $\cdot 4$ |
| Indigo | , | 1 | 2 | 50 |
| Juto, raw | - | 719 | 1,620 | -13 | nium ending 1914-15 is givenin the margin. It will be seen from the table that the exports of food grains are small, and in years of famine these dwindle almost to nothing. From calculations made some time ago for rice, wheat, and also other foodgrains (i.c., jawar, bajra, ragi, ctc.), the

(a) Merchandiso and trensuro, both privato and Government.
(c) Figures aro for the calundar year.
(b) Estimated. The cennsus of 1901 showed a popu-
(d) Excludiug areas for which no roturns were available.
(e) Last year's ligures repented, figures for 1914.15 not lation of $294,202,433$ and of $1911,31 \overline{0}, 083,772$. being available.
(f) Tho increass is due to (1) registration of several banking Companice with a large authorised capital in the Punjab, (2) eagerness of promoters of Companies to avoid the provisious of the new Compauice Act of 1013, and (3) formation of a number of Motor, Cumpanies, and (4) convoraion into Limitod Companies of auverul largo mercantile firme in Bengal.
(g) Relates to the quinquennium euding 1913-14.
proportion of total export to total production in exceptionally good years does not rise much abore 4 per cent. In 1904-05 the percentage was $4 \cdot 5$ and in 1911-12 $4 \cdot 4$, while in 1897.98 only 86 , in $1900-0189$, and in $1908-091.01$. The marginal table above shows that in ordinary years about half of the cotton and jute crops and three-fourths of the linseed crop are exported as against only 8 per cent of the total rice crop grown in India. The exports of wheat to foreign countries wheat oxports. in 1914-15 and in the previous quinquennium are as follows:-

| Exports of wheat abroad. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | United Kingdom | Belgiom | France | Italy | Germany | Other countrics | Total |
| Exports in tons 1914-15 | 602,6.10 | 27,752 | 50,321 | - | 2,339 | 23,331 | 706,383 |
| Exports in tons (average of 1909-10-1918-14) | 985,141 | 137,878 | 105,617 | 33,991 | 16,252 | 29,178 | 1,308,057 |
| Exports per cent to total exports 1914-15. | $85 \cdot 3$ | $3 \cdot 8$ | 7-2 | - | - 3 | 3•3 | 100 |
| Exports per cent to average total exports 1908-10-1918-14 . | 75.3 | 10.6 | $8 \cdot 1$ | $2 \cdot 6$ | $1 \cdot 2$ | $2 \cdot 2$ | 100 |

Of the exports of Indian 'wheat the Onited Kingdom in 1914-15 took 85 per cent of the total, as against 75 per cent in the quinquennium ending 1913-1.4. The next best customers for wheat in normal years are Belgium and France. Rather more than three-fourths of the exports go ordinarily from Karachi, the natural outlet of the principal wheat-growing provinces, while Calcutta and Bombay divide the balance.

Next with regard to the companies registered in the year under review. The Jonnt Stook Cumb year 1914-15 was not, as was to be expected, so popular for Company formation in India as its predecessor. Only 107 Companies were registered with an autho-

Joint atock Compnnien regirtered in 1914-15.
 rised capital of $\mathrm{P} 3,94$ lakbs aqainst $345 \mathrm{Com}-$ panies and $\mathrm{P} 66,64$ lakhs in 1913-14, and 284
Companies and $\mathrm{R} 12,19$ lakhs in 1912-13.
The decrease is due partly to the war conditions and partly to the stringent provisions of the new Indian Companies Act, VII of 1913, which came into force in April 1914. Five Companies were registered with an authorised capital of R 20 lakhs and above, seven with 10 lakhs and under $¥ 20$ lakhs, and eighteen Companies from $\not \mathrm{f} 4$ lakhs to 8 lakhs. The capital invested was distributed amongst the different industries as shown in the margin.

Lastly with regard to the trade per head of population Our foreign trade per head of trade is still low when compared with that of some other countries as will be popuiation. seen from the following table:-


[^41]The share of trade per hearl of populntion in India is 3 per cent of that of the United Kinglom, 7 per cent of France, and 9 per cent of the United Statos of America. In view of the effect of war on trade, the decrease per cent per head of population as compared with the previous year is noteworthy. It will be seen from the table above that the decrease in the case of India for the calendar year 1914 is only 10 per cent.

In conclusion, it may be noted that as a practical means of drawing attention to the imports of manufactured articles, which India normally receives from Germany and Austria, and also with the idea of encouraging indigenous industries as far as possible to seize the opportunity afforded by the war to extend their own markets, the Commercial Intelligence Department organised an exhibition of samples of German and Austrian good $ง$, and of competing Indian manufactures. The exhibition was held in December 1914 in Calcutta, and was subsequently transferred to Madras, Cawnpore, Delhi, and Lahore. At the same time were issued a number of pamphlets dealing with the different industrics concerned. 'he exhibition attracted considerable interest and is believed to have had the effect in many instances of stimulating the business of local manufacturers. One of the causes militating against the derelopment of Indian industries is the want of a satisfactory organisation for bringing small manufacturers and buyers of their goods into touch with one another, and the lack of enterprise on the part of manufacturers in advertising their own goods. Instances were brought to notice of firms, who were short of articles which they formerly imported from Germany and Austria, discovering for the first time through the exhibition that the articles were being produced of good quality in India, and in one case, even in the same town, without their knowing it. The success which attended this exhibition was such that the Government of India subsequently decided to establish a permanent Commercial Museum in Calcutta, and steps are now being taken to give effect to this decision.

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Ihe 10th November, 1915.

CHARTS.
3. NET IMPORTS OF GOLD AND ABSORPTION OF GOLD IN INDIA from I905-06 to 1914-15.

4. GROWTH OF INLAND TRADE, COASTING TRADE AND FRONTIER TRADE OF BRITISH INDIA from 1905-06 to 1914-15.


It will be seen india imports chiefly from the British Empire and exports to oountrlee outaide the Empire.

1913-14


1913-14
 OTKER BRITISH POSOSESSIONS. 15 per cent FOREIGA COUNTRIES...... 61 per cent

1914-15


1914-15
Total Exports 18, 490 lakhs


1913-14


UNITED KIHCDON. .......... 43 per cent OTHER BRITISH POSSESSIONS . 11 per cent
FOREICN COUNTRIES........ 46 per cent

1914-15


WITED KINCDOM OTHER BRITISH POSSESSIONS . 12 DER cent FOREICN COUNTRIES. . . . . . . 39 per cent

Note:-
Total trade includes private merchandise and treasure on private acoount The dotted lines indicate the share of the United Kingdom

## IMPORT TRADE

6. SHARE OF PRINCIPAL FOREICN COUNTRIES IN THE Import trade of igi4-I5, AS COMPARED WITH the year I9I3-I4 and the percentace of tofal import trade in these years.
(PRIVATE MERCEANDISE ONLY)
(1)

UNITED KINGDOM


JÁำ

$1013.14-10,74$
$1014: 15-8,2$
lakhs.
lakbs.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

$1913.14-3,42$ Iakhs.
$1914.15-3,38$ lakhg.


BELGIUM
 $1913.14-4,26$ Ialchs.
$1919-15-1,63$ lakhs.


FRANCE


1913-14-2.69 1a khs. $191415-1,76$ lukhs.

MAURITIUS

1913.14-2.53 lakhs 1914.15-1,74 lakhs.

[^42]
## EXPORT TRADE

7. SHARE OF PRINCIPAL FOREICN COUNTRIES IN THE EXPORT TRADE OF I914-15, AS COMPARED WITH THE YEAR 1913-14 and the percentace of total export trade in these years
(PRIVATE MERCEANDISE ONLZ)
(1)

UNITED KINGDOM

$\begin{array}{ll}1913.14 & 58,35 \text { lakhs. } \\ 1914-15 & 57,64 \text { lakhs. }\end{array}$

UNITED'STATES

$1913 \cdot 14-21.85$ lakhs.
$1914 \cdot 15-17.82$ lakns.
 $1913-14-17,79$ lakhs.
$1914-15-8.84$ lakhs.

$1913-14-29,69$ lakhs.
$19.4 \cdot 15-15,66$ lakDs.
$1913-14-29,69$ lakhs.
$19.4 \cdot 15-15,66$ lakDs.

GERMANY


1913-14-26.42 lahhs.
$1914-15-10,20$ layhs.
1913-14-26,42 lahhs.
1914-15-10,20 lakhs.

CEY̌LON
ITALY
beloidum

$1913.14-12,10$ Iakss. 1914.15-5,27 laluhs.



AOSTRIA:HUNGARY


1913-14-10,01 lakhs. 1913.14-10,01 lakhs.

HoNGKONG


1913-14-7,81 lakhs.
${ }_{\text {CHINA }}^{12}$
 191314-5,72 1akhs.
1914-15-i,03 lakbs.

Note.-The larger square repreents trade in 1913-14 and the smaller or black buqure trade in 1014-15.

## 8. TOTAL AREA CROPPED IN I9Is-14.


\ote :-" Other ford crops " are minor food-grains condiments and spices, and miscellaneous food crops.
"Otker non-food crops" are oilseeds other than sesamum, linseed, rape and mustard; fibres other than cotton and jute ; dyes; drugs anu narcotics; aud miscellaneous non-food crops.

## PART II-TABLES

No. 1.-Valus of total Foreiges Sea-borat Trade.
(In likiss of rupees)


No. 2.-Value of Merchandisi and Treasube. and Gowd separately, durnge half a century.


Imports of private merchandise (whether for consumption or re-exports, bulliom and specie exclud


| Yoar | April | ниу | Juno | ${ }^{\text {Juy }}$ | Augut | spplembut |  |  | poember |  | Yebruary | инсь | R |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | , |
|  | 1,08,55 | 1,88, | 02,04 | 1,42,28 | 2.11,83 | 2.12, | 2,00,20 | 2,25,78 | 2,0,3, $2_{2}$ | $2.14,48$ |  | (2,710 |  |

CLASB 11.-Haw materiate arut produce and artieles mainly untmanufactured.

| 1011-12 | 70,56 | 70,90 | 67,28 | 62,76 | 08,07 | 87,35 | 0\%. 16 | 1,00,54 | 1, 05.18 | 1,27,54 | 1,15,97 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1012.13 | 1,60,27 | 1,15,61 | 86,22 | 80,83 | 1,08,(6) | 1,13,47 | 05,4: | 1,11,60 | 66,3\% | 1,0:1,01 | 1, 82,40 | 9, | 12 |
| 1013-14 | 81,60 | 93,40 | 62,27 | 01,63 | 1,10,28 | 1,13.81 | 71,013 | 04,03 | 81,20 | 1, $12 \times 01$ | 61,21 | 1,13,15 | 110 |
| 1914-16 | 8:3,48 | 94,12 | 73,04 | 01,65 | 67,70 | 68,62 | 77,12 | 84,80 | 70,80 | 00,25 | 77,99 | bs, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 9,: |
| $\underset{1014-16}{\operatorname{AvRAGE}} \text { 1011-12} \text { to }$ | 1,00,40 | 06,87 | 00,03 | 83,97 | 05,76 | 03,36 | 85,43 | 07,74 | 80,85 | 1,07,58 | 84,30 | 88,49 | 19 |


| CLass Ill,-Articien wholly or mainly manufacturad. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1911-12 | 8,23,07 | 8,08,34 | 7,08,02 | 7,53,36 | 8,46,29 | 7,14,02 | 10,05,10 | 10,38,60 | 8,12.1n | 10,74,33 | 8,26,57 |  |  |
| 1912-13 | 10,103, 57 | 8,05,10 | 8,46,31 | 0,08,00 | 8,03,23 | 10,62,34 | 11,31, 60 | 11,70,54 | 0,20,04 | 13,40,21 | 10,24,05 | 11, 20,34 | 1, 1 , |
| 1013-14 | 12,54,17 | 11,00,39 | 10,55,40 | 11,77,43 | 12,12,15 | 12,58,62 | 12,55,90 | 12,64,41 | 11,17,98 | 13,07,57 | $10,44,67$ | 12,51,20 | 1,4, 1 |
| 1914-16 | 11,00,48 | 10,77,00 | 10,73,06 | 11,38,00 | 10,38,73 | 5,15,62 | 0,40,65 | 0,16,08 | 7,10,82 | 7:20,63 | 6,18,30 | 7,01,64 | 1,06, 1 , |
| $\underset{1014-16}{\text { AVFRLGE } 1011-12} \text { T0 }$ | 10,67,81 | 10,06,87 | 0,35,60 | 0,94,44 | 9,07,33 | 8,87,70 | 11,08,10 | 10,04,03 | 8,94,82 | 11,34,69 | 8,88,67 | 0,78,06 | 1,10.m. |

CLABS IV--Miscollaneove and unclassificd.


TOTAL.

| 1911-12 | 10,44,89 | 11,36,82 | 0,20,63 | 9,57,22 | 11,03,21 | 10, | 14 | 13,80,74 | 11,01,88 | 02 | 07 | 30 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1912 13 | 13,06,23 | 11,02,93 | 10,46,51 | 11,60,67 | 12,04,78 | 14,63,68 | 15,01,90 | 15,53,32 | 12,13,71 | 10,81,01 | 13,10,00 | 14,00,17 | 1, (1), 1091 |
| 1013-14 | 15,04,16 | 14,30,54 | 12,22,44 | 14,47,61 | 10,13,04 | 10,65,19 | 10,55,60 | 10,48,01 | 14,43,235 | 18,03,97 | 13,40,00 | 16, 16, 25 | 1,3,2, 4 |
| 1914-16 | 14,40,04 | 13,58,07 | 12,08,19 | 14,00,30 | 12,02,03 | 7,30,60 | 12,30,21 | 11,03,73 | 10,20,12 | 10,05,94 | 8,00,04 | 0,36,37 | 1,37,12: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Averatan } 1011-12 \\ 1014-16 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 13,48,73 | 12,72,07 | 11,10,07 | 12,43,70 | 13,25,02 | 12,18,01 | 14,72,05 | 14,43,46 | 11,04,73 | 14,82,20 | 11,62,65 | 12,47,77 | 1,55,18 |

Exports (of Indian merchandise).

CLASS 1.-Food, Drink, and Tobacco.
(In thourands of rujecs)


No. 4.-Value of Trade in Private Merchandise, accobding to fodr maln classes
(In thousands of rapees)


No. 5.--Value of Impurts, Private Merchandise, according to four main classes and süb-divisions THEREOF.


No. G_-Valof of Exports, Private Merchandibe, accordina to your maim ctabhers and bike mivibions themeof.


No. 7.-Quanttyy and value of the Principal Artioles of Impokis, arbanged in the okder of their mpoktance.

|  | Quantity (hounks in thousandy) |  |  |  |  | Value (in thotands on hutery) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Averago years chalink 1011.12 | 1012-13 | 1013-14 | 1014-15 | Increaso <br> (+) or <br> decresano <br> 1014-15 <br> comprite <br> 1013-1 |  | 2012.13 | 3013-14 | 1014.15 | Increaso <br> (+) or <br> decresso <br> 1014.15 <br> comprod <br> 2014-14 |
|  | 207 | 548 | 60 | 85 | Por cent $+68.0$ | 87,17 | 2,22,80 | 27,27 | 20,17 | l'or cent +7 |
|  | 3,105,205 | 1,835,120 | 2,534,180 | 1,320,235 | $\underline{-14}$ | $\underset{\substack{18,28,89 \\ 8,40,18}}{\text { c, }}$ | 26,11,02 | 25,44,088 | $\underset{10,85, \mathrm{H7}}{21,29}$ | ${ }_{-24}^{-18}$ |
| "\# mloured: " ${ }_{\text {m }}$ |  | - | 831,770 <br> 44 | ${ }_{404,775}$ | -10.6 | 10,60.18 | 14,17,9i1 | 17,86,16 | 10,40,36 | --114 |
|  | -38,254 | 60,036 | 44,171 | 42,804 | $={ }^{2.0}$ | ${ }_{3}^{3,41,58}$ | 4,4,75 | +1,10,42 | 3,85,18 | $-7.6$ |
| Handkerchiofts and shawte No. | 18,281 | 27.136 | 39,088 | 17,309 | -4.3 | 38,75 | 66,86 | 888,02 | 45,08 | - 0 |
|  |  | 36,43 1,772 | 37,884 1,705 | 20,430 1,101 | ${ }_{-} \begin{array}{r}30 \cdot 1 \\ -3011\end{array}$ | 33,70 | 40,26 | \% 98.12 | 30,47 <br> 28,04 | - -26.6 |
| Other sorts ${ }^{\text {a }}$ : . |  |  |  |  | - | 1,01,79 | 3,20,17 | 1,62,00 | 05,00 | - 67.2 |
| total Comion | - | - | - | - | - | 45,40,63 | 08,04,54 | 60,57,10 | 40,20,06 | -20 |

No. 7-coninruer.


No. 7--contimuel.


No. 7-continued.


No．7－conoluled．


Government Stores．


No．8．－Quantity and value of the Principal Articles Re－exported，abranged in the order of tueir Importance．

| Sugar ．：．．．Cwt． | 764 | 200 | 194 | 807 | ＋313 | 74，06 | 21，70 | 20，02 | 1，00，03 | ＋3，${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cotton manufacturcs－ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ploce－goods $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Groy } \\ \text { Whito }\end{array}\right.$ | 4,749 0,614 | 4，082 | 4,684 <br> 8,818 | 2,704 <br> 6,212 | －${ }^{41}$ |  |  |  | ${ }^{14,81}$ | 二 11.4 |
| Ploce－goods $\begin{aligned} & \text { White } \\ & \text { Colourad }\end{aligned}$ | 50，870 | 52，736 | －48，618 | 20，201 | －40． | 1，16，${ }^{12}$ | 1，23，${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1，14，25 | 60,32 | 二－47．8 |
| Twist and yarn ． | v61 | 782 | 062 | 052 | －32．2 | ${ }_{8,21}^{8,21}$ | 7,01 | 8,01 | 5，50 | －35．4 |
| Other sorts－． |  |  |  |  |  | 6，21 |  | 8,30 | ＋，30 |  |
| total Comton | － | － | － | － | － | 1，86，10 | 1，4，77 | 1，66，01 | 80，83 | －44．8 |
| Wool，raw manufacturea ：$\quad: \quad{ }^{1 b}$ | 0，218 | 13，988 | $\underline{10,246}$ | 0，023 | $二^{3 \cdot 1}$ | 31，01 | 67,10 488 | 40,58 <br> 4,03 | 60,10 2,87 | $\stackrel{+1}{+8}$ |
| Total Woon | － | － | － | － | － | 30，04 | 71，67 | 83，01 | 62，07 | －1．2 |
|  | 20 1 | ${ }_{17}^{17}$ | ${ }_{1}^{20}$ | 1 | $-80$ | 10,16 0,20 | 8，107 | 10,56 11,71 | 8，18 | $\square_{-20.2}^{60.8}$ |
| Total Mersid | 21 | 18 | 21 | 5 | －76．2 | 10，30 | 10，00 | 29，20 | 13，40 | －394 |
|  |  | 二 | 二 | $\square$ | － | 13,30 18,63 | 13,02 11,01 | 11,71 11,02 | 12，09 | +10.0 +8.1 |
|  | 二 |  |  |  |  | 18，86 | 31，72 | 14，19 | 111,37 | －20．4 |
| Gums and resths－．－Cipt． | 45 | 68 | 71 | 41 | －42．2 | 9，12 | 12，17 | 13，14． | 7，73 | $-41 \cdot 3$ |
| Subs，maw | 53 | 56 | 21 | 14 | －33：3 | 1，29 | 1，25 | 1，03 | 7 | －2s．1 |
|  |  | 897 | $\underline{1,010}$ | 68s | $-32 \cdot 2$ | 6，24 | 7，47 | 8,00 1,30 | 5，233 | $\square_{-82}{ }^{30.6}$ |
| tosal Silk |  | － | － | － | － | 0，01 | 0，48 | 11，04 | 0，20 | －43．0 |
| Haborlaghery and millinery－ |  |  | 二 |  |  |  |  | 13,48 <br> 10,101 | \％${ }^{6.83}$ | －56．7 |
|  | 二 | 二 |  |  | 二 | 17，74 | 1，11，09 |  |  |  |
| total value of re－Exports | － | － | － | － | － | 4，55，80 | 4，74，00 | 4，07，73 | 4，10，67 | $-122$ |

No. 9.-Quaktity and Valle of the Prdicipal apticles of Exports, arbanged in the order of theik InPOBTASCE


No. 0-continued

|  | Quimitr (noones is tuovasdo |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (tor | 1012-18 | 712 |  |  |  | 101213 $\qquad$ <br> 00,36 | 1,02,35 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | , ingiof | $\begin{aligned} & 12,5050 \\ & \hline 10,051 \\ & 1,050 \\ & 1,051 \end{aligned}$ |  | ciole |  |  | cient |  | , |  |
|  | 3,313 | 38,60 | 40,287 | 40,618 | $+\cdot$ | 81,67 | 03,28 | 01,41 | 05,78 | +4.8 |
|  | - ${ }^{6}$ | $-{ }^{01}$ | $={ }^{51}$ | $={ }^{5}$ | $\stackrel{-128}{-1 / 8}^{-}$ | cin | cis | cin |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} - \\ -23 \\ -{ }_{2}^{303} \\ -787 \\ -787 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\frac{-}{\substack{333 \\-372 \\-681 \\ \hline 881}}$ |  |  |  |  | 03.86 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (88 | ${ }_{\substack{110 \\ 30}}^{10}$ | 205 |  | $-_{-50}^{39}$ | 40, ${ }_{\text {cos }}$ | 78.86 <br> 18,5 | (78.38 | ${ }_{\text {ci, }}^{8,78}$ | ${ }_{76.9}^{-38.8}$ |
| Torsi | 105 | 140 | 127 | ${ }^{75}$ | $-100$ | 88,15 | ${ }^{08,01}$ |  | 56,97 | $\rightarrow 0$ |
| Metale and manufactures Other metals | 17 | ${ }^{104}$ | ${ }_{11}^{85}$ | ${ }_{11}^{53}$ | ${ }^{-378}$ |  |  | 20,80 | ${ }_{28,50}^{28,50}$ | $7{ }^{398}$ |
| Toris mitas, mio. |  | 112 | 0 | 0 | ${ }^{-3}$ | 30,36 | 7,81 | $\stackrel{84,85}{8,98}$ | 32,94 | -18 |
| Coal, coke, and patent fuel . . " <br> Fruite and Vegetables- <br> Fried, salted or preserved : cirt. | 941 | 891 | 734 | 504 | -18 | 73,75 | 88,39 |  | 82,8 | $-^{-23.7}$ |
|  | ${ }_{203}$ | ${ }_{217}$ | -230 | ${ }^{100}$ | $=20.5$ | 20, 218 | ${ }_{\substack{28,18 \\ 10,18}}$ | ${ }_{\text {20, }}^{20,07}$ | ${ }_{20,11}^{290}$ | -30.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  | - | at,16 | 47,70 | ${ }^{01,91}$ | 61,00 | ${ }^{-17}$ |
|  | ${ }^{\text {b, } 133}$ | ${ }^{5.188}$ | ${ }_{5}^{5.559}$ |  | $-^{-11+1}$ | 27,26 | $\xrightarrow{30,84} 1$ |  | ${ }_{20,07}^{20,11}$ | ${ }_{-1.88}^{10.8}$ |
|  |  |  |  | - | - | 41,20 | 18,01 | 5,4,4 | ${ }^{55,48}$ | $-10.5$ |
| tro . . . . . cort | 320 | 207 | 288 | ${ }^{228}$ | +2.4. | e,17 | 38,59 | 30.84 | ¢0.84 | +38 |
|  |  |  | $\underbrace{}_{\substack{27,878 \\ 1,880}}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} -20.0 \\ +20.5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21,96 \\ & \hline 1,1885 \\ & .85 \\ & 32,76 \end{aligned}$ | cise |  |  |  |
|  | 20,005 | 21,004 | 30,023 | 18,882 | -37.7 |  | 38,36 | 47,04 | 3,80 | -239 |
|  others • . . . ", |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 185 \\ 68 \\ 68 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 138 \\ 108 \\ 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\substack{9064 \\ 90.24}}{4}$ | cition |  |  |  | - |
| rorat | 249 | 243 | 258. | 208 | $-17$ | 28,75 | 37,00 | 30,94 | 35,38 | -0.9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 9750 \\ & \hline 1750 \\ & \text { and } \\ & \hline, 318 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{1}^{1,078}$ | ${ }^{1,203}$ | $-^{516}$ | $-^{-57.1}$ | ${ }_{\substack{\text { 4, } \\ 7,08}}$ | 7,38 | ${ }_{\substack{21,768}}^{\text {d, }}$ | $\xrightarrow{1,0,46}$ |  |
| OTAL | $i^{-}$ |  |  |  | - | 8, 51 | ${ }^{80,12}$ | 30,42 |  | $\underline{-6.5}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| total falue of beports |  |  | - | - | - | 20, $2,7,87$ |  |  | 1,77, 6,40 | -273 |

No. 10.-Value of Trade ix Merciandise only with Continents.


No. 11.-Value of Trade in merchandise only, according to British Empire and Foreign countries.

|  |  | -Value |  | (In lak | bhs of rup | ees) |  | B.-1 | Porcentage |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1013-14 |  |  | 1914-18 |  |  |  | 1013-14 |  |  | 1014-15 |  |
| Countries | Imports | Exports, includ. Ing Ino Exports | Toral | Importa | Exporta, Inclading lie Exports | totas | Conntries | Impoits | Exports, IncludIng ReExports | Totas | Imports | Exports, including Be Exporto | Toral |
| Brithan Emplife | 1,17,68 | 5158,30 | 1,75,03 | 02,94 | 57,64 | 1,50,58 | Britich Empire- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coston | 8, 81 | 0,04 | 1, 9,85 | 728 | 7,71 | 2,3,50 | Conited Kingdom : | 64.4 | 397 3.7 | 40.7 8.8 | 67.4 .8 | 31.7 4.2 | 47.1 9.7 |
| straits Settementa | 8,42 | 6,78 | 10.21 - | 3,88 | 5,21 | 8,59 | Stratts settlements ${ }^{\circ}$ | 1.9 | 888 | 2.83 | 2.84 | 2.2 2.9 | 2.7 2.7 |
| lfonkkong ${ }^{\text {a }}$, | 98 $\mathbf{8 , 5 3}$ | 7,81 | 8,79 | ${ }^{95}$ | 4,33 | 5,98 | Hongrong . | - 5 | 3.9 | ${ }_{2}$ | -7 | $0 \cdot 4$ | $1 \cdot 6$ |
|  | 2,53 | 1,28 4,10 | 3,79 8,02 | 1,84 | 1,55 3,95 | 3,29 $\mathbf{4 , 8 0}$ | Mrusitias, ete. - | 1.4 | . 5 | -9 | 1.2 | 4 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| bittibu ponsissiosis) | 1,28,06 | 04,89 | 2,22,45 | 1,02,14 | 88,73 | 1,88,89 | TOTAL (EsOLUDINO OTHBr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fordga Countrim- |  |  |  |  |  |  | British possissioxs) | 70 | 37-8 | 51.5 | 74 | 47.8 | $50 \cdot 1$ |
| liusala Getmany . |  |  | 2,531 |  | 1,87 |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\underset{\text { Germany }}{\substack{\text { Golland }}} \quad: \quad:$ | 19,60 1,85 | 20,42 | S0,08 | 4,65 | 10,20 | 14,85 | Russia | . 03 | 1.0 | $\cdot 6$ | .03 |  |  |
| Helgium : $\quad$ : | 4,06 | 12,10 | 5,97 16,36 | 1,28 | 1,20 | 2,48 8,00 | Germany - | 6.9 | 10.3 | -9 | $3 \cdot 4$ | 5.6 | $4 \cdot 6$ |
| Franco . : | 9,00 | 17,78 | 20,41. | 1,76 | 8,84 | 6,80 10,60 | Holland Bel | 9.88 | 1.8 | $1 \cdot 4$ | $\cdot 9$ | 7 | $\cdot 8$ |
| Jtaly ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 9 | 7.80 | 10,09 | 1,52 | 6,87 | 10,80 8,39 | Franco - | 2.9 | 4.0 | $3 \cdot 8$ | $1 \cdot 2$ | 2.9 | $2 \cdot 2$ |
| Austria-Hungary *, | 4,80 | 10,01 | 14,30 | 1,29 | 1 1,53 | 6,82 | Italy | 1.5 | 7.1 8.0 | $4 \cdot 8$ | 1.3 | 4.9 | $3 \cdot 3$ |
| Priats • - . | 1071 | 1,41 | ¢9,12. | 70 | 1,09 | 1,79 | Austria-Hungary : | $2 \cdot 3$ | $3 \cdot 9$ | $3 \cdot 3$ | $1 \cdot 1$ $\cdot 9$ | 8.8 | 28 1.8 |
| Chinn (excluaivo of Hong- |  | 1,05 | 12,09s | 8,29 | 1,85 | 10,07 | Persis - ${ }_{\text {a }}$ | $\stackrel{4}{4}$ | $\stackrel{3}{-6}$ | $3 \cdot 5$ .5 | .9 .5 | 2.6 | 1.8 .6 |
| kong) - - | 1,71 | 8,79 | 7,43 | 1,57 | 4,03 |  | Chins (exclusive of Hong- | 5.8 | -8 | $2 \cdot 9$ | $5 \cdot 9$ |  | $3 \cdot 2$ |
| Japan ${ }^{\text {Untid }}$ States of Armerion | 1,78 4,70 |  | 87,17 28,64 | 4,14 | 16,68 | 20,10 | kong) | $\stackrel{.9}{ }$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| United states of Amorica | 6,70 | 21,86 | 20,64 | 4,68 । | 17,42 | 22,10 |  | 69 $\mathbf{8 . 6}$ | 2.3 9.9 8.9 | 1.7 6.4 | ${ }_{3}^{1.1}$ | 2.8 8.6 | $1 \cdot 8$ $0 \cdot 3$ |
| Toral (includimo otnis |  |  |  |  |  |  | - | $2 \cdot 6$ : | $8 \cdot 9$ | 6.2 | $3 \cdot 6$ | $9 \cdot 6$ | 6.9 |
| - Fonmon counthirs) | 85,19 | 1,54,40 | 2,00,68 | 35,70 | 94,84 | 1,30,63 | Total (including others Formion countairs). | 30 | 62.2 | 48.5 | $2 B$ | 59.9 |  |
| Nors.-In 1014-15 tho dharo of tho Continents in the total trado is as follows:- <br>  <br>  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nore-In 1914-15 the percentage of Continants to tho total trade is as follows :Eusope 64 per centt, isin 22 per ant, Ametica 9 per cent, Africa 3 per cant, and 4 untralasia 2 per eczt |  |  |  |  |  |  |




No. 12-contimued.
(In thoompds of rupees)


No. 12-conlinued.


No. 12-contirued


No. 12-continued
(In thonsamda of suyeme,


No. 12-concluded.
(In thoosands of rupeen)


No. 13.-Imports and Exports of cotton goods and RAW COTTON.


No. 14.- Thports and Exports of Raw silk and shik GOODS.


No. 11-continutd.

|  |  |  | (in thrusatala of mipres) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Codrraizs | 1010-11 | 1011-12 | 1012-13' | 1013-16 | 1014-15 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 40,44 7.71 | 38.4.3 | 37,42 | 14, | ${ }_{7}^{8,94}$ |
| Italy king . | 2,35 | 48 | 30 | 1,74 |  |
| $\xrightarrow[\substack{\text { Uinted States } \\ \text { Other countries }}]{\text { S }}$ | ${ }_{1}$ | 1 | - 5 | 71 | $-1$ |
| Totas | 50,55 | 45, 34 | 41,73 | 24,74 | 11,01 |
| Exports of Indian sllk manufac- <br> tirls (including yarn, otc.)- |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Totas | 7,80 | 0,51 | 7,37 | s,88 | 3,45 |

No. 15.-Ximports of wool Manufactures (incliding YARN AND KNITTING wOOL).
(In thousants of rupess)


No. 16.-Imports of apparel (excluding hosiery aNd boots and shoes).


No. 1i.-Imports of haberdashery and MILLINERY.

|  |  |  | (In thousands of rupees) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United Eingdom. | ${ }^{61,34}$ | 65,56 | 69,40 |  | 43,85 |
| Austria-Hungary. | 20,32 | 23,57 |  | 22,34 | 0,0,5 |
| ${ }_{\text {Japana }}$ | -1,39 | 12,01 | 10, 20 | -7, ${ }^{\text {co }}$ | 9,20 |
| Frauco | 8,88 | 0,01 | 8,35 | 15,18 | 10,02 |
| Other countrlos | 11,84 | 11,73 | 13,53 | 10,77 | 12,33 |
| Toras | 1,32,80 | 1,53,30 | 1,37,10 | 1,50,03 | 88,73 |

No. 18.-Imports of metals.

| Iron (excluding oro)--Unitel Klagdom Helgium Other countries: | (In thousapds of rupees) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ${ }_{4} 9$ | ${ }^{2} 0.55$ | 20,14 | 38,30 |  |
|  | 10,61 | 12,04 | 14,50 | 15,30 | 1, 20 |
|  | 5,29 | 6,97 | 4,76 | 1,52 | 2,x8 |
|  | 4,05 | 4,01. | 1,83 | $2,8{ }^{2}$ | $\% 0$ |
| Totsi | 63,15 | 40,57 | 50,29 | 59,00 | 27,03 |
| Iron or Steel- | - |  |  |  |  |
| Unitad Kingdom | 5,84,60 | 8,18,70 | 0,08,19 | 10,21,54 | 6,96,07 |
| $\mathrm{Gerrmany}^{\text {O }}$ | [19,84 | ${ }^{72,70}$ | 08,70 | 1,31,59 | 38,03 |
| Onitad States | 38,58 | ${ }^{61,65}$ | ${ }_{84}^{84} 8$. | +10,47 | 50,98 |
| Belprium | (3, $\begin{aligned} & 34,45 \\ & 13,61\end{aligned}$ | ${ }^{38.28}$ | ${ }^{53,77}$ | 61,41 | 23, 17 |
| Other countries | 13,31 | 10,50 | 17,12 | 17,21 | 13, ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |
| Total | 7,40,17 | 8,00,02 | 0,33,01 | 13,76,28 | 8,21,72 |

No. 21.-IMPORTS OF HARDWARE EXCLUDING CUT-

No. 18-continued.


No. 19.-Iyports OF Machinery and milwork.

| Untted Elagdom. | - 1 4,34.응 | 3,87,80 | 4,81,02 | 6,95,78 | 5,58,29 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Derrisany. | - 33,13 | 33,28 | 20,04 | 43,18 | 11.81 |
| Uuited States. ${ }^{\text {Anma }}$ - | - ${ }^{39,78}$ | ${ }^{31} \times 13$ | 21,03 | $\stackrel{3}{1,94}$ | 25,92 |
| Italy. | - 1,88 | 2,03 | ${ }_{90}^{1,89}$ | 1,04 |  |
| Other countrics | 5,15 | 6,81 | 6,30 | 0,12 | 6,31 |
| Tomil | - 5,03,88 | 4,58,09 | 5,41,68! | 7,76,83 | 0,04,05 |

No. 20.-Imports of Ramhay plant and rolling sTock.



No. 22.-Imports of sugar.

|  |  |  | (In thousands of rupeas) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jama | 8,93,14 | 8,37,501 | 9,4t, 17 | 10,0,4,45 | 8,01,10 |
| Mauritios: | 3,01,61 | 1,90,77! | 3, $3,2,32$ | 2,51,45 | 1,72, 38 |
| Austris-Honkars. | - 32,49 | $\xrightarrow{24,89}$ : | $1,06,72$ $-3,98$ | ${ }_{\mathbf{1} \times 1,36}$ | ${ }_{16,41}^{38,4}$ |
| Strats jetulementa | 1,31 | 1,50 | 7,78 | 5,87 | 3,82 |
|  | 67 | 1,166 | 7,61 | 1,83 |  |
| Hongkong: | $\stackrel{3}{9,44}$ | 8, ${ }_{19}^{198}$ | 5,38 | 3,388 | 7,39 8.09 |
| Japan ${ }_{\text {Join }}$ | 1,52 | 19 2,80 | 3,60 | 2,19 | 8,37 |
| total | 13,17,58 | 1,93,94 | 14,27,88 | 14,05,69 | 10,59,25 |

No. 23.-IMPORTS OF PROVISIONS.

| United Kingdom. Straits settlements Hollind Other countries |  |  | (in thousands of rupcez) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1,23,57 | 1,30,74 | 1,51,51 | 1,50,99 | 1,36,87 |
|  | $\underset{\substack{20,07 \\ 0,10}}{ }$ | ${ }^{22,27} 7$ | ( 37,43 | cisis2 | (34, |
|  | 33,77 | 33,50 | 45;72 | 53,75 | 33,81 |
| toris | 1,85,57 | 1,83,74 | 2,34,02 | 9,47,36 | 9,10,72 |

No. 24.-Imports of aineral oll.

|  | (In thoosands of rupecs) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States | ${ }^{\text {1,986, }} \mathbf{9 7 9 0}$ | 2,01,06 | , , 7, \%, 40 | 2,31, 02 | 2,47,15 |
| ${ }_{\text {Sumatra }}$ Borrico | - | 4, 88 | 12,18 | ${ }^{89,68}$ | 91,38 |
| United Eing ${ }^{\text {ama }}$ | 25,98 | -3,35 | 21,84 | 23,19 | 27,75 |
| Russia | 23,02 | 8,91 | 48,04 | 3,82 | 2,73 |
| Germany | 18,41 | 15,12 | ${ }^{26,02}$ | 29,81 | 15,39 |
| Straits Settlements | $\stackrel{20,74}{ }$ | $\underline{12,00}$ | 13,29 | 11,71 | 32,06 |
| Other countries | 5,4 | 4,15 ${ }^{\text {' }}$ | 8,52 | 20,30 | 20,02 |
| totas | 3,37,30 | 4,20,71 | 3,75,31 | 4,11,56 | 4,40,70 |

No. 25.-Exports of Jdte, raiw and manuractured.

|  | (In thoussands of rupees) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FJoteo C-T C-C ( |  |  |  |  |  |
| Germany |  | 0,79,57 | 11,02,83 | 11,73,95 | 6,74,39 |
| France | 1,78,23 | S, ${ }^{1,93,27}$ |  | ${ }_{\substack{6,74,87 \\ 3067}}$ | 1,38,14 |
| United States | 1,53,97 | 2,28, 58 | 2, 83,56 | 3,68,55 | 1,92,93 |
| Italy | ${ }^{89} 18$ | 90,54 | 1,33,15 | 1,70,75 | $1,11,95$ |
| Austria-Hungary | 90,60 | 1,32,55 | 1,65,04 | 1,97,01 | 50,88 |
| Spain | $\begin{array}{r}40,50 \\ \hline 0.58 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ | 9, 6 | 8, 81 | ${ }^{87,67}$ | 58,07 |
| ${ }_{\text {Japan }}$ | 7,33 | $\stackrel{10,58}{10}$ | 1 3931 | 39,97 | 13,18 |
| Betgium | 8,84 | 15,10 | 15, | 18,48 | 8,42 |
| Brazil | 1,56 | 3,80 | 15,70 | 15,99 | ${ }_{3,56}$ |
| Other countrics | 3,15 | 8,15 | 5,98 | 14,55 | 17,58 |
| TO2 | 15,48,09 | 29,55,65 | 27,05,07 | 30,82,84 | 12,91,02 |
| Gnuns bats |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,87,72 | 1,35,27 | 1,89,11 | 2,50,42 | 2,14,90 |
| United Kingiom | 73,57 | (80,400 | 83,61 | 99.43 | 70,22 |
| United States | 62,94 | (16,43 | ${ }_{88,93}^{83,22}$ | ${ }_{1}^{92,51}$ | 1,38,04 |
| Egipt | 45,60 | 3, 11 | 54,59 | ${ }_{\text {1, }}^{57,64}$ | 1,53,47 |
| Lodochina |  | 10,12 | $\stackrel{20,11}{ }$ | 45,73 | 42,6\% |
| ${ }_{\text {Jata }}$ | 31,47 | 32,07 | $\stackrel{3,}{63,99}$ |  | ${ }_{71,61}^{60,64}$ |
| Straitza Setucments | 31,80 | 24,34 | 29,44 | ${ }_{35,13}$ | 36,99 |
| China (erclusive of Hongiong) |  | $\stackrel{28,83}{34,45}$ | ${ }_{67}^{38,85}$ | 37, ${ }^{\text {a }}$, 6 | 40,20 |
| $\underset{\text { Natal }}{\substack{\text { Nongkone }}}$ : | ${ }^{2} 1,94$ | 17,01 | 67,71 85,07 |  | 35,07 |
| Capo colony ${ }^{\circ}$ | ${ }_{15,61}$ | 8,08 | 5,94 | 7,25 | 5 5,55 |
| Sandwich Lslands | 14,89 | 17,41 | 19,63 |  | 20,47 |
| Turkeg, Asiatic | 18,87 | 13,09 | 15, | - 17,53 | 2,37 |
| ${ }^{\text {Grimany }}$ | 13,50 | 11,16 | 17\%70 | 17,14 | 7,16 |
| Porruguesa East $\Delta$ dirica | 12.01 | [12,01 | 11,95 | 118,86 | ${ }^{6,07}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Preru }}^{\text {Maritius }}$ | 0,18 | ${ }^{6,10}$ | 11,62 | 9, ${ }^{\text {g\% }}$ | 11,35 |
| Turkey, European ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 8,97 | 5,78 <br> $\mathbf{7 , 3 0}$ | 0,10 3 | 7,64 | ${ }^{13,98}$ |
| ${ }^{\text {Japan }}$ | 4,72 | ${ }_{6,31}$ | cis, | 3,76 <br> 13,79 | 1,88 88,68 |
| Other countrics | 39.76 |  | 50, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ${ }_{65,21}$ | 58,14 |
| Ocuer countios | 37,01 | 43,35 | 57,67 | 80,18 | 85,0E |
| Totar | 8,56,40 | 7,58,14 | 0,67,21 | 12,53,01 | 12,53,44 |

No. 25-conlinued.

|  |  | (In thousanis of injecr) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Articless | 1010-11 | 1011.12 | 1012-13 | 1013.14 | 1014-13 |
| Gunny coth- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unitced States ${ }^{\text {argutiole }}$ Republic | ${ }^{5,67,16} 1,46,04$ | $5,80,09$ $1,38,40$ | 7,87,12 | 10,22,41 | ${ }_{\substack{8,50.57 \\ 2,24,56}}$ |
| Unlud Kinglom | 1,42.43 | 164,06 | '60,01! |  | ${ }^{81,73}$ |
| Australin and Now Zocaland | ${ }_{2}^{20,50}$ | ${ }^{23,03}$ | ${ }^{37,11}$ | - 11,24 | 65,02 |
| Canada | ${ }^{20,11}$ | 33652 |  | ${ }^{51,23}$ | 4, 4.24 |
| Uruglay | 7, | 10,03 | 13,30, | 13,87 13,07 | 8,20 <br> 3,82 |
| ceylun | 2.14 | 2,11 | ${ }^{2}, 70$ | 3,212 | 2.06 |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { Turrboy, Aslatic }}$ Other countrics | 17,77 | - 20.17 | ${ }_{21,78}^{1,00}$ | - $\begin{array}{r}\text { 9, } \\ 34,40\end{array}$ | \% $\mathbf{2 0 , 3 1}$ |
| Toias | 8,35,75 | 8,84,87 | 13,05,78 | 15,60,42 | 13,10,01 |
| Other Jute goods (including twlat and yarn) | 7,30 | 8,01 | 14,1 ${ }^{2}$ | 14,88 | 11,67 |
| Total Jote menorsctunby | 10,00,45 | 18,00,82 | 22,87,11 | 23,27,31 | 25,82,02 |

No. 26.-Exports of raw Wool.


No. 27.-Exports of Rice.


No. 28.-Exports of Wheat.


No. 29.-Exports of Indigo.

|  |  |  | (In thousands of rupecs) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Egrpt |  | 0,60 | 2,05 | 3,13 | 2,14 | 87 |
| Uiltor kingdom |  | 6,42 | 12,43 | 2,29 | 8,39 | 84,01 |
| Austris yinugary | , . | 3,01 | 0,40 | 4,38 | 3,25 | 14 |
| United States. | - |  | 3,31 | 1,00 | 1,18 | 1,62 |
| Pursla - | - | $\bigcirc$ | 1,54 | + 48 | 588 | 31 |
| Turkey, Astalic | - . | 6,03 | 6,80 | 5,28 | 5,54 | 1,10 |
| France. | - $\cdot$ | 1,00 | 1,09 | 1,94 | 28 | - |
| Germany | - |  | ${ }_{72}$ | + ${ }^{87}$ | ${ }^{9}$ |  |
| Japan Other countries |  |  | 72 2,87 | 1,79 1.80 | 1,13 | 1.47 |
| Other countries | Toras | 3,92 $-33,5 \pm$ | $\mathbf{2 , 8 7}$ $\mathbf{3 7 , 5 7}$ | 1,80 | $\begin{array}{r}1,13 \\ \hline 21,20\end{array}$ | 1,42 $-80,05$ |

- No. 30.-Exports of Lac.
(In Cherusedede of tryen)


No. 31.-Exports of Seeds.


No. 32.-Exports of Indias Tea.
(In thocesade of rupees)


No. 34.-Exports of Hides and Skins.

| (In thonsands of rapees) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grimany | 2,10,07 | 2,24,14 | 2,00,91 | 2, 20,55 | 1,4,76 |
| Ifolland | 1,00,41 | 1,40, $\mathrm{kr}^{5}$ | 1,15,90 | 1,84,41 | 49,74 |
| Au* rim-tumary | 89,85 | 73,78 | 1,01,04 | 84,46 | 67,03 |
| italy | 41,50 | 45,15 | 1,61,75 | 44,46 | 38,01 |
| Stun matas | 24,01 | 34,14 | 1,45,62 | 1,04,67 | 1,20,94 |
|  | 20,29 | 31,80 | 44.94 | 24,85 | 85,52 |
| belkiun - | 1,42 | 3,03 | 15,10 | 14,56 | 4.50 |
| France | 23,61 | 29,50 | 14,58 20,58 | 10,42 | -57,32 |
| Other mo |  |  |  |  | 27,68 |
| TOTAL | 5,30,67 | 3,97,79 | 8,05,80 | 8,29,60 | 5,25,10 |
|  | 2,38,82 | 2,64,25 | 2,66,55 | 2,50,29 | 1,98,41 |
| France | 2,38,21 | 21,54 | 27.40 | 18.56 | 1,0,717 |
| Enited Kingiom | -25,48 | 21,06 | \$1,92 | 92,41 | 20.44 |
| llctinnd | 13.71 | 15,18 | 19.35 | 23,77 11,60 | 21,73 |
| Grrmaty | 10,54 17,08 | 14,74 | 12,06 9,86 | 11,60 12,47 | 10,04 $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 5}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unltel Klogdom | 1,24,41 | 1,46,02 | $\begin{array}{r}2,00,71 \\ 1,38 \\ \hline 2,\end{array}$ | 1,54,64 | 2,38,35 |
| Sigypt ${ }_{\text {Other }}$ countion: | 1,41 | 1,29 1,00 | 1,38 2,40 | $\begin{array}{r}3,68 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 16 2,49 |
| Total | 1,27,39 | 1,48,30 | 2,04,40 | 1,58,79 | 2,41,00 |
| Dresend and tanned sklma- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trital kingulom | 1 $2,28,00$ | -9,45.83 | 1,08,61 | 2,10,56 | 1.84,40 |
| Unitrd States | 95,P8 | 28,32 | 30,67 | 30,46 | $2 \mathrm{e}, 00$ |
| Jnian - | 12,00 |  | 15.37 | 13.25 | 10,26 |
| Other muntrits . . | - 15,80 | 11,09 | 11,11 | 0,52 | 6,09 |
| Toras . , 2,81,65 |  | 3,00,10 | 9,55,76 | 2,63,70 | 2,32,84 |

No. 35.-Value of the mports of certann articles of luxdry and conventence.
(In lakhs of rapecs)

| (In lakhs of rupecs) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1000-10 | 1010-11 | 1011-12 | 1912-13 | 1013-14 | 1914-15 |
| Sugar and motamea | 11.15 | 12.62 | 9.96 | 13,78 | 14,47 | 9,36 |
| Krroene oll ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 30,51 | 97,37 | 3,25 | 2,56 <br> 51 <br> 1 <br> 8 | 56,86 | 3,29 |
| cotton pireerooda |  | 37,54 | 41,20 | 51,80 | 56,75 | 42,20 |
| Wlik pooltrn pirceroods | 1,58 | 8,43 | 2,16 2,70 | 2,55 $\mathbf{2}, 40$ | 8,58 | 1,62 |
| Asparel and haberdathers | 1,98 | 9,64 | 2,85 | 2,75 | 3.06 | 1,75 |
| Brote and shors . | 37 | 48 | 85 | 65 | 71 | 54 |
| Copper and yellow metal | 1,69 | 2,2\% | 1,62 | 1,70 | 2,51 | 1,71 |
| Matclics - | 82 | 84 | 88 | 98 | 90 | 3,12 |
| Sospr | 45 | ${ }^{83}$ | 68 | 70 | 74 | 83 |
| Brtelnuts | 88 | 1.08 | 1,05 | 1,18 | 1,23 | 1,30 |
| Galraplecd iron aheeta | 2,42 | 2,43 | 2,98 | 8,63 | 5,38 | 9,99 |
| TOTAL | F 58,46 | 67,36 | 69,91 | 84,74 | 94,22 | 08,06 |
| Index numbers taking the quinguennitum $1900-14$ is 100 ). | 78 | 00 | 03 | 113 | $120^{\circ}$ | 91 |

No. 36.-Iyports AND Exports of Gold AND ShuEr.


No. 37.-Absorption of Gold in India.
(In lakis of ropera)

|  | $\begin{gathered} 1873- \\ 74 \end{gathered}$ | Afehaor of 5 teajir endino |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{10} 0_{0}^{-}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1010 . \\ 111 \end{gathered}$ | $1911 .$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 1214 \\ 15 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} 1878- \\ 70 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{84}^{1883-}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1888^{-} \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{1803-}{94}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1808- \\ 90 \end{gathered}$ | $1803 .$ | ${ }_{0}^{1968} 0$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Nit annual nddition to the stock of the country . | 1,50 | no | 4,50 | 3,00 | 3,00 | 4,20. | 0,00 | 12,00 | 24.60 | 27,00 | 40,50 | 37,50 | 27.(x) | 11,.6) |
| 2. Progrrsive total of additions to the | 1,50 | 0,00 | 18,30 | 42,00 | 100,00 | 00,90 | 1,08,811 | 1,60,20 | 2,16,00 | 2,43,00 | 2,85,50 | 3,21,00 | 3,48,(0) | 3,50,00 |
| 3. Held in minta nod Govermment Treasurima and Currency and Gold Standard Ieserves | -• | . |  | .. | - | 60 | 12,60 | : 6,60 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 24,00 | 30,00 | 29,50 | 15,60 |
| 4. Not annual varlation in item 8 |  | . | . | .. | . | 60 | 2,70 | $-3,30$ | 0,00 | . | 18,00 | 0,00 | -7,30 | -7,00 |
| 6. Net progressive absorption | 1,50 | 0,00 | 18,30 | 42,00 | 60,00 | 60,30 | 90,00 | 1,50,60 | 2,07,00 | 2,34,00 | 2,50,50 | 2,01,60 | 3,45,60 | 3,43,50 |
| 6. Absorntion of the year | 1,50 | 00 | 4,80 | 3,00 | 3,00 | 3,00 | 6,30 | 15.90 | 15,C0 | 27,00 | 25,50 | 31,50 | 34,60 | 18,00 |

NOTE :-Item I shows the amount of gold produced fin Indin pius the nt imports (i.e.. Imports minus exportsi. In $1914-15$ tho pold prodrced wre Rs, 3 ,is




 agores in icm
absorption of tho year.

No. 38.-Balance of Trade of India.

| (In lakis of rapees) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Avgrage of 5 gratm enting |  |  |  |  |  |  | $1900-10 \cdot 1010-11$ |  | 1011-12 | $\begin{array}{\|rr\|} \hline t & \\ 1012-13 & 1013 \cdot 14 \end{array}$ |  | 1014-15 |
|  | 1878-70 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1883-84 | 1888.89 | 1803-04 | 1808-99 | 1003-04 | 1008-00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports of Merchandise- <br> Ex-Government Stores | 36,50 | 47,05 | 58,52 | 67,75 | $\begin{array}{cc}  & \\ 60,70 & \mathbf{3}, 43\} \end{array}$ |  | 1,:1,85 | 1,17,00 | 1,20,35 | 1,38,67 | 1,61,00 | 1,83,25 | 1,37,03 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net imports of- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gold . . . . . | -90 | 4,13 | 3,08 | 9,10 | 2,06! | 0,55 | 12,88 | 21,00 | 23,07 | 37,77 | 37,58 | 29,32 | 8,45 |
| Sityer . . . . . | 4,00 | 6,25 | 8,06 | 12,21 | c,26 | 5,12 | 8,11 | 0,37 | 8,57 | 5,20 | 0,57 | 0,24 | 10,01 |
| Enfaced ruper japer . . | -• | * | - | - |  | 88 | 55 | -• | 2,43 | 1,06 | 53 | 1,12 | 35 |
| Interest on- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enfacel rupce paper . .' | 68 | 85 | 87 | 90 |  | 70 | 66 | 52 | 64 | 43 | 38 | 30 | 34 |
| Total japort | 40,40 | 59,18 | 71,43 | 83,05 | 70,05 | 94,68 | 3,33,95 | 1,48,61 | 1,64,86 | 1,83,12 | 2,06,06 | 2,14,29 | 1,57,08 |
| Exporta of Merchandse-Ex-Gbvernment Stors . | 60,89 | 79,02 | 88,58 | 1,04,91 | 1,07,45 | 1,24,62 | 1,65,31 | :,87,89 | $2,09,88$ | 2,27,85 | 2,46,09 | 2,48,88 | 1,81,50」 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Exports of- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enfaced rupee paper - | 1,36 | 00 | 17 | 40 | - | - | 1 | 78 | - | $\cdots$ | * | * | 1 |
| Total Expoat | 62,26 | 80,01 | 88,75 | 1,05,40 | 1,07,45 | 1,24,62 | 1,05,32 | 1,88,67 | 2,00,88 | 2,27,85 | 2,40,09 | 2,48,88 | 1,81,00 |
| Net Export . - . . | 21,85 | 20,83 | 17,32 | 22,35 | 27,80 | 20,84 | 31,37 | 40,06 | 46,02 | 4,73 | 40,03 | 36,50 | 24,52 |
| Councll hills padd in Indle through- | 17,47 | 10,77 | 18,00 | 21,81 | 20,07 | 26,44 | 33,31 | 28,10 | * | 37,18 |  |  | 9,80 |
| Treasury . . . . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 34,70 |  | 38,83 | 43,37 |  |
| Gold Standard Reserve. | $\cdots$ | - | - | - | - | 1,32 | 1,85 | 12,132 | ${ }^{00}$ | .. | - | 3,23 | 00 |
| Currency . . . | -• | - | $\cdots$ | - | .. |  | 40 | 1,50 | 3,82 | 2,98 | .. ! |  | J3,06 |
| Mererse lills paid in London | -• | - | " | - | .. |  | 9,4t | 24 |  |  | $\cdots{ }^{-} \quad \cdots$ |  |  |
| Net | 17,47 | 19,77 | 18,00 | 21,81 | 26,07 | 27,70 | 33,15 | 41,40 | 30,44 | 40,16 | 38,83 ${ }^{\text {' }}$ | 40,60 | - $-\mathbf{0 , 2 7}$ |
| Balance of Trade in favour of Indin | 4,38 | 1,06 | -• | 34 | 1,73 | 2,08 | - | - | 6,58 | 4,67 | 1,20 | . | 20,70 |
| Balance of Trade against India | - | - | 68 | -• | . | - | 1,78 | 1,43 | -• | -• | -• | 12,01 | * |

[^43]No. 39.-Volume and value of the Foreign Sea-borne Trade of 1914-15 compared with that of 1913-14
(A) Total Imports
(In thoranads of rapees)



No．39－contd．
（B）Total Exports
（In thonsands of rapees）

| Articles | Value declaredIn $1914-15$ | Trade of 1014－ <br> 15 calculatod <br> st pricce of <br> 1013－14 | Valao declared | INCREASE（＋）OR DECREASE（－）COM－ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | DUA to vailinors m |  | Actual changerecorded |
|  |  |  |  | Quability | Value |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fralta and vegetables | ${ }_{17}^{51,59}$ | ${ }^{69,16}$ | ${ }^{61} 0801$ | －2，75 | －7，77 |  |
| Rhice not in the hosk | 17，00， 8 | 10，76，74 | 20，30，04 | －${ }_{\text {－}}^{\text {O，41，97 }}$ |  | －$=\mathbf{i , 8 1 , 3 0}$ |
| Wheat－10ir | ${ }^{01}$ 219 | －8，07 | 1，25，11 | － 40.14 | ＋6，82 | － 3 －3，38 |
| Maricy | 26,18 28,43 | ${ }^{24,10}$ | 1，68，57 | －1，32，47 | $+2,08$ $+2,00$ + | －1，30，39 |
|  | － $1,31,62$ | 20，83 $1,07,94$ | ＋80，42 | －41，44 | $+2,00$ $+3,64$ | ＋+25.10 |
| Pulse ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ， | 1，0，48 | 81,95 | 1，06，65 | －24，70 | ＋19，47 | －5，93 |
| Provisions and oilman＇s stores | ${ }^{45,48}$ | 47,05 00,06 | 1， 96,44 | －1，79 | ＋2，17 | －8，96 |
| Spa，black ：$\quad:$ | 15，40，70 | 15，60，9098 | 14，94，10 | ＋80，85 | ＋11，26 | ＋$+56,60$ |
|  | 1，65，38 | 1，71，88 | 1，53，66 | ＋18，02 | $-6,30$ | ＋11，72 |
| total Clabs I（brcludno otier artiolis）． | 48，07，02 | 47，07，42 | C6，74，85 | －10，70，83 | ＋00，00 | －15，77，35 |
|  mankly ondandyactured |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coal ${ }_{\text {cose }}$ | －62，68 | －60，68 | 68,08 $1,68,78$ | $-12,38$ $+20,04$ | －48，67 | ${ }_{-28.63}^{-16,38}$ |
| Hldes，rav | 6，26，10 | 6，30，80 | ${ }_{8,20,60}$ | ${ }_{-2,08,80}^{+2,00}$ | $\bigcirc$ | －3，04，60 |
| ${ }_{\text {Slinge }}^{\text {Slam }}$ | 2，54，34 | ${ }^{2,84,61}$ | 3，${ }^{3,312,31}$ | ${ }_{-40,90}$ | $-30,27$ +88 | ${ }_{-6,01}^{84,70}$ |
| 0 lls ．． | 1，05，20 | 1，04，77 | 98，50 | ＋0，21 | ＋43 | ＋0，66 |
| Seeds－${ }_{\text {costor }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $1,15,09$ $1,28,29$ | $1,23,08$ <br> $1,30,06$ | ${ }_{8}^{2,05,00}$ | 二 ${ }^{37,46}$ | －${ }^{\mathbf{7}, 07}$ |  |
| cotion | 1，50，68 | 1，65，01 | 2，12，51 | －57，50 | －4，33 | －${ }^{-612,88}$ |
| Grondnuts： | ${ }_{\text {E，25，38 }}^{2,27,34}$ | S |  | ${ }_{-1,40}^{2,045}$ | $-15,65$ +560 |  |
| Mowa or mown | 7， 7,00 | ，1218 | －54，65 | －1， 21,37 | $\pm 1.6$ | －46，95 |
| Rape ． | ${ }_{1}^{1,62,56}$ | 1，66，49 | $4,7777^{8}$ | －2，61，27 | －3，03 | 二 $=1,0,200$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Scosamum }}^{\text {Scton }}$ | \％ $\begin{aligned} & 1,06,78 \\ & 33,48,84\end{aligned}$ | $1,12,18$ $39,06,80$ | （2，09，63 | $\underline{-1,07,45}$ | － $\begin{array}{r}-5,4700 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | －$=1,65.65$ |
| Cotton，raw | 3，48，84 | ${ }^{39,06,88}$ | ${ }^{41,0,25}$ | －1，07，45 | －6，47，00 | －${ }^{-12,98}$ |
| Jute，raw | ［12，91，122 | $20,20,19$ $2,27,61$ | $\underset{\substack{30,82,64 \\ 2,50,45}}{ }$ | －10，5n， | －7，3，17 | ${ }^{-17,01,02}$ |
| Tearwood | －84，73 | 209，17 | 2，78，05 | －0，48 | ＋15，50 | ＋6，04 |
|  | 47,93 03,30 | 1，17，004 | 78,33 78,07 | $-30,79$ $+32,33$ | － $\begin{array}{r}+38 \\ -170\end{array}$ | ${ }_{+}^{+31,68}$ |
| total chass in（inclodiko otier articlzs）．． | 80，07，29 | 95，34，13 | 1，22，40，30 | －27，12，23 | －16，20，85 | －42，30，08 |
| Clabs inf．－artionis mbouty amd yanmy manupactorid |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oplum ．． | 1，70，34 | 3，11．84 | 3，62，00 | $-30.16$ | －1，35，50 | －1，05，68 |
|  | 2，41， 00 | 1，98，07 | 1，58，704 | $-3,27$ $+\quad 39.22$ | ＋$+12,109$ | ＋+8.27 |
| Skins，tanned or drexsed ： | 2，32，84 | 2，37，15 | 2，03，79 | ：－20，64 | －4，31 | －30，05 |
| Cotton－ <br> Twist and ybrn | 0，28，05 | 0，54，73 | 0，83，23 | $-3,28,50$ | －26，08 | $-3,54,68$ |
|  | （100，17， <br> 100 | 1，05，41 | 1， 71088 1,88 | $\square_{-36,41}^{18,33}$ | ${ }_{+78}^{-05}$ | ${ }_{-34.05}^{10.88}$ |
|  | 12，50，44 | 13，${ }_{14,81,720}$ | 12，53，01 | ${ }^{+08,717}$ ． | － | － $\begin{array}{r}+0,48 \\ -2,48,51\end{array}$ |
|  | ， 57.04 | － 18.707 | \％ 88.01 | 二34，14 | － |  |
|  | ${ }_{\text {1，}}^{1,08,32}$ | $1,07,03$ 82,81 | 1，38，04 0731 | $-30,41$ $+15,50$ | $-1.25$ | －14，00 $+1,00$ |
| total ouas III（iscludina otiler articuis） | 40，68，37 | 49，83，35 | 64，60，11 | －$-1,75,70$ | －3，24，98 | －8，00，74 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bran ma poliards ．．．．．．． | 63，05 | 61，70 | 71，82 | －10，12 | ＋1，35 | －8，77 |
|  | 1，85，88 | 1，70，45 | 2，40，83 | －60，88 | ＋15，38 | －64，50 |
| unamd totar expozis（monding ofita aricles） | 1，77，40，80 | 1，04，85，85 | 2，44，20，16 | － $\mathbf{0 , 8 8 , 8 0}$ | －17，50，88 | $\rightarrow 08,71,6$ |

No. 40.-Exports of raw cotton by Sea from British India during the last three years.

|  | to Jipas. |  |  | To otair coistimes. |  |  | Tozis. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1912-13 | 1013-14 | 1914-15 | 1912-13 | 1913-14 | 1914-15 | 1012.13 | 1913-14 | 1914-15 |
| Spptember | tons. | Eora. | tozas. | tons. | tons. | tons. | tons. | tons. | tons. |
|  | 1,400 | 7,243 | 2,629 | 0,793 | 17,456 | 2,725 | 11,202 | 24,690 | 5,354 |
| Socterser | 0.7 | 5,856 | 6,441 | 7,162 | 18,462 | 3,641 | 7,760 | 24,316 | 10,082 |
| Sivember | 3,200 | 11,006 | 5,668 | 6,028 | 16,086 | 5,290 | 0,327 | 28,500 | 10,965 |
| Lecernber | 0,615 | 0,784 | 13,005 | 0,078 | 21,528 | 11,672 | 12,593 | 31,312 | 26,577 |
| January . | 20,000 | 31,270 | 16,579 | 23,174 | 32,813 | 13,947 | 50,080 | 04,083 | 30,520 |
| Ficbuary . | 39,423 | 37,352 | 27,331 | 16,427 | 36,010 | 14,840 | 55,850 | 73,362 | 42,171 |
| March | 10,973 | 26,930 | 31,879 | 18,270 | 37,749 | 21,503 | 38,243 | 64,679 | 58,382 |
| total | 98,222 | 180,337 | 104,430 | 86,032 | 180,704 | 73,627! | 185,154 | 311,041 | 178,057 |
| Alril | 34,986 | 22,282 | 31,051 | .19,605 | 43,126 | 16,946 | 54,551 | 05,408 | 40,829 |
| Hay . . . | 24,132 | 4,765 | 33,472 | 20,856 | 56,808 | 14,402 | 44,088 | 07,573 | 49,059 |
| Jude | 21,003 | 32,010 | 33,480 | 24,569 | 61,866 | 16,078. | 45,572 | 01,782 ! | 50,094 |
| Joly | 10,457 | 18,570 | 13,408 | 27,024 | 45,445 | 8,470 | 36,481 | 6,015 | 22,326 |
| August | 10,063 | 2,785 | 23,687 | 17,719 | 14,833 | 0,851 | 28,682 | 17,618 ; | 30,438 |
| total | 208,763 | 248,655 | 240,337 | 196,665 | 401,782 | 136,372 | 405,488 | 650,437 | 280,403 |

No. 41.-total mports and exports of Merohandise of certain principal countries and British India during the pre-war period of 4 months and the war period of 8 months of the official year 1914-15, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1913-14.


[^44]No. 42.-Declamed valde per unit of Principai Imported articles.


No. 44-Average wholpsale prices for all India during the second-half of July 1914 as comPARED WTTH THOSE IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD of July 1913 and of March 1915 with their INDEX NUMBEPS.

| Artaclo | Rato per | Pricks. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { yaly } \\ & 1012 \end{aligned}$ | Jaly 1914 | Harch | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1913 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1914 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Mareb } \\ \hline 1915 \end{array}$ |
|  | Masund |  |  | Rs. a. P. |  |  |  |
| Whee | of 62] lbs | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 14 & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}6 & 8 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}4 & 13 & 9 \\ 5 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 97 | 1100 | 121 |
| Harioy | ", | 2 ll | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 1 & 1\end{array}$ | 326 | 88 | 100 | 103 |
| Jawap |  | $\begin{array}{llll}2 & 13 & 1\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 4 & 2\end{array}$ | 307 | 86 | 1100 | 93 |
| Bajra | " | 3111 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 13 & 6\end{array}$ | 370 | 86 | 100 | 89 |
| Maize | " | 210 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 5 & 4 \\ & 12 & 11\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 8 & 1 \\ 3 & 10 & 10\end{array}$ | 79 | 100 | 100 |
| Gram |  | 215 | 81211 | 312 8 812 12 | 78 | 1100 | 106 |
| Arlasdal | " | 1 | $\begin{array}{llll}6 & 7 & 2 \\ 5 & 11 & 10\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}5 & 12 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | ${ }^{78}$ | 1100 | 87 |
| Llturrd | " | $\begin{array}{lll}6 \\ 5 & 3 & 8 \\ 5 & 11 & 5\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 11 & 10 \\ 6 & 5 & 3\end{array}$ | 5 <br> 4 <br> 4 <br> 11 10 | 107 | 100 | 75 |
| dexsmium |  | $\begin{array}{llll}7 & 8 & 9\end{array}$ | 8 80 | 612 | 94 | 100 | 75 |
| cotion | . | 2587 | $20 \quad 00$ | 13100 | 128 | 100 | 68 |
| Jute | " | 980 | 900 | ${ }^{6} 0$ | 100 | 160 | 67 |

No. 45.-Wholesale Price of sugar per cwt.

|  |  |  |  18t qiAlity. |  | Svoar, JATA. 1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1913-14 | 1014-16 | 1013-16 | 1914-15 | 1913-14 | 1914-15 |
| $A_{\text {Alitl }}$ |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{11}{ }^{\text {c }}$ d ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ | 1075 | 71311 | 10120 | ${ }^{2} 1212$ | ${ }_{11} 10$ |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Junn }}$ | 10 10 0 0 | $\begin{array}{llll}8 & 0 \\ 7 & 13 & 7\end{array}$ | 1014 | ${ }^{9} 100$ | 11  <br> 11 0 |  |
| Aligant | 880 | ${ }_{10} 1_{2} 13$ |  | ${ }_{16}{ }^{8}$ | ${ }_{10} 0^{\circ}$ |  |
| Nowtint | ${ }_{8}^{8} 7$ | 11.2 | 10 | 14 | 10, 11 | $\begin{array}{lll}10 & 0 \\ 10 & 01\end{array}$ |
| Storn | ${ }_{8}^{8} 8$ | ${ }^{11} 11138$ | 10 | $1412{ }^{14} 12$ |  |  |
| Iteccm | ${ }_{8}^{7} 12$ | 11.01 | ${ }^{0} 12$ | 15 15 15 8 |  | ${ }^{10} 9$ |
| Jamary | 8 8 8 8 |  | 9 9 9 18 18 | ${ }_{10} 12$ |  |  |
| march | 2 | 1310 | 010 | 1613 |  |  |


| No. 4G.-Average Wholesale Price of Cotton |
| :---: |
| Broachat Bombay per candy of 784 libs. |



No. 47.-Wholesale Price of Rice in Calcutta and Rangoon.


No. 48.-Wholesale Price of wheat in London and Karach.

(a) Compild from George Broomhall's ${ }^{\circ}$ " Corn Trade News"
(e)
(e)

No. 49.-Wholesale Price of Jute group in Calcutta per Bale of 400 lbs.


No. 50.-Average rates of wages pard in selected INDUSTRIES.


No. 51.-Indian Sea and Land Custons Revenue (excludind Salt Reveniey).


No. 52.-Customs Tariff-Rates of duty in force in British India.* Special import duties.


Proviso 1.-No duty in excess of 10 por cent ad valorem shanll be levied upon any of tho articies numberod 1 to 10 in tho abovo list when they aro importod in reasonabio
 tho mporter by a person lawfuly entitlod as nforesald, in reasonablo quantity, for his own private use, the ifmporter may apply to thn Customs Collector for a rofund or remission (as the case may bo) of so much of the duty thercon as is in cececse of 10 per cont ad ralorem; and if buch colloctor is gatistiod us to tho ldoutity of the articlea and that such importor is in other respects entitlad to such refund or remission, he shall grant the same accordingly.
 appertain to a flro-s rm falling undor tho 1 st or 3 rd hoad, and aro fittod into the same case with such
fro-arm. Bxception III.-Arms forming part of tho regular equipment of an oflece catitiod to wear diplomatic, military, naval, or police uniform, \&c.

Alo, boor, and porter
Clider and other fermented llquors
Llquours and ewcotened spirits, cordtals, bitters, perfumed spirite and tollot preparations contain S pifit which has been renderod effectually and pormanently unft for human comsumption
" used in druga, medícines, or cincmicals


Saltmd Pies, wat or dry
TOBAOOO:-
Unmanufactured
Clgarsttes welghing less than 3 lbs. per thousand
Man wedahine 3 lbs, or more per thousand
Manufactured, other sorts
surfar bullion or coln, axcept current coln of tho Governiment of India, which la ireo

| \} Por Impl. gal. or © quart bottles. |  |
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|  | Frec. |
|  | $\pm \stackrel{\text { Frec. }}{\text { c. d. }}$ |
|  | 003 |
| Ad talorem <br> Do. Yor lmpl. pal. or ${ }^{\text {G }}$ quart, botities of the strength of Londou prool. | 0174 <br> 6 per cent. |
|  | 0106 <br> and the duty to be Ineresaed or |
|  | strength of tho apirit oxecod or is loss than Londor proot. $0126$ |
|  | and tho duty to bo facreand or reduced In proportion an the strength of the spifit excoeds or is less than London proot. |
| Per Impl. gal. or 6 quart bottles |  |
| Per ster of 80 tolus or 2.05 lbs . | 1120 |
| Por Imp. gal. <br> Por Iudian maund or 821 lb . avoirdupols weight. |  |
|  | The mete at which cxorge duty is for the time being loviable in sult manufacturod in the place where tho import takes place (ris. 1s. 4d.). |
| Per Indinn maund of $82 \% \mathrm{lb}$. a volrdurois meight. | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 0 & 6\end{array}$ |
| Per pound | 014 |
|  | $0{ }_{0} 29$ |
| $\underset{\text { Per pound }}{\text { Per thound }}$ : $\quad: \quad:$ | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 8\end{array}$ |
| Do. . $\quad$ ¢ ! ! | $0{ }_{0} 10$ |
| Per ounce - - . | 004 |

- Correctod up to 20th Decomber 1014. Govornor-General to Council muy notity in the Gazette of India to be "ammonition" or "military stores" for the purpuacs of thlys $\Delta$ act.
$\ddagger$ Souject in cartaln cases to a maximum of 10 per cont ad ealoram.

No. 52-continued.

## GRNERAL MAPORT DUTY.

## General duty of 5 per cent ad valorem.

5 per cent ad valorem is the general rate of import duty on all goods imported into India with the exception of those noted below. Tariff valuations are fixed for the bulk of articles chargeable with duty and are revised and published in December each year.

DUty of $3 \frac{1}{2}$ PER CENT ad valorem.
Cotton Pieegood, Hoalcry, Crocbet Cotton Thread, and all other manofactured cotion goods nut otherwive described.

## Duty of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ PER CENT ad valorem.

Finegar, in cails.

## DUTY of 1 PER CENT ad valorem.

ron : anchom and cables; Rowmoor; angle T; har ; nail rod, round rod, and square;
 moop ; nails a nufs and bolta; old ; jog ; pipre and tubm, Including fitinget therefor. nuch as brala, boots, elfows, tros, pockith, Hanker, \&e.. raik, sleyppra, and bearing

 wiro-rope (oxcludling wire-netting).

Steel : anchors and cablos ; angle T ; bar and blooms ; nail rod, round rod and square channel; plates and sheets; beams, joists, pillars, giruers, screw piles, bridgew or and other descriptions of steel importod exclusively for buifding purposes ; cast and blisteral ; hoop; nails, nuts and bolts; old ; ridging, guttering, and continuous coflng ; plpes and tubes and fittings therefor, such as bends, boots, elbowrs, tee witchics and crossings other than those exempt as railwny materials, also lever boxes, clfpe and tivbars; rivets and washers; wire including fencing wire and wire rope (oxcluding wire-netuing)

Andmals, living,
Hoplis. and Iutse, not including dour.
Flahl-maws and tharl-flids.
8ingally and sozille.
Nitrate of Lime and Ghmicals, Drcor and Mentcines. Potah, Sulphates of Ammoula and lotash, Kainit Salts, anul Mlneral Superphosphates.
Anti-phakue
Uuintine and other alknlokis of Clinchons.
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Fater-Iffa, sugar-mills, oil-presuen, and parts therroof, and ory other machines (and parte
 of tho producta of hustanilry, which Govirnnient may exempt; the following agricultural implementa when wingtod for manual or animal power, ris : winnowers,
 crushers, emedribls, liny-tuditer, and rakis: and the following dairy appliauced when adaptal for manual or animal power, viz: creatn separators, milk sterilislag or nasteuriving plant, milk ackrating and rooling apputatus, chums, butter dryers, and butter workers: as well as the following articles uaed in the manufacture of
 bands, pleking levern, pleking sticks (over and under), reve pliers, reuds, shuttles for jower lokins), wprlige for looms, strappinge, and weft forks : and box backs and swelle and roukh nestapol lobbin euds, when imporied by a manufacturer or milf-
owner exclusivily for use in his mill. arithers berme primemover and and component parts tieriof; and component parts thersof, including boilers steam-rollyr, inc-engines, nuil other machines in which the prime-mover is not spyarable from the opermitive parte.
nethinery (nud corpponcit. paris thereof, meaning machines or sots of machines to by worky by plectric, sham, water, fire or other power not being manual or animal other mowlog jarta; and inclading belting of all matortals for driving machinery. Hachinery and component parts thereof mado of subatances other thas metal are invided that entry
by manual or anlman machinery doos not inelodo tools and Implements to bo worked nitteal as component purts of machinery as now indispensable for the working of the muchinery and aro, owlog to thetr shapy or oher speclal quality, not adapted for any other purguec.
lond Sheces for Tos-chente.
lailway Material for parmanent-way and rollingstock, namedy, cylfodera, gindern, and other matcrini for bridges, ralk, sleepers boaring and ilsh plates, flsh-bolts, liairs, spikin, croseinga, slocper faiteniugs, switches, interloching apparatus, brakocrar, couplings and springs, sifnallst, turn-tables, weigh-bridges, engluex, tenders, cranes and water-cranas, water-tanke, and standerds, wire, and other material for

## Free List.

## EXPORT DUTY.

Fice, husked or unhuaked (lncluding rice-flour), per maund of 89 lb . avoindapols, 3d. Rice-bran and Rice-dast are free
Nors.- Under Act IX of 1903 a costoms duty of $\frac{2}{d}$. per lb. is lovied on all tes prodiced to India and exported therefrom, the procects being pald to a Teas Cens ComAn esport duty, for tho beapent of the Cascutta Improvement Trust, is levied on jute exported by sea from Calcutta, at the rato of $9 d$. per balo of 400 lb . on rave


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public place, and memorials of a public character intended to be put up in a publio place, including the materials usod, or to be used in their construction. mboos, de.
Books printed. 8 .
Bristlis and Fibre for brushes and brooms.
challengo Cups or Trophifes which have bean won by any military unit (Including
volunter corps) or by a particular member or menbers of any such unit in gndia or volunteer corps) or by a particular member or menbers of any such unit in fndia or
which have been sent by donors resident abroad for presentation or competition in Inda. Provided that the articles are certified by the oflicer commanding the unit or brigade or any higher military anthority or any of their staff offlecs, as having been off red for compotition or presented with the sole or main object of encouraging
military efmeiency : and that they have had engraved upon them beforo being shipped the object for wilich presented, and, except in the case of those sent by donors resident abroad for competition in India, the name of the winner or. winners
Coal, Coko and Patent Fuel
Cotton, Ras. Twist
Cotion, Sowing and Darning Thread
Earli, Common Clay, and sand.
Firewood.
Frankincense or Olibanam.
Horn.
Instruments, Apparatus, and Appliances, and parts thereof: telegraphic instruments and apparatus and parts thereof, when imported by or under the orders of a railway company, and any listruments, apparatus, and appliances when importod as part of pensousl baggage in the exercise of a pmiession or calling. Bond fide regimental Jute, raw and second-land, or used gunny bags.
Manures of all kinds, including animal bones.
Mother of Pearl, Nacre.
Motor cars designal to
Motor cars designal to carry goods, and containing 3 prime mover
Oilcake, Bran, Fodder, and Cattle Food of all kinds.
Perfumed spirits.
Planta and Bulbes
Precious Stones and Pearts, unger
Printing and Lithographic slaterials, including presses, type, ink, de., but excludla paper.
Saddiery for Military Equipment.
Tearchesta of yer Veasels for inland and harbour navigation imported entire or in sections Tea-chesta of actal or Wood, entiry or in sections for packing of tas for transport in Tea-withering Racks.
Trado Catalogues and advertising circulars importad by packet, book, or pareel post Wool, ranf accoutroments for personal use of a public servant. Wool, raty.

No. b3.-Rates of mport duty levied in Foreion Countrifs on principal abticleb of Indian Mek. ohandise.


Notr,-Complied trom the "Foroign Import Dutles for 1013 " publishod by the Hoard of Trade, Inter fenucs not belng avaliable.
(a) $7.02 d$. per lb . (or Brick Tea (Black or Greon).,

No. 54.-Percentage shares of Germany and Austria-Hungary in the principal artioles imported and exported by sea.


No. 50.- Nitmber and tonnage op vebsbls rngaged in the foreign sbaborne trade Which entered and cleared at ports in British India.

|  | 1009-10 |  | 1910-11 |  | 1911-12 |  | 1912-13 |  | 1913-14 |  | 1914-15 |  | Perceatago share of each the total ton- <br> , page to |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Na. | Tona | No. | Tom | ro. | Tona | no. | Tosa | No. | Tons | No. | Tons |  |
| Estiasd |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Britlah }}^{\text {Bruth }}$ Indian ${ }^{\text {a }}$ : | ${ }_{2}^{2305}$ | $6,693,703$ 112,716 | 2,417 312 | 5,016,437 162,695 | ${ }^{2,5825}$ | 0,370,217 | ${ }_{313}^{2,554}$ | 6,591,597 | 2,444 | $0,108,848$ 152,678 | ${ }^{2,388} \mathbf{3 1 5}$ | 4,909,087 | \% 7766 |
| Forelign- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| German ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 228 | 680.507 | 224 |  |  |  | 266 |  | ${ }_{128}^{288}$ | 923,507 | 868 | 117, 186 | 1.86 |
| ${ }_{\text {Auper }}^{\text {Autro-Mangarian }}$ | $\begin{array}{r}105 \\ 30 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 309,024 | $\begin{array}{r}101 \\ 38 \\ \hline 1\end{array}$ | 295, 203 | 107 | 314,395 181037 | 117 101 | - 333,828 | $\xrightarrow{14}$ | 489,950 | 36 98 98 | 117,246 |  |
| Soparse. | 47 | 88, 8 \%7 | 52 | 117,488 | ${ }_{6}$ | ${ }_{0}^{181,000}$ | ${ }_{68}$ | 200,841 | 43 | 67,847 | 78 | 105,763 | 1.08 |
| Italias. |  | 110.733 | 50 | 133,573 | 48 | 132.218 | 48 | 134,627 | 42 | 120,954 | 4 |  |  |
| French | 27 2 2 | 88,392 |  | ${ }_{79} \mathbf{3 9 1}$ | ${ }_{29}^{29}$ | 90, 246 40378 408 | 23 <br> 23 <br> 2 | ${ }_{4}^{88,214}$ | 320 | - ${ }_{39,992}$ | 15 | 응,32 | . 26 |
| OLber nationalites | 58 | 123,185 | ${ }_{4} 1$ | 85,557 |  | 132,938 | 76 | 179,189 | 89 | 225,069 |  | 206,384 |  |
| Tozal foamios | 640 | 1,375,921 | 542. | 1,446,029 | ${ }^{68}$ | 1,707,057 | 718 | 1,052,047 | 754 | 2,209,491 | 482 | 1,204,943 | 19.09 |
| Naturo Cratt | 780 | 62,731 | 1,049 | 70,504 | 98 | 72,591 | 83 | 65,070 | 853 | 63,062 | 702 | 56,210 | 88 |
| TOTAL ExTELKD. | 4,080 | 7,275,071 | 4,320 | 7,505,725 | 4,481 | 8,354,877 | 6,408 | 8,727,687 | 4,294 | 8,024,079 | 3,837 | 0,312,545 | 10 |
| Clemend |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brtlah <br> Brilish India | $\begin{array}{r} 2,327 \\ \hline 08 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5,660,314 \\ & 500,952 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r}2,334 \\ \hline 325\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,799,263 \\ \mathbf{1 8 7}, 768 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.535 \\ 322 \end{array}$ | $6,347,388$ 203,636 | ${ }^{2.577}$ | ${ }_{6}^{6,613,992}$ | $2,507$ | 0,486,282 | 2,459 | $\begin{array}{r} 5,176,751 \\ 117,058 \end{array}$ | 79.09 1.79 |
| Forrikn- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 227 | 305,448 | 195 | 500,025 | 230 | 682,946 | 245 | 749.572 | 271 | 854,689 |  | ${ }^{275,959}$ | ${ }_{2 \cdot 28}$ |
| Japanior | ${ }_{33}^{115}$ | ${ }_{\text {3 }}^{310,534}$ | 107 | ${ }^{316.238}$ | 108 | 317,124 | 198 | 357.303 | 141 | 402,956 | ${ }_{91}^{48}$ | 147,751 | + $2 \cdot 28$ |
| Starwicgian | 48 | 64,049 | 56 | $\underset{61,650}{ }$ | ${ }_{69} 69$ | 198,424 | 65 | 100,841 | ${ }_{37}$ | 57,550 | ${ }_{75}$ | 102,680 | ${ }_{1}^{1.57}$ |
| French . | ${ }_{29}^{38}$ | ${ }_{\substack{\text { 10,034 }}}^{103,01}$ | 34 | ${ }^{017} 81868$ | 35 | 98.698 | 42 | ${ }^{117,977}$ | 313 | 88.687 | ${ }^{35}$ | 90,319 <br> 54,839 | 1.38 .83 |
| Ruslan ${ }_{\text {R }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 71,818 48.289 |  |  |  |  | -41 |
| Other nalionaliliea | 53 | 114,902 | 42 | 91,472 | ${ }_{37}^{23}$ | 131,899 | ${ }_{78}$ | 19\%;783 | 85 | 216,861 | 90 | 207,102 | 9.16 |
| total formay ${ }^{\text {co }}$ - | 540 | 1,411,030 | 507 | 1,362,503 | 008 | 1,033,033 | 703 | 1,005,664 | 72 | 2,066,980 | 460 | 1,191,331 | 18.20 |
| Nature Crath . . 081 |  | 48,804 | 1,075 | 68,362 | 929 | 71,451 | 785 | 62,8\%9 | 84 | 63,871 | 819 | 60,200 | -92 |
| total Clenem | 3,902 | 7,322,020 | 4,241 | 7,397,976 | 4,387 | 8,261,558 | 4,341 | 8,750,764 | 4,323 | 8,762,329 | 4,023 | 6,545,340 | 100 |
| ORAND TOTAL | 8,042 | 14,507,091 | 8,561 | 14,003,701 | 8,868 | 16,010,485 | 8,749 | 17,484,391 | 18,617 | 17,386,408 | 7,980 | 12,857,885 | .. |

No. 56.-Statistics of average Maritime Freights, in 1894, 1904, 1913, 1914and 1915.


No. 57.-Monthly variations in Indian Freiguts from Augubt 1914 to March 1915. (Fibeight for July $1914=100$ )

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow{2}{*}{Arthclo} \& \multirow{2}{*}{Frelghta to} \& \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{1014} \& \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{1915} <br>
\hline \& \& Aug. \& Sept. \& Oct. \& Nov. \& Dec. \& Jan. \& Pelt. \& Mach <br>
\hline meo . . ${ }_{\text {calcutta }}$ \& London (rid canal) \& 100 \& .. \& 178 \& 180 \& 180 \& 205 \& \% 7 \& 275 <br>
\hline Wheat \& " \& 100
100 \& $\because$ \& (178 $\begin{aligned} & 178 \\ & 139\end{aligned}$ \& 180
173 \& 180 \&  \& 3137 \& 875 <br>
\hline Hapeseed ${ }^{\text {a }}$ \& ": \& 100 \& $\because$ \& 138 \& $1{ }^{163}$ \& 168 \& 2\% \& 4 \&  <br>
\hline 3 3te \& " \& 300 \& .. \& 139 \& 173 \& 173 \& 314 \& (20) \& 48 <br>
\hline ${ }_{\text {cotan }}$ Cunucs \& ", \& 1000 \& $\because$ \& ${ }_{139}^{302}$ \& 160
173 \& 160
173 \& 195 \& ${ }_{315}$ \& 308\% <br>
\hline Tca \& $\because$ \& 100 \& \& 94 \& 120 \& 120 \& lus \& 96 \& 89 <br>
\hline Hides \& " \& 100 \& $\cdots$ \& 110 \& 130 \& $1: 0$ \& $1: 35$ \& 177 \& 19 <br>
\hline Slice \& Liverpool (ad \& 100
100 \& .: \& 146
102 \& 160
180 \& 100
180 \& 195
255 \& 219
357 \& 等: <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 3, invered \& ", \& 100 \& .. \& ${ }_{1}^{168}$ \& 173 \& 180
173 \& 205 \& 3:37 \& 375 <br>
\hline Jute \& " \& 100 \& \& 165 \& 173 \& 173 \& 2419 \& 313 \& <br>
\hline ${ }_{\text {cotion }}^{\text {cute }}$ \& Dundeo "̈rid canali) \& 100
100 \& 192 \& 150
100 \& 173
173 \& \& 200 \& 3313 \& 3418 <br>
\hline Saltpotro \& Sow York \& 114 \& ${ }^{156}$ \& \& \& 178 \& 200 \& 306 \& 346
$3: 7$ <br>
\hline ${ }_{\text {Lince }}^{\text {Linsed }}$ : \& Maurtilus \& 108 \& ${ }_{137}^{134}$ \& 135
160 \& ${ }_{150}^{135}$ \& 157
150 \& (218 \& - 246 \& 3 <br>
\hline aterag: \& \& 101 \& 155 \& 149 \& 164 \& 64 \& 220 \& 279 \& 300 <br>
\hline Whrat \& London \& $\because$ \& .. \& 200
185 \& 171
185 \& 164

168 \& 200 \& 390 \& <br>
\hline ${ }^{\text {aterage }}$ \& . \& . \& . \& 202 \& 168 \& 188 \& 200 \& 395 \& 653 <br>
\hline Whent \& Llverpool \& . \& 176 \& \& \& \& 350 \& \& <br>
\hline Cotton \& \& .. \& 161
143 \& 151
168 \& 149
143 \& 158
143 \& 308 \& 436 \& 542 <br>
\hline Wool \& " . \& .. \& 143 \& 168 \& 143 \& 143 \& 264 \& 333 \& 371 <br>
\hline apras atas \& - \& . \& 160 \& $155{ }^{\circ}$ \& 164 \& 150 \& 307 \& 404 \& 450 <br>
\hline Cotton . . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ \& Loudon \& 100 \& ${ }^{125}$ \& 120 \& 128 \& 160 \& 188 \& 227 \& <br>
\hline  \& , \& 100
100 \& 125 \& 120 \& 1200 \& 172
172 \& $\xrightarrow{213}$ \& 154 \& 134 <br>
\hline Coftec (in bags). \& " \& 100 \& 125 \& 120 \& 120 \& 120 \& 160 \& 160 \& 2912 <br>
\hline Mytubalur - \& Varcluca \& 100 \& 125 \& 120 \& 1138 \& 154 \& 190 \& 209 \& 4 <br>
\hline  \& Mateclice \& 100 \& 125 \& 120 \& ${ }_{1}^{133}$ \& 160
120 \& - 154 \& 4 \& 358 <br>
\hline Gingelly seed . \& \& 100 \& $1{ }^{2}$ \& 120 \& 12 c \& 164 \& 100 \& \%19 \& 1912 <br>
\hline Juce \& \& 100 \& ${ }^{15}$ \& 120 \& 120 \& 150 \& 146 \& 203 \& <br>
\hline Juto : : \& " \& 100 \& 125 \& 120 \& 120 \& 154 \& 190 \& 209 \& 472 <br>
\hline avmbas \& . \& 100 \& 115 \& 120 \& 124 \& 146 \& 188 \& 201 \& 28S <br>
\hline Rlco . . \& Singapore \& 132 \& 203 \& 210 \& 180 \& 100 \& 143 \& 185 \& <br>
\hline $\xrightarrow{\text { Ricco }}$ Reco . . \& ${ }_{\text {Y }}^{\substack{\text { Yenang } \\ \text { Bombay }}}$ \& 145
100 \& 245
100 \& 100 \& 185
100 \& 100
110 \& 100

141 \& -380 \& | 336 |
| :--- |
| 130 |
| 10 | <br>

\hline averam \& .. \& 128 \& 183 \& 188 \& 148 \& 103 \& 148 \& 187 \& 03 <br>
\hline general avelage (incleding hingoon) \& . \& 103 \& 145 \& 147 \& 151 \& 154 \& 210 \& 207 \& 313 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

The monthly flaures ore the averages of the iifurer or f.ec week

No. 58.-Deek passage rates from Caloutta to Rangoon and Eastern Ports.


Note,-'Theso quotations have been furn!uhed by a leading stcamship com pany, Calcutta. (a) Thls rate ia for Penang (cid Rangoon) and for Penang (Direct per Apear LIne) li Re. 5 bid for vid Rangoon and pre Apear Line. (The Apear Line is owned by the Britigh Indli Steam Navigation Company.)
No. 59.-Statistics of Maritime Freights (net) in the month of January of the years 1912-1915.
A. From Calcutta to Rangoon.

| Artiches | $\underset{\text { to }}{\substack{\text { Frelghts } \\ \text { and }}}$ | Rato per | 1012 | 1913 | 1014 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| calcotta. Gunnles | Rangoon |  | ${ }_{\text {7R. }}^{3}{ }_{3}{ }_{12}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rn. } \\ 3 \end{gathered} \frac{\mathbf{A}}{12}$ |  | $\frac{1}{12}$ |
| Deadwelght and measurcment goods | " | Ton, 20 cuid. or 60 c. ft. | 60 | 50 | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Rlce, grain and Sugar. | " | Maund | 02 | 02 | 0 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Flour and Wheat - | " | " | 0 | 0 13 | 0 13 |  | 3 |

Complled from returns of a lming at ramahip company.
In Jabuary 1012, 60 per cent rebate was allowed on shipments by shadowing steamers.
In Februnry 1012, a relate of 50 per cent on all gunny shlpmenta and 25 per cent on all other cargo was allowed by all steatulers. In April 1012, the rebate of 50 per cent was date a rebate of 50 per cent ts jnyabile of all cargo by all aterimers.
B. From Rangion to Calculta.


No. 60--Statistics of Maritime Freights (net) in January of the years 1912-1915, from Calcutta to Eastern Ports.

| Articles | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fraghts } \\ \text { to } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { inte } \\ \text { por } \end{gathered}$ | 1012 | 1913 | 1014 | 1015 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calctita Measurement goods | Pcnang | Ton 60 | Ba. 4. <br> 160 | $\begin{array}{lr} \text { lks. } & \text { A. } \\ 10 & 0 \end{array}$ | Its. 4. <br> 100 | Rs. 1. |
| Dcad welght goods | " | Ton 20 | 150 | $10 \quad 0$ | -10 0 | 150 |
| Gunnles | " | Ton 50 | 0 O | 60 | 5 | 150 |
| Rapecako | " | cag c | 0 10 | 010 | $0 \quad 10$ | 012 |
| Plgiron . . | " | Ton 20 | Noen- | 50 | 08 | 88 |
| Measurement goods | Slagapore | Ton 50 | 150 | 100 | 10 | 150 |
| Dead weight goods | " | Ton 20 | 150 | 100 | 10 | 150 |
| Gunnlcs | $\bullet$ | Ton 60 | 08 | 00 | 50 | 150 |
| Rape cake . . | " | Bag 2 mads. | 010 | 010 | 010 | 012 |
| Pig iron | " | Ton 20 | No mı- | 50 | 0 | 88 |
| Measurement goods | Hongrong | Ton 50 | 15 919 | 100 | 10 | 25 |
| Dead weight goods | " | Ton 20 | 150 | 10 | 100 | 25 |
| Gunnics | " | Ton 50 | 0 - | 5 | 50 | 25 |
| Rape cake . | * | Ton 20 | 00 | 50 | (3) 0 | 16 |
| Plg jrou | " | Ton 20 | No | 60 | 0 | 25 |
| Measurement goods | Shanyhal | Tou 60 | 20 | 160 | 10 | 35 |
| Dad welght goods | " | Ton 20 | 20 0 | 160 | 160 | 35 |
| Gunnica |  | Ton 50 | 128 | 50 | 5 . 0 | 30 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | so |
| Rapecako | " | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ton } 20 \\ \text { cwts. } \end{gathered}$ | 12 |  | 7 | 20 |
| Pig Iron | " | Ton 20 | 60 | 7 | 78 | 35 |
| Measurement goods | Kobe | Ton 50 | 200 | 15 | 16 | 30 |
| Dead weight goods | " | Ton 20 | 200 | 160 | 15 | so |
| Gunnies | " | Ton 60 | 18 | 100 | 100 | 30 |
| Rape cake | " | Ton 20 | 120 | 70 | 0 - | 20 |
| Pig Iron | " | Ton 20 | 50 | 78 | 7 | 300 |
| Mcasarement goodal | Mojl | Ton 50 | 200 | 150 | 15 | 30 |
| Dead welght goodr |  | Ton 20 | 20 0 | 15 | 150 | 30 |
| Gannles |  | cwis. | 138 | 100 | 10 0 | 40 |
| Itapo cako . |  | Ton 20 | 120 | 70 | 08 |  |
| Plg Iron . |  | cris. | 00 | 78 | 7 g | 30 |
|  |  | cwts. |  |  |  |  |

No. 61.-Freights during let week of Jandaby 1915,


Complod from returna obtained through the Bengal Chamder of Commerce.
Nute.-Thturn freights to Calcutta from thee ports are not obtalnable.

No. 62.-QUANTITY AND VALUE OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE impolited into and exported from Provinces, Native STATES, AND CHIEF SEAPORTS, BY RAIL AND RIVER.

| Years. |  | Rexarig. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity Value (in thou. (in lakhs of tons). rupess). |  |
| 1905.10 | $4.482,6,28,41$ |  |
| 1900.17 | 47,344 0,783101 | Vince of lifhar and Orises and other edminis- |
|  |  | trative clanges with effoct from ist April 1912 |
| \%own | 4,70 0,700 | the totals for the last three yoars (1912-13, |
| 1900011 | 6:3, $\times 13080$ | 1013.14 and $191+150$ will not bo quite com- |
| 101--12 | 54, | (2) Prior to 100s-09 trade between ono native |
| 1915.13 | 604,706 y.01,38 | stato and another was not recorded. |
| 1913.14 | 07,502\| $8,04,04$ |  |
|  | 62,808 8,20,80 | (3) lor 9 montis, A Aril to Decermber 1914, and |
|  |  | est!maticl agures for the threo months |
|  |  | January to March 1015, the cstimates being |
|  |  | basod on the averago proportion of the pre- |
|  |  | colling ten years. Tho values have been ob- |
|  |  | porte in tho provincial reports, except the |
|  |  | value for 1914.15, which has been calculated |
|  |  | on the rate obtatiod from the total quantity |

No. 63.-QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED FROM and imported into each Province by rail, etc.


No. 63-continued.


No. 63-concluded.


No. 64.-Inland Trade-Quantity of merchandise imported into and exported from each province, and provinces with which trade is chiefly carried on.
(In thoussinds of tons)

|  | EXPORTS. <br> Twelve months. Nime monthe |  |  | ImPORTS. |  |  | Totaz. |  |  | Trading chiedy with- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Twelve monthe. | Nine m | nths. | Twelve! months. | Nine | onths. |  |
|  | 1013-14 | 1013-14 | 1014-15 | 1913-14 | 1913-14 | 1014-15 | 1913-14 | 1913-14 | 1014-15 |  |
| 1. Bengal . . . ** | 6,292 | 4,781 | 4,280 | 3,956 | 2,878 | 3,033 | 10,247 | 7,609 | 7,324 | Calcutta ( 68 per cant), Bihar and Orissa, United Provinces, Assam, Punjab, Bombay, C. P. and Berar, and Raj, and C. I. |
| 2. Madras Presidency | 1,595 | 1,081 | 991 | 1,527 | 1,120 | 1,088 | 3,122 | 2,201 | 2,070 | Madras Ports (71 per cent), Bombay, Xizam's |
| 3. Eombay Prealdency | 1,537 | 1,017 | 1,006 | 2,146 | 1,663 | 1,580 | 3,083 | 2,580 | 2,656 | Territory and mysore. <br> Bombay Port ( 61 per cent), United Provinces, <br> C. P. and Berar, Maj, and C. I., Nizam's Territory |
| 4. United Provinces. | 2,118 | 1,697 | 1,022 | 2,042 | 1,977 | 2,103 | 5,080 | 3,674 | 3,125 | and Mysore. <br> Calcutta ( 10 per cent), Bombay Port ( 8 por cent). Bengal, Bihar and Orisea, Punjab, Bombay, C. P. and Berar, Raj. and C. I. and Karachi ( 5 por cent). |
| 6. Bibar and Orlsea . | 8,700 | 6,452 | 7,028 | 1,:62 | 852 | 863 | 9,052 | 7,304 | 7,89] | Calcutta ( 42 per cent), Bengal, United Provinces, C. P. and Berar, Bombny, Punjab and Raj. and |
| 8. Punjab - | 2,281 | 1,658 | 1,62: | 2,210 | 1,569 | 1,583 | 4,491 | 3,227 | 3,208 | Karachl ( 30 per cent), United Provinces, SInd and |
| 7. Central Provincas and Berar | 2,707 | 1,252 | 787 | 048 | 069 | 680 | 2,745 | 1,021 | 1,406 | British Balucbistan, and Raj, and C.I. <br> Bombay Port ( 49 per cont), United Provincos, Ras. |
| 8. Assam and British Baluchistan: | 470 612 | 369 349 | $\begin{array}{r}347 \\ 353 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 355 <br> 458 <br> 08 | 250 204 | $\stackrel{281}{287}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 825 \\ & 937 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{6}^{628} 8$ | ${ }_{628}^{64}$ | and $\mathcal{L}$. I. and Bombay. <br> Bengal and Calcutta ( 348 per cent). <br> Karachi (70 per cent) and Punjab. |
| 10. Rafputana and Central Indla | 1,197 | 888 | 689 | 080 | 055 | 700 | 2,177 | 1,638 | 1,481 | Bombay Port ( 24 per cent), United Provinces, Punfab, C. P. and Berar and Bombay. |
| 11. Nizam's Territory - - | 816 | 548 | 801 | 310 | - 214 | 21:3 | 1,126 | 762 | 814 | Bombay Port (38 per cent), Bombay and Madras. |
| 12. Mrysore Kashmir : : | ${ }^{203}$ | 148 34 | 311 30 | 378 26 | 269 18 | 300 15 | ${ }_{102}^{581}$ | 417 59 | 417 | Bombay and Madras, |
| 14. Calcutta | 2,654 | 1,893 | 1,099 | 0,766 | 7,377 | 6,490 | 12,410 | 0,270 | 8,405 | Penjant, Bhar and Orisa, United Provinces and |
| 15. Bombay Port | 1,493 | 1,060 | 993 | 3,241 | 2,307 | 1,830 | 4,734 | 3,376 | 2,823 | Bombay. C. P. and Berar, United Provinces, Raj. and C. I., Nizan's Territory, Punjab and Bithar and Oriksa. |
| 16. Madras Ports | 1,169 | 874 617 | 704 411 | 1,465 1,026 | 1,004 1,547 | $\begin{array}{r} 914 \\ \mathbf{1}, 125 \end{array}$ | 2,624 $\mathbf{2 , 6 7 7}$ | 1,878 $\mathbf{2 , 0 6 4}$ | 1,708 1,536 | Mrdras, Blhar and Orisan and Mysore. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Punjab, Sind and British Baluchistan and United Provinces. |
| Totas | 33,751 | 24,572 | 23,137 | 33,761 | 24,672 | 23,137 | 67,502 | 49,144 | 48,274 |  |

No. 65.-Inland Trade-Quantity of uerchandise Ex-| ported from and imported into each province, native states, and'chiff beaports, derdig the war period, as compared with the corbesponding pebiod of 1913.

|  |  |  |  | In thoe | nds of |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Places thence exported or to whlther tmported | Expotis |  | Ixprosts |  | T01sh |  |
|  | Six monthe (July to Decembet) |  | 8 Ex months (Juiy to December) |  | Six months (July to December) |  |
|  | 1913 | 1914 | 1913 | 1914 | 1913 | 1914 |
| 1. Eengal | 3,381 | 9,882 | 1.879 | 1,952 | 5,933 | 4,814 |
| 2. Madra Prelliency | ${ }^{702}$ | ${ }_{5}^{603}$ |  | 700 | -1,437 | 1,591 |
| 3. Membay lieninemey | 838 | 632 | 1,388 | 1,331 | 2, $2 \times 0$ | 1,963 |
| 5. Jhtur a id Orimat | 4.147 | 4,528 | 521 | 569 | 4,663 | 5,007 |
| 6. Pubjsb Prorinces iod | 953 | 898 | 1,016 | 1,036 | 1,969 | 1,834 |
| 7. Central Provisces sida Liefur. | 840 | 356 | 422 | 381 | 1,282 | 737 |
| R. Arxam. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 246 | 235 | 167 | 171 | 413 | 406 |
| 9. Biod and Britieh Batuchlatan. | 210 | 998 | 200 | 188 | 410 | 416 |
| 10. Bajputage and Central | 401 | 443 | 425 | 481 | 916 | 994 |
| 11. Nisam's Territory . . | 848 | 332 | 130 | 183 | +78 | 457 |
| 12. Mymare - | ${ }_{8}^{93}$ | 68 80 | $183!$ |  | 275 |  |
| 13. Kanhithlr | $\begin{array}{r}18 \\ 1.988 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 1,20 |  | 4,159 |  |  |
| 14. Calcutia fort | 1,703 | 1.260 | 1,378 | 4,988 | 2,081 | 1,367 |
| 16. Mpatras l'orte | 679 348 | 512 | 634 | 561 578 | 1,213 | 1,073 83 |
| 17. Karach - | 348 | 254 | 665 | 578 | 1,013 |  |
| Tutal | 15,778 | 14,408 | 15,773 | 14,408 | 31,546 | 28,816 |

No. 66.-Imports, Exports and Net Imports by land prontier (merchandise and treasure) of British India with Foreign Colintries.

|  |  |  | (In latibs of rupers) |  |  |  |
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| Yesis | Imports | Per. centagy thare of rotal Trade | Exporta | Percentage share of total Trade | $\underset{\text { IMPOEt: }}{\text { NET }}$ | Total |
| 1005-06* | 0,40 | 56 | 7,88 | 4 | 2,04 | 16,76 |
| 1000-07 : | 7,73 | 55 | 6.41 | 45 | 1,32 | 14.14 |
| 1007-08 | 8,51, | 55 | 6,00 | 45 | 1,55 | 15,47 |
| 1006-09. | 8.29 | 54 | 6,96 | 45 | 1,33 | 15,25 |
| 1004-10 | 8,40 | 55 | 6,89 | 45 | 1,64 | 15,28 |
| 1910.11 | 9.19 | 55 | 7,43 | 45 | 1,76 | 16,69 |
| 1911-12 | 10,38 | 64 | 8,83 | 48 | 1,55 | 19,21 |
| 1912-13 | 11,50 | 58 | 10.47 9.42 | 48 | 1,03 2 0 | 21.07 |
| 1913-14: | 12,02 | 55 | 9,48 | 45 | 2,60 1,95 | 21,48 90,98 |

No. 67.-Frontier Trade-Values of principal articles with principal Frontier countries.


| Imports therctrom $\rightarrow$ <br> Frult, vegetables, and nots tovisions-ghi Wool, raw <br> All other articios <br> Exports thereto- <br> cution hannufactares- <br> Twist and yarn <br> Piccegoods. <br> Lenthis <br> Mictils and manufactures thereot Nugar <br> All other articies <br> DIR, SFAT, AKD BAJAUE <br> Imports theretromGrain nad pulse hiden of cattle Frovisions-Gh Allother articiat <br> Sxports thereto- <br> Cotton manufacture- <br> Thist and yarn Grain and paleo spicat <br> All other arcucies <br> Centbal 4014 <br> Importa therutromCharas raw <br> All other articies Totas <br> Exporta thereto- Cotton manufac Piecegoods. All other articies |
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No. 72.-Coastwise Imports into British India of prlncipal articles of Indian Merchandise.

| Articles | Quantity (in thousands) |  |  |  |  | Value (in lakhs (f rupers) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1010-11 | 1911-12 | 1012-13 | 1013-14 | 191¢-15 | 1010-11 | 1011-12 | 1012-13 | 1013-14 | 1014-15 |
| Coal . . . . . tons | 1,590 | 1,540 | 1,637 | 1,604 | 1,609 | 1,90 | 1,02 | 2,20 | 2,12 | 2.00 |
| Cotton-raw . . . cyt. | 1,857 | 1,628 | 1,870 | 1,809 | 1,744 | 7,51 | 7.00 | 7,33 | 7,57 | -1,00 |
| , Twist and yarn . . lbs. | 31,238 | 31,549 | 38,130 | 32,512 | -6,740 | 1,83 | 1,68 | 2,03 | $\frac{1}{2,67}$ | 1,90 |
| :\% Piccegoods-grey ${ }_{\text {white }}$. . yds. | 188,162 7,672 | 208,471 7,083 | 108,755 8,708 | 152,644 0,623 | 141,378 | 3,26 | 3,70 | 3,50 | 2,60 | ${ }^{-10}$ |
| " $\quad$ " white ${ }_{\text {colourcd, printed }}$ " | 7,672 | 7,083 | 8,706 | 0,623 | 4,573 | 17 | 16 |  |  |  |
| " " ordyed. | 52,930 | 61,854 | 03,861 | 60,470 | 40,844 | 1,21 | 1,40 | 1,45 | 1,37 | 1,07 |
| Tobseco, unmanufactured . . ibs, | 21,039 | 29,008 | 27,422 | 31,559 | 18,047 | 58 | 57 | 01 | 89 | - 98 |
| Hice in the husk . . . cwt. | 4,041 | 2,408 | 4,285 | 6,245 | 0,105 | 1,39 | 00 | 1,93 | $\stackrel{2}{7} 17$ | 9,10 $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 8}$ |
| Rice not in tho husk . . . | 8 8,735 | 5.153 | 6,973 | 14,416 | 18,914 | 4,70 | 3,20 | 4,05 | 7,99 | 10,08 |
| Jute-Guniy bags - . . no. | 78,359 | 67,609 | 79,160 | 78, 004 | 50,426 | 9.11 | 2,10 $\mathbf{9}, 08$ | 2,58 3,63 | 3,88 | 3,88 |
|  | 40,674 | 88,002 | 100,88 $\mathbf{5 0 , 0 9 6}$ | 104,158 | 114,219 47,219 | 3, 84 | -77 | , 83 | ${ }^{84}$ | 180 |
| Food-Teak . . eubic tons | 141 | 133 | 139 | 122 | 01 | 1,38 | 1,34 | 1,46 | 1,54 | 1,31 |

No. 73.-Coastiwise Exports to British India of principal articles of findian Merchandise.

| Articles | Quantly (in thousand 3) |  |  |  |  | Value (in lakis of rupues) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost - . . . . tons | 578 ${ }^{1}$ | 2,092 | 2,220 | 2,899 ! | 1,880 | 1,80 | 1,78 | 2.27 | 8.17 | 1.67 |
|  | 35,665 | 34,200 | 41,954 | 34,148 | 33,501 | - | 1,85 | ${ }_{2,17}$ | 1,77 | 1,52 |
| ", Plecegoods-mrey ${ }_{\text {white }}^{\text {a }}$ ( yds. | 186,568 | 102, 290 | 180,053 | 132,494. | 145,082 | 2,81 | 2,05 | 2,88 | 2,10 | 8,20 |
|  | 6,008 | 6,588 | 5,578 | 4,770 | 4,400 | 0 | 10 |  |  |  |
| " colourd erdyct | 67,291 | 70,553 | 92,031 | 76,331 | 00,515 | 1,52 | 1,51 | 2.17 | 1,76 | 1,33 |
| robaceo, ummunufactured. - liss. | 23,370 | 24,514. | ${ }_{\text {27,350 }}^{468}$ | ${ }_{\substack{\text { c,122 }}}^{20,265}$ ! |  | 1.61 | 1,60 | 51 1.03 |  | $2{ }_{3}$ |
| Rico in tho husk ${ }^{\text {a }}$, : cwt. | 3, ${ }^{3,822}$, | 6, 3 , 418 | 7,389 | ${ }_{14,231}^{6,122}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 10,767 } \\ \hline 10,785\end{array}$ | - $1,3.44$ | 1,17 | 4,59 | $\frac{2,40}{7,4}$ | ${ }_{0}^{0,97}$ |
| Kice not in tho husk. : \% no. | 77,384 |  | 79,646 | ${ }_{80,877}$ | 57,880 | - | 2,01 | 2,57 | 2,78 | 1,77 |
| Jute-Gunny bags a $\quad \therefore$ gno. | 68,337 | 91,896 | 108,303 | 111,065 | 108,085 | 3,51 | 3,10 | 3,63 | 3,7,4 | 3,166 |
| îcrosene oil | 43,387 | 42,888 | ${ }_{5}^{56,707}$ | 45,228. | 47,8006 | ${ }^{62}$ | , 57 | ${ }^{60}$ | +65 | 175 |
| ${ }_{\text {spicss-Mctelnuts }}^{\text {Wood-Teak }}$. $\quad$ - cubic tons | 158 | 152 | 152 |  | 115 | 1,30 | 1,25 | 1,32 | 1,23 | 1.20 |

No. 74.-List of ppincipal Emergency meastres of Governient after the ottbreak of war.


No. 74-continued.

| Dates. | Trade Notifications, ete. | Dates. | Trado Notifatlona, ete. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12th Dec. 1914. | The artleles Nux Vomica, Cantor reed and Muntard mend ate exempted from the existing probubltion-No. 1717-15. wodlaed by No. 1010-W., dated 28th February, and supernednd by No. 2045. W., dated 13th Mareli, and by No. 2304-W., dated 20th March, 1015). | 13th March 1015. | The exportation finm Brtioh India of chrotne Iren ore (chromite) to the Unitid kingdoin bexringted from tho exikting prohibltion-NO. $2.52 \mathrm{~g}-\mathrm{W}$. |
| 26th Dec. 1914. | An Ordel in Councll adding "Rubber, raw" to the luat of prohilblions on export to all destinations contained in the Proclanatlon dated $10 \mathrm{H}_{1}$ day of Novetaber, 1014-No. 2106-W. (superseded | 13th March 1015. | The oxportation of eertain clanaca of goods from Brithat India is prohibited to an porta in Furome and on the Mealterrameati and lilack beas with certala exceptiont-No. 2561.W. |
| 28th Dec. 1014. | by No. $2894-\mathrm{W}$., dated 20th Minch, 1016). | 13th March 1015. | Tho exportation from Britikli Indis of Paramn wax to the United Kingiom or to a British Possexalon in exemptedi from thin existile prohlbition-No. 2847-W. |
| 13th Jen. 1916. | Tho exportation of wheat and wheat flour from British India In restricted in the madner specified thercin-No. 2192-w. <br> The exportation from British Indla of Tlbet and Madras (black and grey) wool is pronibited. | 13th March 1915. | The owners of cargoce on board the German veaseh othar thas the "Perarpolis" can obtaln dellvity at Mamowalh on certain npecifiol terms. |
| 23 rd Jan. 1915 | A Royal Proclamation revising the list of articles to be treated as contraband-No. 708-W. | 13th March 1015. | The articlea Nax Vomica. Caxtor reed, Mantard mend, Libuend and Ofis cxtracted therefrom are exempted from the existing prohibl-thon-No. 2845-W. |
| 6th Fob. 1016. | The prohibtion on the importation Into Britinh India of goods Irom certain speciged countries is amended-No. 1336-W. | 20th March 1015. | The navigation and use of certain perifled arca la forbidden to all ships and vexsels of rvery nize and nationality-No. 2861-W. |
| 13th Feb. 1015. | A general license to carry on trade or businesa in Britiah India Is granted to Asiatic subjecta of the Ottoman Empire subject to certain restrictions and conditions-No. 1631-W. | 20th March 1915. 20th March 1015. | A Royal Proclamation prohiblting the exportation from the United Kingdom of Warlike itorumo. 2804.W. <br> The prohibition on the export from British India of medieal and surgleal stores of every description is modified. |
| 20th Feb. 1015. | The prohtuition on the export from British Indin of medical and surgical stores of every description is modifed by permitting the exportation ot Clachona bark and Senia to the United KingdornNo. 1910-W. | 23rd March 1015. |  |
| 20th Fob. 1015. | No. 1010-W. <br> All private export of wheat and whent hour from the dnte of the oxpiry of the present restriction on the 31at March, up to the | 25th March 1915. | The export of wheat from Britleh India during the nscal year 1015-16 except that bhipped by or on betalf of the Crown ts pro-hlbited-NO. $3105-\mathrm{W}$. |
| 3rd atarch 1015. | 31st December, 1015, is prohibited. <br> Vessels carrying contraband cargo to neutral countres ronsigned <br> " to order " are lisble to detention. | 25th March 1915. | The export of wheat lour from British India during the fiscal year 1015:16 is profilbited unless a permit in this behali algned by the Chief Customs Offeer is producod to the Cuxtomy Collection at the port of export-No. 3196.W. |
| 6th Mrarcin 1015. | The trade licenses to hostile forelgners shall remain In force for the speciged pariods-No. 2203-w. | 27th March 1915. | A Royal Proclamation relating to Trading with the Enemy (occupled teritory).-No. 2897-W. |

No. 75.-Catalogue of samples of Gerbian and Austrian and some other Foreign Goods.

| Deacriptlon of asticle. | Country of madulacture. | Manufacturer's approximate prices. | Descriptlon of artcle. | Country of manufacture. | Manofacturer's approximate prices. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) |  |  | Glubswarr. |  |  |
| Palnt brual, size | Germany | 88. per dozen c.1s. less 10 per | Class Chimney, Line No. 14 : | Austria Japan. |  |
| " " " 7 | " | 18. Bd. per dozen, c.if. lese 10 per | D"̈̈relle Ḧoudrett's" slip Clilmney i-lnches. | Belgium |  |
| Sask tool, " 6 | " | 18 cent. <br> 18. pef dozen c.is. less 10 pe | DeOrelle Houdrett's Slip Chimney | " | 12. 3td. |
| Flat varnish brush ( $\mathrm{Hog}^{\prime}$ ' Halr), sive $1+$ inches. | " | 3f. per dozen ci.t. leas 10 per cent. | DeGrelle Houdrett's Dupleix Crimney Glass Tumblers, Pialn thin t sizo |  |  |
| $1+$ inches. <br> Fiat varnish brush (Camel Hair), | , | 2s. pert doxen c.i.t. less 10 pr | Clasa Tumblerg, Plain thin $\{$ size Glass Half-cryntal heavy bottomed | Auntria Belgium |  |
| sizo 1 inch. Artists' oll palnt brugh, sixe 6 |  | lics |  | Japan. | 12. per dozen, c.lı. |
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| " " 00 | " | 124. per dozen c.i.t. leses 10 per cent. |  | Belgiam | 18. 4id. per dozan.t 10 per eent. |
| Quill bruab, alzo No. 6 . | " | 18. 6d. per dozen c.i.f. less 10 per cent. | DeGrelle's Tumblers coloured No. 2 <br> DeG"rcllo"s Toy't white (l) pint). |  | 2f. 7d. per dozen +10 per cent. 6id. per dozen+10 per cent. |
| Combs. |  |  | Glass Salt cellars DeGrelio's (in four thapes). | " | ofd. ." |
| Colluloid drealing combs inches. | Germany | 7d. 3d. to 178. ©d. per grose ci.i. | Glase Salt cellara DeGrelle's (in four shap(z). | Japan. | 3d. por dozan c.l.f. |
| Stecl dressing comba 5 Inches <br> Metal " $\quad 7{ }^{\prime}$ ", | Aueitria | 8s. 3d. per groes c.i.t. <br> 10s. od. <br> 5f. $11+d$. |  | Belglum |  |
| Indta rubbicr bačz combs $\$ 6,10$ and 11 tecth). | Gerimany |  aizes. |  | $\because$ | 15. 8d. per dozen c.l.f. |
|  | " . |  | Belgian Window Giase $8^{\circ} \times 6^{\circ}$ | ". | 7. ${ }_{\text {ficet }}$ td. per caso of 100 aquare |
| metal tooth comb 27 fideces | Autria | 10s. 4 td. per grose c.l.f. | Flat octagonal greenish phlal, 40 oz . | Germany | 58. 8d. per grosa c.t.f. for assort |
| $\text { " " } " 3 t "$ | " | 11e. 2d. ") " | sizu. <br> Flat octagonal greealah phlal, 6 oz , size. <br> Flat octagonal greenish phal, 8 oz. | Japan . | ed slics of 4,0 and 8 oxs. <br> 6s. Ad. Fit grows c.i.f. for ascorted sizes of 4,0 and 8 ozs. |
| Bowls DeGrello Hovdrett's (Goud Kust design No. 1, largo slece). | Holland | 30. 7 f. 7 d. . per dozen +20 per cent | White round phital, it os. sixo | Germany | 2f. 4d. pref groses c.l.t. for samorted |
| Bowle DeGrello Houdrett's Tancredo No. 2 (gmaller size). | " | 24. 2 d . per dozed +20 per cent f.o.b. | " " | Japan. | 2. per groush c.i.f. for asorted |
| Soup plates DeGrello Houdrett's callot ahape No. 1 (Flower design | " | 18. 7d. per dozen +20 per cent f.o.b. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Glate atoppered at, 1 lib. bizo | Germany |  |
| Eponger desikn No. 8 . | . | 2.f.o.b. per dozen+20 per cent | " " " 31b. " | Japan | 3t. d. $^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | " | 28. ©d. per dozen +20 per cent |  |  |  |
| Bico dighes Dotrello |  | 3s, 2d. per dosen +20 |  |  |  |
| Joko deslgn No. 9 . |  | f. o. b. | Glass bangles, Amber | Anstia | 3d. per dozen paina c.t.f. |
|  | " |  | ${ }_{\text {Five lowersd }}$ | ", | $8{ }^{10}$ d. "' |
| Rlee dishcs Doal rille Houdrott's |  | 3a. 2 d. nor dozen +20 per cont | ". " Granite, thick | " | 1. per dozen palm" ${ }^{\text {com }}$ |
| Tea cupe and Saucers (with tis | Germany | d. od. to 2 t . per dozen c.l.t. | ", Naïntara | ", |  |
|  | Gcruany |  | Corni | "' | 10. 8.8. |
| Crity cups and Saucera (DeGrelle Houdrott's). | Holland |  | ". Moumachi | ", : |  |

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| Descripeloo of article. | Ccantry of mandiactare. | Manufactarer's approximute prices. | Deacription of article. | Country of manulacture. | Manofactarer's approximate prices. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Guss baxoles-contd. |  |  | Hamwarg-conta. |  |  |
| Glam banglea Kalkn Darbar |  | 18. SA, per doven parrs e.f.f. | Basolld Foro-conld. |  |  |
| ". "\% Chanm | " | 18. 10 | Enamel Soup plates (ilght Anstrian) | Aistris | 18. 8d. per dozen c.l.t. |
| $\because \quad \# \quad \stackrel{y y y}{*}$ | Japan | 2. per dozen pa $3 d$. | Enpmel Tumblers, isize (B. Furst gun brand). | ' ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 2a. 4 td . " " |
|  | Chins. | Be. 1-Q to Re. 8 per 100 palst | Soup Plates, "4 Tally Ho ${ }^{\circ}$ brand <br> Enamel Bowl, size $16 \mathrm{~cm} .^{*}$ Abglo" peacock brand. <br> Enamel Rice Dith, Blze 23 cm . Haardt's. | Germany <br> United King- <br> dom. <br> Austifa | 15. $8 d$. <br> 28. 8d. per dozen chi.f. leisis of per cent. discount. <br> 4s. per dozen c.l.f. of assorted sizes. |
| 1rultation corral anlid beedh | Austris | 1fd. to 4x. per groes according | Enamel Tumbler, $t$ pint size, $B$. Furst's gon brand. | " | 18. 8id. per dozen ci.i.t |
| clamen bollow brels | Japan. | , to len beads. per box of 1,200 or | Enamel Tumbler, 1 plat aize, Haardt's. | " | 7 |
| Ginas or Poond imeds <br> Glane of geed brada | Italy | 24. to 30s. Jer crot. <br> 25. 3d. to 3s. 6d. per bunde of 25 buncher, each buncil consiating of 120 etrings $7^{\circ}$ is length. | Enamel Tumbler, pint size, Anglo " peacock brand. Enamel Round Basin, size 36 cm . Haardt's. | United Kingdom. Austria | 5e. Gid. pcr dozen c.j.j. leas 7 per cert. discount. |
| Hardwary. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Small Padlock (No. 200), | Germany | per groses e.f.f. |  |  |  |
|  |  | sfd. per doxe | Ditmar'a Hanging Lamp, 20 line | Austria | 618. per dozon c.i.s. |
|  | " | lid. | Ditmar's Hanging Lamp, 30 line | " | 918. " |
|  | ", | 110. | size. <br> Ditmar's Table Lamp, 10 line size . | " . | 168. ed . |
| Keim in varioun aizen änd slapeat in | " |  | Janowitzer's räble L̇amp, "14 une | " : |  |
| four candi. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Key ringr, Bledlum nize <br> Tin Mirrur laix, plaln coloural round ( 4 in a met). | Austria Gormany | 14. por grons c.j.f.c.l. <br> 3s. 8d. | Hurricane Lantern, 'Victoria'" brand, 7 line size. | Germany | 10s. 9d. |
| Tin Mirror tiox. fancy roloured round | ", | 48. | Leather perses. |  |  |
| coloursl ( 4 in m metl). |  | Se. ld " " |  |  |  |
| Tin box without mirror, round, | " | 5. | her Purses slze No. 7 | ustris | 188. ©d. per gross c.i.f. |
| Tin tox without mirror, nickelled | " | ${ }_{\text {ce. }}^{60}$ |  |  |  |
|  | " |  | Maroses. |  |  |
| alzes. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tin rice njuonk, long, in two shaper (round atul oval). | * | 8s. Der grose c.1,1.c.l. (ascorted). | Satety matches, "* The Plpe", brand | Austria | 11td.per grose c.i.f. |
| Tha rice epukill, manlt, mund, |  | 5s. ©d, peer gross c.i.f.c.l. |  | ", | 11td. ${ }^{\text {n }}$ |
|  Alaminlum Tea spaon - | " | 3a. 3r. axworted. 55. 10d. per grons less 10 per cent. |  | " | 111d. |
| Alumilum Tea juoun - - |  | c.i.f.c.p. | ". ". The Hecissors ." ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | " | 11td. |
| Deact stroon and Fork | " | 9n. 3d. per gross less 10 per cent cifific.l. |  |  | 11d. ": ", |
| ,. Table spoon | " | 12. per gross less 10 per | "Thirce Dogs " | Japan |  |
| Tin 8 trainern with | " |  | Shinsuisha | " |  |
|  |  | e.i.f.c. | Kall | " | 6d. to 7ld. per gross c.i.i. |
| Sewing Nicelles (Capoteras, amall) slee No. 0. | " | 11d. per tin of 2,400 pleaces | ${ }^{-}$The Tu | " |  |
|  |  | unily nas | Lion | " |  |
| wewing Nieditra (Chyoteran, jargo). size Noc. 2/0, 4,0 and $5 / 0$. | " | 2. $2 \frac{1}{2}$ d. per tha of 5,000 c.i.f.c.! In size Nox, 9/0, 3/0, 4i0 and 5/0 equally aseorted. | Sulphur matches, Ensabhnys brand. <br> ". Diasalai" <br> "Telegrai" | Austria | 11d. per gross c.is. |
| Bering Nerullas ( Bh arp's), size Noa. $1,2,4$ and 5. | " | 20. $4 d$. per tin of 5,000 c.1.f. Io assortad alecs. |  | Japan |  |
| Dording Needloa, sizu Ko. 3i . | * | 28 . $4 d$. per tin of 2,400 c.1.f.c. in sizo No. 3, 3t and 3it equally | Beogal Light m |  |  |
| Steel Blagos . | " | 2ld. jer irch per dozen pairs | metals. |  |  |
| Glasa door Knobe, slixo 14 ${ }^{\circ}$ | " | 24s. od. per groes ci.i.c.s. | Brass wire | Germany | d. per lb. c.i.f.c.e.t. for No3. 1 to |
| Iron Sa/a. |  |  | Copper wire |  | 20, B.W.G. <br> 8fd. per lb. c.if.c.i. for Nos. 1 to |
| B. Furit's asfe, No. $\mathbf{M 3 1}$ | stria |  | Iron wire . . . . . |  | 20, B.W.G. <br> 08. per cwt. c.i.f.ci. in sesort- |
| .. No. 15411 | " | Calcutta). <br> 78. 235 each (do.). | Galvanized Ifon wiro . |  | s. per cwt. ci.f.c.i. in assortment of 1 to 2(1, B.W.G. |
| Cutlery. |  |  |  |  | . per cut. c.i.t.c.i. in assort- |
| Penknife, Kaufmann's, No. ©030\}, with ring. | Germany | 2s. per dozen c.i.f. +4 per cent. advaner. | Size Nos. 8, 9 and 10. <br> German Silver Sheet (Palm treo brand) Sos. 2, 4, 5 and 8 . | Austria ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $13\}^{2} 0^{d}$. per lo. for size Nos. 10.0 to $1-10$ and 1 to 17 . <br> 14d. to 154 d . per ib. according |
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[^1]:    - The year coding 31st March includes the whole of one years cropa, which are, broadly speaking, harvested and exported butween April lst and March 3lst. So far as the harrests and the trade of India are concerned, the official yoar is mach more nppropriate than the calendar year.
    $t$ See Slatistical Tables relating to Banka in India, Sec. IIt, pages 2-8.
    I Trade is more or less active in one period of the year, known as the busy season, extending over the eight montha Oetubrr to May. The remaining months of the ycar, June to September, are linown ast the slack seamon (both
    for imports and exporte).

[^2]:    *Excinding Government Stores of merebandise which amounted to fï;00 lakhs under imports and Hiss lakhs under exporta; and of treasure which amounted to $\mathbf{A} 4$ lakhe uader inports and $\mathrm{Bl}, 9 \mathrm{y}$ laklis uuder exportu.

[^3]:    - Vide nlso table No. 38, page 120.
    $\ddagger$ Forto:ght ending 31st July 1914.
    $\ddagger$ I'. M. O. white.
    § The declared unit yaluo of tas was the same na that of last year ; coffec ahowed a 4 per cent decline.
    II The figures relate to wages paid in the month of Sanuary oxcept those for tea which are annual averages. The riso of wagea in the cight elected industrics is, at ompared with Janoary 1014, i2 por cont (uawoighted average), and
    4 por cout (weighted average). 4 por cout (weighted average).

[^4]:    - The percentage share of Germany and Austria-Hangary in the total import and export trade of India in the staple articles imported from and exported to these conntrice is given in table No. 54, page 128 of Part II.

[^5]:    Japan imports moro from Indis than from any other country not excepting the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Sho exports chiefly to the United States of Arnerica and China, India in 1914 being the aixth largest consumer of Japaneso exporta. (Vide Table I, Part ii., Annal Return of the Foreign Trade of the
    Empirs of Japan, 1914, Department of Finance, Tokyo).

[^6]:    * The following were the quantities imported from other conutries, the amounts of the corresponding months last yuar are given in brackets : Sweden $1,709,000(1,967,000)$ gross.

    Norway 294,000 (426,000) gross.
    Austria-Hungary $86,000(1,032,000)$ gross.
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    Gardware and enrthenware.
    Giass nnd ghassware.
    $\ddagger$ Catalogue of Silseds.
    Motals.
    Paper manufacture.
    Toys.
    Miscellaneonsarticlea including brushes, combr, picture mouldings, lenther purses. each articlo) may also be obtained from the Commeraial Intelligence Department, Calcutta.

[^7]:    © Cf. Boaril of Trade Journal, Suptember 30tb, 1915, German Methods of Business in Ceylon. "Cheapness is certainly the determiniug factor, but the taste of the buyer and the convenience of the ;importer are also worthy of attention The latter is n simple matur, e. g., termus most be quoted c.i.f. nod not f. o. b., and, if possible, in the currency of the un, the secret of such tiermanness the German trader has been able to grant peculiarly easy terms of credit. To onm up, the secret of such German trado succese as there has been in the past, in competition with British goods, is alap:ability to the native tatp on a foundation of cheapuess, combined with the use of califerentiation in quotations and the methuals of credit and differentiation in disconnta familiar to the East."
    $\dagger$ Fur the imports of hoskery see page 21.

[^8]:    - Exclusive of tyres on imported cars.
    + Chemicals inclado acids, nluminous sulphates, nomonin and salts, bleaching matorinas, carbide of calcium, disinfectants, soda compounde, sulplur, cte., and Drugs and Medicines include canphor, cassin lignea, proprietary and patent medicince, quinine anlto, etc.
    $\ddagger$ Copper pyrites occurs in large quantitios in Singhbhum nud is now being minod by a firm at Galudih. For the present it is understood that this company proposes to export tho ore in tho form of coucentrates and not to amelt it in this conntry. There is also copper pyrites in Sikkim and in Upper Burma, bat the quantities thro have uot yet in thoir byo. The Bengal Iron a

[^9]:    A Morah is trenty banks equal to 16,800 yards.
    $\dagger$ For the exports of manufactured cotton, ride pages 49-51.

[^10]:    - Earthenware includes white porcelain, sanitary fittinga and flters, imitation corals, China clay, earthenware bottlen, cans, cups, sancers, bowls, pitchers, dishes, plates, vases, juga, chamber pota, clay manafacturea (excopt bricks), toilet sots, jars not of glass, crockury, otc.

[^11]:    *Cf. Board of Trade Iournal, September 30, 1915. (German Methoxls of lhusiness in Ceylon : "As an example of one method of (ierman competition: the following instance is cited: brass bell locks and till locks of British manufacture aro superior in quality, but the German article competes with anceess owing to its boing and at a alightly lowor price, and owing to the fact that the bnyer is attracted by $n$ touch of colonared varaiali on the bell. It ia true that the lock may be inferior and once flacd and in use the bell will bo completely sidden, but in the shopman's hands, tiat toueh of colour is nu nuset-and so in mmerons other cases."

[^12]:    - Hineral oil includes fuel ail, kerosnee. labricating oil petroleam, paints, solations, eic. The figures of imported niteral cil refer to imports into India inclading Burma finum fortige conntrizs.
    + It worli's prodacticn of petroleum during 1914 was in willion barrels of 42 gallons each as follows -w- Gadicia 5, British Inulia i9. other coantries 5, Wordi's total wiot. Dutch East Indies (Efornea, Jars ama Sumatra)

[^13]:    -Vide Quinqueanial Reriew of the Forest Admimistration in Britioh ment of India (Department of Revenne and Agriculture) Bisolution

[^14]:    - Imports into other maritime provinces are negligible : in 191t-15, Bombay ( 368 tons), Madras ( 143 tons), and Sind ( 69 tona).
    t Vide remarks on silk exporte on page 67.

[^15]:    Indis now imports in normal years about 10 per cent of tho total supply of cane sugnar outaide india.
    $\dagger$ India in 1914-15 took 316,700 tons from Java or 25 per cent of the total Jnva production and from Maritius 81,700 tons or 30 per cent of the total Mauritias production. Java sugar is irpported chiefly through Calcuta and Mauritina through Bombay and Karachi.

[^16]:    $\dagger$ There are stations at Coimbatore, South Canars, Jorbat, Sabour, Sindewabi (in the Central Prorinces) Rangeop and elswhere.

[^17]:    * "Other timber " includes "doal and pine wood" and " jarrah wood".
    † Wood manufactares are, barrels (empty), biliets, boasds, buckets, cages (wood), caskets, chests (empty), pots, pulleys, steps and laddors, traps, tubg, etc.

[^18]:    - Bale $=400 \mathrm{lbs}_{0}$

[^19]:    (1) Wholesale market prices.

    - The area of the $1915-16$ crop is entimated at $2 \bar{z} 8,100$ acres, an (2) C. I. F. pricea,
    the corresponding dato.

[^20]:    Niot in the hask. The oxports of rice in the hask (paddy) are insignificant, the total in 1914-15 bejag onty 23,588 tons

[^21]:    - The area 00 wn this year was tho record one of $32 t$ million acres.

[^22]:    The Jtte Industry.
    (1) Raw Iute.

    With the larye sowings of jute in 1914. owing to (1) the high ran Jute. prices of 1913 and (2) farourabie agricultural orndition to (1) the crop

    * Cow (Patna)-lolbs ' has been subetituted for' cor (Dacca):-7lbs' with effect from $\mathbf{5} 913$.

[^23]:    - Estimated, figares far narlier years representing betnal consumption.

[^24]:    - Thexo mille nro located in the following districts: 24 -Parganas 22, Howrah 12, Hooxhly 1 : (incluling one in Frendh Chaudernagore). In the Malras Prosidency thert are 3 milla, Two or more mills belonging to one Company have been taken na separate milla in arriving at the total number.
    f Of this sum $£ 1,538,000$ or $£ \mathbf{\$ 2}, 75$ lakhy are sterling capital.

[^25]:    $\dagger$ Although the Indian manganese industry datms from 1894, Indin is now next to Rossia the greatest world (a) The prodectiun of of the total produrtion to 1913 as compared with Russia's 50 per cent

    Kussia 11.60 milliuns against 11.6 millions, and the United Kingum 93 millillion tons against 30.9 millions in 1913 , in

[^26]:     etc.

[^27]:    - $\Delta$ factory teer is the equivalent of 1.88 lbs

[^28]:    - From 28th July to 20th October 1911 tea auctions in Cslcatta did not take place.

[^29]:    *The difference between green nad black teas arisey from the different mothods of preparation; lerioly, the dirtinction is that the process of fermontation, which gives to black tea its colour, is avoided or artested in the cine of greontea.

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[^31]:    *Tho gold in the Papur Currency Reserve on 31st March 1914 and 1916 was respectively $£ 31,066,872$ and $£ 10,106,384$.

[^32]:    - Banks in India may be classified into (1) the Presidency Bauls, i.e. the Bant of Bengal, the Bank of Bombay, aud tho lank of Madras. (2) The European Exchange lanks, whose bead offices are located ontside Iudia. (These Exchauge Banks masy bo subdivided into two classes, viz., those which do a considerable portion of their business in India such as tho National Bank of India, the Chartered Bank of Ludia, Australia and China, and several othern; and those banks which are merely agencies of large banking corporations doing busincas all over Asis, such as, the International Bauking Coryoration, the Russo-Astiatic Kank, the Yokohams Specie Bank, and others). (3) The Indian Joint Steck Banks registered under the Indian Companies Act, whose head quarters are located in India. (4) P'rivate and unineorporated bankers or wouey lenders.
    $\dagger$ Tho Bank of Uppes Iudis has been permitted to resumo its business and to start work from 1st Joly 1015.

[^33]:    $\ddagger$ Report of the Controller of Currency for 1914-15, page 12.

    - Indiun 'Tarif Aot, vill of 1804, aud Indian Tariff Anenduent Act, Ill of 1896.
    + While the procecds of the import duty on salt aro creditod to "salt," and not to "cuatoms," the revenuo from tho oxcise duty ou cotton manufacturea is included undor "castoms " roceipts.

[^34]:    －Fide table No． 52 on pa gea 126－127．
    $\ddagger$ Fide table No．55，pace 149

[^35]:    - Exolusive of those engaged in the coasting trade. The figares for the consting trade are: 163,36,d reacels entered and cloarod with cargoes including nativo craft.

[^36]:    -The low rate for tea is nacribed to the well known agreement between the Liner's Conference and the Indian Tea Associntion that the freight would not exceed 30. for a period of 5 years (with effect from lst april 1912.) At the beginning of the present teen seaion (1st June 1915) this rate whs increased after mach correspondence to 478. dd . net per ton for the duration of the war, freight to be paid at Calcutta on London mesarimements. In firing this rate the Conference undertool to do their best to provide tonnage bat refused a grarantee charter. The onsual proportion the Conall steamers loseing outward and homeward was promised.

[^37]:    $\$$ Taken from the 32 milo Nap of India prepared by tho Survey of India Department, the fibure is approximate,
    the frontier in many places being indofinito.
    -Vide table No. 68, page 133. †Vide table No. 60, page 134. $\ddagger$ Vide table No. 68, page 134.

[^38]:    - The total value of Indian coasting trule, including meachandise and treasnre,both private and Guvernment, was R1,16,87 lakhe in $1914-15$ as compared with $1,24,32$ lakius in 1913-14

[^39]:    - These statistics are compiled by the audit offices of railways. The information is colleoted from milwny invoices, and the weight recorded represents net weight. Except in tho caso of treasuro, laggage and parcel trilfic is not registered, and Governmont stores are classed in the retarns necording to the conmaditios of which they connist. 'The river-borne trade represents the trade carried by country bonts, as woll as by inlatid steamers. Boat trafle is registered at selected river stations by elorks who collect tho information and forward it to the provincinl offecers. The tratho by ateamor is compiled from invoices in the office of uteamer companies. The valuo of the gooda carried by rail and by steamer is not recorded on the invoices, but values based on market whtes are asgigned to each article by the provincial officors when the accounts are mado up annually. This method of valuntion in internal trado ia similar in some respects to that provailing in Austria-Hungnry, Belgiam, France, Italy, Spain, ete., in tho determination of values for eeaborno trade. The simplification and improvement of theso inland trnde statistirs are under considaration.

[^40]:    - The value for 1913 -14 has been obtained by ndding the fotal imports or total exports in the provincial reports, Values are reperted only in the annual provincial reports which are not yet available, and hepece the ralue for $+914-15$ has beou calculnted on the rate obtained by taking the nuit values of the priviona year.

[^41]:    (a) Figurea are for the calendar year.
    (b) Twelve months' average not available.

[^42]:    Note-The larger square represents trade in 1913-14 and the smalier or black square trade in 1014-15

[^43]:    Note.-All poselble iteme in the Balance of Trade cannot be included in the table for reasons given in Chaptor I, pages 8-0 of Part I

[^44]:    (a) Exelumpe of trude wifints Frolating to the Trade and Commerec of certain Foreign Conntrics and British Posessions "publishod by the Board of Trade, Lovdon
    a) Exclunve of thade will Formosa and Kotea
    (c) Inclustre of Governunent stores
    (d) Figures for Argentine are for 8 and 0 monthe

