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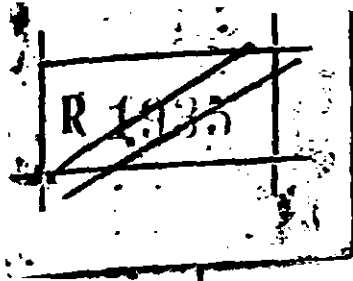
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EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The following tables are an abstract of the Annual Statement of the Trade and Navigation of British India with the British Empire and Foreign Countries for 1916-17 issued in India in two volumes.* Values are expressed in pounds at the rate of 15 rupees to £1.

The trade dealt with in these accounts is the trade registered at British Indian Ports between these ports and foreign countries. The foreign trade of ports in Native States is not recorded as this trade is small owing to the absence of large harbours and to the prohibition of direct transshipment at British ports to Native States.

Foreign merchandise transhipped at Indian ports is excluded from the accounts of both imports and exports, as Indian ports are not transshipment centres for foreign countries to any considerable extent. The imports include goods landed, whether they are intended for home consumption, bonding or re-exportation, and such articles in passengers' luggage as are dutiable. Articles received from and despatched to foreign countries by parcel post are included, but, with certain exceptions, the contents of foreign registered letters received and despatched are not included.

Imports and exports of Government stores are dealt with separately.

The figures represent the quantities and values declared by importers and exporters in Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills, as subsequently checked by the Customs Officials. The weight recorded is the net weight, *i.e.*, it does not include the weight of the covers or packing. According to the provisions of the Indian Sea Customs Act, the values of goods imported or exported represent—

- (a) the wholesale cash price, less trade discount, for which goods of the like kind and quality are sold or are capable of being sold at the time and place of importation or exportation, as the case may be, without any abatement or deduction whatever, except (in the case of goods imported) of the amount of the duties payable on the importation thereof; or
- (b) where such price is not ascertainable, the cost at which goods of the like kind and quality could be delivered at such place without any abatement or deduction, except as aforesaid.

For the purpose of levying import duties the Government of India fixes tariff values of goods subject to such duties. These values are revised from time to time.

Imports are classified as received from the countries whence they were *consigned* to British India, not as in the corresponding volume for 1910-11 and earlier years, as received from the countries whence they were shipped direct to India. The country of consignment is defined as "that from which the goods have come, whether by land and sea or by sea only, without interruption of transit save in the course of transshipment or transfer from one means of conveyance to another." Thus the countries whence goods are consigned are not in all cases the countries of actual origin of the goods, since goods produced in one country may be purchased by a firm in another country and thence despatched, after a longer or shorter interval, to India. In such a case the second country would be the country of consignment, to which the goods would be credited in these Accounts.

Exports are credited to the country of *final destination* as declared by the exporters in the Shipping Bills, whether that country possesses a sea-board or not, not as hitherto to the country containing the port of discharge as declared by the exporter in the Shipping Bills, whether carried there direct or after transshipment. The country of final destination is defined as "that to which goods exported from India are intended to pass, whether by sea and land or by sea only, without interruption of transit save in the course of transshipment or transfer from one means of conveyance to another." In the corresponding volume for 1910-11 and earlier years, exports destined for countries which possess no sea-board, such as Switzerland, were credited to the country in which the port of discharge was situated.

The following considerable changes were introduced in the volume dealing with the period 1908-9 to 1912-13: firstly, the former system of classification of articles into seven main heads was replaced by the classification adopted in the trade accounts of the United Kingdom, which distinguishes between four main heads, namely:—

- I.—Food, drink, and tobacco.
- II.—Raw materials and produce and articles mainly unmanufactured.
- III.—Articles wholly or mainly manufactured.
- IV.—Miscellaneous and unclassified (including parcel post).

Secondly, the method of arrangement of articles in the abstract tables was modified; instead of a subdivision under main heads the articles were arranged in the abstract, as well as in the detailed tables, in alphabetical order, provision being made for grouping together within the alphabetical order such articles as are related industrially or commercially; and, thirdly, the list of articles separately enumerated was greatly amplified.

Summary tables were also prepared, for the first time, on the lines of those given in the Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom.

* The volumes can be obtained in this country from the Agents for the sale of Indian Government Publications.

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NOTE.—The Values throughout the following Tables are given in pounds, at the rate of 15 Rupees to £1.

No. 1.

VALUE of the TOTAL TRADE.

	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
FOREIGN SEA-BORNE TRADE.	£	£	£	£	£
Imports:					
PRIVATE MERCHANDISE -	107,332,470	122,165,288	91,952,644	87,990,829	99,748,013
GOVERNMENT STORES -	3,753,985	5,373,350	4,667,836	4,122,039	7,075,797
TOTAL MERCHANDISE -	111,086,455	127,538,638	96,620,480	92,112,868	106,823,810
TREASURE, PRIVATE -	34,132,002	24,418,630	14,513,584	7,903,471	9,981,615
" GOVERNMENT -	7,089,166	4,546,136	25,298	60,688	15,703,498
TOTAL TREASURE -	41,221,168	28,959,766	14,538,882	7,964,159	25,685,113
TOTAL IMPORTS -	152,307,623	156,498,404	111,159,362	100,077,027	132,458,923
Exports:					
PRIVATE MERCHANDISE:					
INDIAN PRODUCE AND MANUFACTURES -	160,899,289	162,800,999	118,323,817	128,356,191*	155,485,721†
FOREIGN DITTO -	3,160,044	3,118,219	2,737,794	3,230,622	5,155,435
TOTAL PRIVATE MERCHANDISE	164,059,333	165,919,218	121,061,111	131,586,813	160,591,156
GOVERNMENT STORES: INDIAN -	52,519	48,390	331,924	1,140,336‡	1,361,029‡
" " FOREIGN -	33,702	37,885	57,648	259,782	79,242
TOTAL GOVERNMENT STORES -	86,221	85,775	389,572	1,400,118	1,440,271
TOTAL MERCHANDISE -	164,145,554	166,004,993	121,450,683	132,986,931	162,031,427
TREASURE, PRIVATE -	4,697,193	4,701,390	2,202,216	4,950,554	3,294,439
" GOVERNMENT -	2,390,651	20,533	1,324,075	533,300	983,699
TOTAL TREASURE -	7,087,844	4,721,923	3,526,291	5,483,854	4,278,138
TOTAL EXPORTS -	171,233,398	170,726,916	124,976,974	138,470,785	166,309,565
Total Sea-borne Trade -	323,541,021	327,225,320	236,136,336	238,547,812	298,768,488
NET EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE -	53,059,099	38,466,355	24,830,203	40,874,063	55,207,617
NET IMPORTS OF TREASURE -	34,133,324	24,237,843	11,012,591	2,480,305	21,356,975
EXCESS OF EXPORTS -	18,925,775	14,228,512	13,817,612	38,393,758	33,850,642
LAND FRONTIER TRADE.					
Imports:					
MERCHANDISE -	6,919,558	7,239,282	6,698,628	6,957,999	7,196,431
TREASURE -	743,902	773,220	914,274	973,572	1,361,241
TOTAL IMPORTS -	7,663,460	8,012,502	7,612,902§	7,931,571§	8,557,672
Exports:					
MERCHANDISE -	6,330,716	5,592,428	5,678,817	5,771,194	6,391,334
TREASURE -	650,498	689,292	650,326	563,280	699,902
TOTAL EXPORTS -	6,981,214	6,281,720	6,329,643	6,334,474	7,091,236
Total Land Trade -	14,644,674	14,294,222	13,942,545§	14,226,045§	15,648,908

* Includes £4,599,303, the value of wheat exported on Government account.

† Includes the value of wheat and tanned cow hides, &c. exported on Government account.

‡ Excludes the value of wheat and tanned cow hides exported on Government account.

§ Revised figures.