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EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THE NATURE OF THE TRADE RECORDED.

The trade dealt with in these Accounts is the trade registered at British Indian ports between these ports and foreign countries. The trade of British Indian ports with one another and with Indian ports not British is separately registered and shown in the volume of Statistics of the Coasting Trade. The foreign trade of ports in Native States is not recorded; owing to the absence of large harbours suitable for ocean-going steamers and to the prohibition of direct transhipment at British ports, the total amount is small. The trade of the French and Portuguese possessions in India is recorded in separate sets of tables in Volume II, the trade of the latter being for the year ending 30th June 1911.

EXPLANATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

The Accounts of both imports and exports are exclusive of foreign merchandise transhipped at ports in India. Indian ports are not transshipment centres for foreign countries to any considerable extent and the trade returns take no account of transshipments. The import tables record the quantity and value of goods landed whether they are intended for home consumption, bonding, or re-exportation. Imports from and exports 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 gold and silver coin and bullion are recorded separately and are not included in the figures of merchandise. Imports and exports of Government stores are also dealt with separately.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES.

The statements of both quantities and values are based on the declarations of importers and exporters in Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills as subsequently checked by the Customs Officials. The quantity of goods imported and exported is recorded so far as it is possible to do so by weight, but in certain cases, number, gallons, or yards is the denomination employed. When weight is the prescribed denomination, different units (tons, cwts., lbs., and oz.) are specified according to the nature of the various articles and trade practice. The weight recorded is the net weight of the goods, excluding the weight of the covers or receptacles in which the goods are packed. 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.

COUNTRIES TO WHICH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ARE CREDITED.

Throughout the tables in this volume *Imports* are classified as received from the countries whence they were *consigned* to British India, not, as in the corresponding volumes for 1910-11 and earlier years, as received from the countries whence they were shipped direct to India. In this respect the figures are on the lines of those published in the supplementary volumes of the Annual Statement of the Trade of British India for the years 1907-08 to 1910-11.

The substitution of countries of consignment for countries of shipment affects not only the imports from countries which have no seaboard,* and which are separately distinguished in the tables of this volume, but also imports shipped to India from a country other than that possessing a seaboard or not from which the goods were consigned. The recorded imports from such countries as Belgium, Holland, Germany, and Austria-Hungary are largely affected by this change of practice.

The countries whence goods are consigned are not in all cases the countries of actual origin 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 tables.

Exports are credited in the tables to the country of *final destination*, i.e., the country to which they are consigned, whether that country possesses a seaboard 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. As in the case of imports, this classification differs from that adopted in the corresponding volumes for 1910-11 and earlier years, the countries affected being those without a seaboard, which previously did not appear in the tables at all, and those through which goods consigned to those countries were shipped, and to which such goods were formerly credited in the tables.

In all tables of Volume I and Volume II where trade is shown according to countries, the countries included in the British Empire have been grouped separately from foreign countries, excepting in tables Nos. 4, 21, and 22 of Volume II where geographical arrangement within the Continent is followed.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE TABLES.

In the tables contained in Volume I, articles of trade are grouped under the following main heads :—

- I. Animals, living.
- II. Articles of Food and Drink.
- III. Metals and Manufactures of Metals.
- IV. Chemicals, Drugs, Medicines and Narcotics, Dyeing and Tanning Materials.
- V. Oils.
- VI. Raw Materials and Unmanufactured Articles.
- VII. Articles Manufactured and partly Manufactured.

The sub-heads and items specified under sub-heads are in alphabetical order. A complete list of all the items specified has been attached to Volume I.*

Of the tables contained in Volume II, table No. 8 follows the classification adopted in the tariff schedules; tables Nos. 10, 11, and 12 show articles arranged in alphabetical order; and tables Nos. 20 and 22 group them under the seven main heads stated above.

PARCEL POST AND UNENUMERATED GOODS.

Imports by Parcel Post of goods, whether dutiable or not, are not classified according to their nature, but are separately recorded at the end of the tables and are entered by value only. Exports by parcel post are treated in the same way as imports by parcel post.

Unenumerated goods are divided into "Unmanufactured" and "Manufactured" (Classes VI and VII) and are placed in the tables of imports and exports after all other goods recorded. They are also entered by value only.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The values throughout these tables are in *pounds sterling* (£1 = Rs. 15) instead of rupees as in the previous issues. The change of notation was introduced in the Supplement to the Annual Statement and has been definitively adopted in the Annual Statement itself beginning with the present issue.

* The following is a list of such countries :—Switzerland, Turkistan, Abyssinia, and Afghanistan.

The term "Indian merchandise" comprises all goods which are the growth, produce, or manufacture of India. Indian merchandise is distinguished from British or Foreign merchandise in the declaration of shippers made in the Shipping Bills from which trade statistics are compiled.

The figures according to the countries of consignment and final destination for the undermentioned sub-divisions of Turkey, Asiatic, were recorded for the first time from 1st April 1911.

Turkey, Asiatic	{	Levant and Black Sea.
		Red Sea.
		Persian Gulf.

For special reasons, the tables relating to the Trade and Navigation of Aden for 1911-12 are not incorporated in the present issue of this volume. They are published separately as a supplement to the Annual Statement of the Seaborne Trade and Navigation of British India for 1911-12.