



PORTLAND export trade to foreign countries reached a total of \$3,995,796 in 1903, and for the first time in the history of the port the exports to the Far East exceeded those to Europe.

The East was made up of flour, wheat and lumber, all of which was produced in the state or in that portion of Washington and Idaho that is tributary to Portland.

It is this distinctive feature of Portland's export trade that makes it so much more valuable to the city than it would be if the exports were principally cotton, steel, or similar commodities, which pay no tribute to the Pacific Coast ports through which they are cleared, except a mere bagatelle for stevedoring expenses.

The cargoes cleared from Portland for the Orient during 1903 were as follows:

Table listing export trade to the Orient, including ship names, cargo types (flour, wheat, lumber), and values for various months from January to December.

Trade with South Africa also broke all former records, and the exports of wheat flour and lumber for the value of over \$2,000,000 are more than three times as large as for any previous season.

In detail, the South African fleet from Portland was as follows:

Table listing export trade to South Africa, including ship names, cargo types, and values for various months from January to December.

Table listing export trade to Europe, including ship names, cargo types, and values for various months from January to December.

Exports from Portland to the United Kingdom were the smallest in many years, amounting to but little over \$200,000.

The fleet for Europe and the cargoes carried were as follows:

Table listing export trade to Europe, including ship names, cargo types, and values for various months from January to December.

Recapitulation.

Summary table for Europe exports: 1,522,065 bushels wheat, 1,240,590 bushels barley, 1,722,522 feet lumber, 40,000 barrels flour.

To Australia.

Wheat shipment to Australia, like those to South Africa and the Orient, were the largest on record, exceeding 1,000,000 bushels.

The fleet for the Antipodes and the cargoes carried were as follows:

Table listing export trade to Australia, including ship names, cargo types, and values for various months from January to December.

Recapitulation.

Summary table for Australia exports: 1,029,100 bushels wheat, 1,248,465 feet lumber, 8,800 barrels flour, 22,224 bushels oats, 8,226 bushels barley.

To South America.

March 13-British ship Foyledale, for Valparaiso, by W. R. Grace & Co., 1,448,618 feet lumber.

Table listing export trade to South America, including ship names, cargo types, and values for various months from March to December.

To Papete.

January 21-American barkentine Mary Winkelman, by Portland Lumber Company, 542,225 feet lumber.

Recapitulation.

Summary table for South America and Papete exports: \$4,418,921 to South Africa, \$2,300,981 to Europe, \$1,613,929 to Australia, \$8,120 to South America, \$2,500 to Papete.

Recapitulation of Grain Exports.

Summary table for grain exports: United Kingdom (\$11,125), South Africa (\$1,340,590), Australia (\$1,158,828), Total (\$2,610,543).

Flour and Wheat Shipments to Orient.

Table listing flour and wheat shipments to the Orient, including ship names, cargo types, and values for various months from January to December.

THE total wheat shipments from Oregon, Washington and California for the year 1903 were 14,577,495 bushels. Portland was far in the lead with 6,792,238 bushels.

A summary of the number of wheat ships clearing from each port and the cargo carried by each was as follows:

Large table showing wheat shipments from Seattle and Tacoma, San Francisco, and Portland, including ship names, cargo types, and values.

Shipments coastwise to San Francisco.

Table listing coastwise shipments to San Francisco, including ship names, cargo types, and values.

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Figures tell how the postal business of Portland has outgrown the old building and made the present enlargement necessary.

In the year just closed, the last half of December being estimated, the number of pieces of mail distributed increased 1,351,028 over the number for 1902.

over those for 1902, and \$2,397,455 over those for 1901, and the money-order business increased \$1,164,128 over the total for 1902.

There were received 35,825 pouches of mail against 25,598 in the year 1902. There were made up and dispatched 35,822 pouches and 318,280 sacks against 25,983 pouches and 376,550 sacks in the previous year.

With this great increase in the volume of business, the number of errors made in the distribution and dispatch of mails was small and was greatly reduced in ratio as compared with the year previous.

The figures follow.

Table comparing postal business for 1901 and 1902, showing increases in mail pieces, money-order business, and sacks.

Errors made in distribution of first-class mail were 570 in 1902 and 190 in 1901.

Errors made in distribution of all other classes of mail were 184 in 1902 and 190 in 1901.

Number of pieces correct to each error, all other classes, 52,223 64,443.

The Postoffice has become one of the big banks of the city, taking the money-order business as an index. The total business done in 1903 was \$3,995,796, against \$2,838,128 in 1902, an increase of \$1,157,668, or 25.95 per cent.

Delivery Service Improved.

Under the administration of Postmaster F. A. Bancroft the postal service has been much improved, both in regard to distribution of mail facilities and for doing the various branches of business in the hands of the Postoffice Department.

Three successive additions have been made to the force of carriers, increasing it from 69 to 77. The service has been extended to the territory bounded by the Sandy road, East Couch, East Thirty-second and East Twenty-eighth streets, and to Woodlawn, Piedmont, Central, Portsmouth, University Park, Peninsula, Arbor Lodge and parts of Willamette, but most of the additional carriers have all been placed within the old limits of free delivery, bringing up the service to a point where it gives general satisfaction.

Carrier Stations.

Station B-Albina, 230 Russell street.

Station C-Sunnyvale, 900 Belmont street.

Station D-Fordes' drug store, 573 Mill street.

Station E-Halb, 554 Unifall street.

Station F-Mississippi street, Albina.

Station G-Preston's drug store, Twenty-third and Savier streets.

Station H-J. W. Jackson's drug store, Twenty-third and Lovejoy streets.

Station I-J. M. A. Lane's drug store, Third and Yamhill streets.

Station J-F. F. Janek's drug store, Hawthorne and Grand avenues.

Station K-Woodlawn, Portland Railway Company's station.

Station L-University Park, George H. Hemstock's grocery store.

Numbered Stations.

Station 1-B. F. Jones' drug store, Front and Gibbs streets.

Station 2-F. Eyerly's drug store, Tenth and Jefferson streets.

Station 3-Woodard & Clark's drug store, Fourth and Washington streets.

Station 4-E. L. Simmons' drug store, Russell and Mississippi streets, Albina.

Station 5-R. A. Preston's drug store, Twenty-third and Savier streets.

Station 6-M. F. Jackson's drug store, Twenty-third and Lovejoy streets.

Station 7-J. M. A. Lane's drug store, Third and Yamhill streets.

Station 8-F. F. Janek's drug store, Hawthorne and Grand avenues.

Station 9-W. W. Slagter's stationery store, 121 Grand avenue.

Station 10-William S. Love's drug store, East Burnside street and Frank avenue.

Station 11-Meier & Frank Company, Fifth and Alder streets.

Station 12-James Channing's grocery store, Central.

Station 13-S. H. Carter's grocery store, Peninsula.

PIECES OF MAIL DISTRIBUTED.

Table showing pieces of mail distributed by year: 1902 (15,373,625), 1903 (15,988,622).

In the central business section there are five deliveries daily, in the outer business district four daily.

In the central residence districts there are three deliveries and in the outer suburbs two deliveries daily.

The free delivery limits now are: On