

ORIENT'S TRADE BIG

Operations in Past Year Largest on Record.

PORTS, IMPORTS GROW

Shipments in 1912 Valued at \$190,000,000, a Gain of Nearly \$100,000,000 in Decade—Cotton Most Important Item.

Trade between the United States and the Orient in 1912 was the largest ever recorded. This is true both as to imports and exports. The imports from Asia and Oceania combined were, according to a compilation just completed by the statistical division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, \$280,000,000 in 1912, against \$160,000,000 in 1902; and the exports to Asia and Oceania, \$190,000,000, against \$90,000,000 in 1902, a decade ago. The imports from the Orient show an increase of 75 per cent in ten years and export there an increase of 100 per cent in the same period. Even the phenomenal exports of 1906, when the requirements of the Russo-Japanese War, brought exports to Asia and Oceania up to the unusual total of \$168,000,000, are surpassed by the total of \$190,000,000 in 1912, the highest year of exports to the Orient which our sign trade has ever shown. The gross value of exports to \$200,000,000 as to imports and about \$80,000,000 as to imports.

One striking characteristic of the growth during 1912 in exports to Asia lies in the fact that India and China have followed the example set by Japan some years ago in the purchase of American goods. Both India and China are producers of raw cotton, India ranking second in the world's cotton-producing countries; yet the exports of raw cotton from the United States to British India in the calendar year 1912 amounted to \$5,000,000 pounds, valued at \$8,750,000, and to China, also a cotton-producing country, the exports of raw cotton in 1912 were 14,000,000 pounds, valued at \$10,000,000. This movement of cotton from the United States to India and China is a quite recent development in our trade with that part of the world, the cotton exports to either of these countries having been practically nothing prior to 1911.

Japan is a large importer of cotton from the United States. At the figures of 1912 far exceed those of any earlier year, our own trade figures showing exports of cotton to Japan in the calendar year 1912 amounting to 209,000,000 pounds, against 142,000,000 in 1911, the high record calendar year in cotton movements to that country. The total exports from the United States to Japan in 1912 were \$28,000,000 in value, against \$44,000,000 in 1911.

The increase in our exports to the Orient occurs chiefly in the trade with Japan, the Philippines Islands and India. There was a slight reduction in exports to the calendar year, due to a decline in the quantity of illuminating oil and goods exported to that country. The total value of 1912, compared with the corresponding period of 1911, to Japan the increase of \$14,000,000 in exports chiefly occurred, as above indicated, in raw cotton, whose share also shows an increase of about \$1,500,000. To the Philippine Islands there was a marked increase in exports, the total in 1912 being \$25,000,000 in value, against \$10,000,000 in 1908, the year prior to the free interchange of the law which provides for free interchange of merchandise between those islands and the United States.

DEMAND IN WHEAT MARKET SLACK

Buyers Not Interested Except at Lower Prices—Farmers Holding. Wheat trading is still on a small scale. Buyers are not interested, except at prices a cent or two below the market, and as holders are not willing to sell at these figures, business is therefore light. Should any large demand for flour spring up in the Orient, millers would be willing to offer wheat, but in the meantime they are disposed to hold their grain, and the carry the wheat. Prices are not likely to recede much, however, with such a small supply of wheat left in the country. The Oriental flour market is quiet, as is the expected after the heavy burning of last month.

POTATO HOLDINGS NOW ARE LARGE

Farmers Are Carrying More Stock Than in Any Year Ago. According to the monthly Crop Reporter, the quantity of potatoes remaining in growers' hands the first of the year, compared with the total 1912 crop grown for export, was about 18.8 per cent. Last year the crop was held 33.1 per cent of the 1911 crop. In 1910 they held 40.2 per cent and 1909 41.2 per cent. Dealers held on the first of January 1913 about 12.5 per cent of the crop grown in 1912; a year ago 5.6 per cent; two years ago 10.9 per cent; three years ago 9.9 per cent.

BETTER PRICES ARE ASKED AT INTERIOR SHIPMENTS

There is a slightly better demand for apples, and selling prices in the country are 10 to 15 cents higher than last week. There are heavy offerings of the smaller sizes. Apples are in light supply on the West coast. Cauliflower has cleaned up well and lettuce is very scarce. Mexican tomatoes are quoted higher in the South, and will have to advance here.

FIRMER TONE IN EGGS MARKET

There was a firmer tone in the egg market, caused by the cooler weather and the active demand from the North. Fresh locally were quoted at 20 1/2 cents.

DEMAND FOR POULTRY IS BETTER

The demand for poultry was still slow and the supply was ample, but prices were not changed. Dressed meats were steady. The inquiry for cheese continues to improve, and the market is on a firm basis. Butter is steady.

SALE OF AUCTION

The movement in the hop market continues of small volume, owing to the restricted demand. Holders are not offering freely, and this keeps values fairly steady. The market for 70 bales at Aurora was sold yesterday at 16 1/2 cents.

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows: Clearings, balances returned, \$1,007,254; \$1,114,542; \$1,150,000; \$1,200,000; \$1,250,000; \$1,300,000; \$1,350,000; \$1,400,000; \$1,450,000; \$1,500,000; \$1,550,000; \$1,600,000; \$1,650,000; \$1,700,000; \$1,750,000; \$1,800,000; \$1,850,000; \$1,900,000; \$1,950,000; \$2,000,000; \$2,050,000; \$2,100,000; \$2,150,000; \$2,200,000; \$2,250,000; \$2,300,000; \$2,350,000; \$2,400,000; \$2,450,000; \$2,500,000; \$2,550,000; \$2,600,000; \$2,650,000; \$2,700,000; \$2,750,000; \$2,800,000; \$2,850,000; \$2,900,000; \$2,950,000; \$3,000,000; \$3,050,000; \$3,100,000; \$3,150,000; \$3,200,000; \$3,250,000; \$3,300,000; \$3,350,000; \$3,400,000; \$3,450,000; \$3,500,000; \$3,550,000; \$3,600,000; \$3,650,000; \$3,700,000; \$3,750,000; \$3,800,000; \$3,850,000; \$3,900,000; \$3,950,000; \$4,000,000; \$4,050,000; \$4,100,000; \$4,150,000; \$4,200,000; \$4,250,000; \$4,300,000; \$4,350,000; \$4,400,000; \$4,450,000; \$4,500,000; 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