

the profits of the manufacturer and the cost to the consumer to a point below which it seems impossible to go without loss and bankruptcy. If there are robber barons, and we have not a doubt there are plenty of them, they can scarcely be said to be running cotton and woolen mills in New England.

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## A FINE SHOWING.

The bureau of statistics of the treasmonths and those of the corresponding nine mon hs preceding the fiscal year. The total commerce of the past fiscal year was the greatest in the history of the government and exceeds the total value of the commerce of 1890 by \$82,-191.803. The total commerce during the past fiscal year amounted to \$1,726,330,-806. While there has been an increase in our imports of coffee tinplate, hides and skins, fruits, chemicals and drugs, India rubber and gutta percha, sugar and molasses, there has been a decline 914. There was also an excess of exports of domestic merchandise of \$26,941,737. The value of imports of merchandise admitted free during the past nine months was \$295,963,665 which is an increase over the previous nine months of \$86, 979,792. There has been a decrease during the past nine months in the value of dutiable imports amounting to \$55,548,-. 692. During the nine months since the new tariff law went into effect, of the total value of merchandise, imported into the county, 46,96 per cent. came in free, while during the previous nine months 34,92 per cent was admitted free. The excess of the exports of gold and silver over the imports for the fiscal year amounted to the enormous sum of \$140,-634,084, the largest excess of exports of gold and silver in any year of our commerce. This last is the only feature of the review on which we cannot congrat-ulate ourselves.