

Our Foreign Trade.

Among the annual official documents suitable for the guidance of Congress in its legislation this session that of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics on our commerce with foreign nations during the last fiscal year is worthy of a prominent place.

Our exports of domestic merchandise for that year amounted in value to \$883,925,947—the largest ever known. The two items of breadstuffs and its manufactures, the former a little exceeding the latter, made up, in round numbers, about \$531,600,000 of this total, or fully three-fifths. Of the remaining two-fifths the chief components were provisions, \$151,528,208, and mineral oils, \$40,315,609.

Tobacco, the fifth in rank of our exports, reaches about half the value of the petroleum, and then follow successively wood and its manufactures, iron and its manufactures, and live animals. All the other exports combined make less than ninety millions. But though the aggregate of exports was so large, being almost sixty millions greater than that of the previous year, the chief item, breadstuffs, had fallen off \$17,704,316, and it will presumably have fallen off still more at the end of the fiscal year.

The increase, however, of raw cotton exports, amounting to over thirty-six million dollars, and of provisions, amounting to over twenty-four millions, with many minor increases, more than made up for the falling off in breadstuff values.

Looking back ten years, we find that our exports of domestic merchandise have, reckoned in specie, more than doubled—an enormous increase from \$428,393,903 during the fiscal year ending in 1871 to \$883,925,947 now. Further examining, the chief items of this vast growth are found to be breadstuffs, provisions, tallow, live animals, and leather. These alone, with wood and its manufactures, increased \$374,059,476 in ten years, thus accounting for more than four-fifths of the entire growth of this branch of our foreign commerce.

Still further investigating the increase, we find it chiefly ascribable to the West and Northwest, and to have been there produced partly by the growth of the farming population from Eastern and European immigration, but chiefly through the extension of facilities of transportation by rail. That this last is really the main source of the growth is clear from observing that while the earlier and later years of the decade brought a large influx of immigration, during four years it dropped far below the average; again it is noticeable that the financial panic year (1873) and the subsequent ones of depression are included in the decade, yet the increase in exports steadily continued, and even temporary interruptions of railroad extension were more than balanced by the reduction of freight charges to the seaboard.

The influence of the reduction of the rates from 1870 and 1871 to 1880 and 1881, upon the increase in exported breadstuffs, is striking and unquestionable. For the two items of wheat and corn export alone have increased in round numbers \$170,000,000; and to the same source may be traced a more than five-fold increase in the export of provisions, and an increase in that of live animals from a million dollars' worth in 1870 to nearly sixteen and a half millions in the last fiscal year. Classifying together cotton, breadstuffs, provisions, and so on, as products of agriculture, they amount to \$729,650,016 for the fiscal year, or more than four-fifths of our aggregate domestic exports. They have trebled in aggregate value since the year before the war.

Turning to the other branch of our commerce, we find that the value of our imported merchandise for the fiscal year was \$642,664,628. This was \$211,361,319 less than the amount of our exports of domestic merchandise for the same year. And as our total merchandise exports, including domestic and others, were \$992,377,346, the real difference in value between our exports and imports of merchandise was \$259,713,718. This difference was larger than ever before known in the history of the country; for although the value of the imports surpassed that of the previous fiscal year, that of the exports was still more in excess. Nine years before, the difference had been on the import side, and had reached \$182,417,491.

Finally, the total of merchandise imports and exports was \$1,545,041,970; and, adding the specie, we have an aggregate foreign trade for the year of \$1,675,024,318.

U. S. Revenue Marine Service. A bill has been introduced in Congress to promote the efficiency of this Service, the main feature of which is to make proper provision for the retirement of officers who, by reason of age or other physical disabilities contracted in the line of duty, have become unfit for the performance of active service. There are also some minor provisions deemed essential for its better management. By referring to the last annual report of the operations of the service, made by the chief of division, it will be seen that a similar measure had been recommended by successive Secretaries of the Treasury in their annual reports since 1872. In February, 1881, the Secretary says, in a letter recommending a measure of the character named: "The operations of the Revenue Cutter Service are seriously embarrassed, and its efficiency impaired through the want of some provision" of the character proposed, and that "the necessity for the relief increases with time." Yet no definite action has been taken in this matter until now, and we trust that Congress will not overlook its necessity and importance, but will at once pass the bill as presented, thus affording the required support to so valuable a service.

Referring again to the annual report, says the Commercial Herald, the statistics for the past five years serve as an illustration of the work of the Revenue Marine in the saving of commerce from destruction and the rescuing of human life. In that time the number of vessels in distress and assisted was 868, and the estimated value of vessels and cargoes in distress and assisted amounted to \$13,926,826, while the number of lives saved was 731. The property represented by these figures, which has been wrested from the grasp of the elements, is no mean contribution to the nation's commerce. But, while the assistance to commerce and the shipping interests of our country can be approximately estimated in dollars and cents, to the far higher work performed in saving human life and alleviating human suffering no pecuniary value can be affixed. The work of revenue vessels in assisting the shipwrecked is one of the noble benefactions of the Government, which, taken in connection with the work of the Life-Saving Service, that of the Light House Board, and that of the Signal service, gives our country a pre-eminence among the nations of the world for humane governmental institutions, for humane considerations alone stimulate them, and it inspires a gratifying sense of trust in the usefulness of mankind that never in vain is the distress signal exhibited in sight of our revenue vessels. This of itself should be sufficient to stimulate every member of the Forty-seventh Congress to favor the bill as presented.

Too Much the Other Way. THE inevitable reaction has taken place in the Oregonian, and instead of sneeringly stating that "what is wanted on the bar is powerful tugs," and all that sort

of stuff, it starts now to the other extreme, and says: "Just as certain as fat, Tacoma or Seattle will become the shipping point of the Northwest, if the Columbia bar is not improved and the river channels not deepened." We, here in Astoria, are not imbued with the doctrines of Kismet to any alarming extent; but it is hardly consonant with the dignity of a Portland paper to go in one week from a sneer of defiance, to a whimper of defeat. Cheer up; all's not lost that's in danger; stand in and work with the rest of the Columbia river papers in the matter.

WHISKEY legislation is being carried to a radical extent in New York. The Court of Appeals has lately decided that the wife of the owner of a building is liable to damages for the acts of a man who may get drunk on liquor sold on the premises. In the case mentioned a husband and wife owned a building which was used as a tavern. A thirsty customer got drunk there, and in riding home, being unable to manage his horse, he was killed. The widow of the deceased sued for damages and has recovered them. While about it, the principle of indirect damage might be extended much further. The distillers who made the whiskey, and the city, state and federal governments that issued the licenses to sell, might also be included. That kind of a decision seems to be going a little too far to stand in law or equity.

THERE is a good deal more trouble in the British Parliament than in the American Congress. Some of the great safeguards of English liberty are supposed to be in danger. The Bradlaugh case involves the right of a constituency to choose its own representative, though his religion or want of it be offensive to the dominant element. If discontent continue in Ireland everybody seems afraid that there may be disastrous civil commotion at any time when foreign matters are badly involved. The scare about the reported presence of a Russian agent in London, shows how public opinion runs. American statesmen are troubled about prospective profits, or the probabilities of the next Presidential nomination, but the Englishmen in high places are worrying over matters which reach almost to the existence of their nationality.

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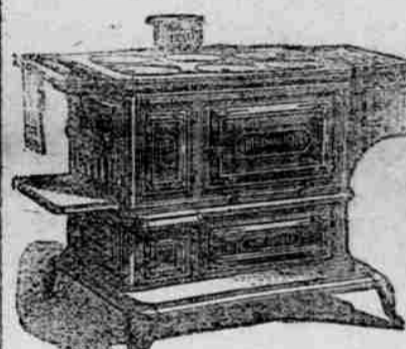
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