

MANUFACTURES AND EXPORTS AND TRAFFIC.

Statistics as to the exports to the United States, U. S. Consulate established June 17th, 1879, Edwin C. Bishop present Consul, 4th incumbent. About 1,200 invoices given annually, to value of \$600,000, mainly Kent agricultural produce. Beans from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Chatham Consulate, for business and fees, 3rd in Ontario, only capped by Ottawa and Toronto.

Last quarter '94 exports:—Apples, \$2,451.78; Barley, \$14,671.32; Beans, \$70,768.76; Eggs, \$3,343.00; Emigrants' effects, \$2,475.00; Grain \$9,276.15; Hides and Skins, \$4,105.08; Logs and Timber, \$4,752.50; Lumber, \$3,912.50; Returned U. S. products, \$124.61; Sheep and lambs, \$1,314.60; Hoops, staves, headings and bolts, \$32,562.19; Wool, \$1,906.38; Other articles, \$2,274.61; total, \$164,967.88; same quarter '93, \$105,381.07; increase, \$59,526.81. In every item here, the last two figures mean cents.

This, however, gives the reader but a meagre idea of Chatham's total exports, which, in some lines, go more largely to England. Let us take the fruit of the humble hen. Chatham is the great gathering-in centre for eggs, not only of Kent County, but of Essex, part of Lambton, part of Elgin, and a small part of Middlesex. Mr. Thomas C. McNabb, manager and agent for the firm of McNaughton, Walker & Co., whose head office is in Detroit, reports that in the gathering season of '95, 1st of April to middle of October, during which they have three teams constantly on the road buying from country stores, they took in 400,000 dozen, valued at \$48,000. By Nov. 20th, '95, they had shipped 40,000 doz. to New York and 100,000 to Liverpool. Efforts were made at St. Mary's and Seaforth districts to buy by weight instead of by the dozen, but were given up, the good effect, however, being produced of encouraging a larger class of eggs.

Among lumber merchants we have John Piggott, prominent in fraternal societies, ex-mayor, City Council, member Board of Trade, and President of Agricultural Society. His Chatham business has been established 26 years. He bought the Windsor mills April 28th, 1874, and operates both, with Chatham as headquarters. Total floor space: Windsor, 13,000 s. f.; Chatham, 7,000; in both, 25,000. In both he handles annually 3 to 4 millions feet pine from Georgian Bay, coming mainly by water; 3 millions British Columbia shingles, of which he is a large importer; 1 million laths; 20,000 cedar posts; 250,000 ft. hardwood, mainly of Kent growth, and of which some beautiful specimens, in quartered oak and sycamore, are worked into the woodwork of his dwelling house. Two large planing mills. Owns his own wharves and docks. Employs 50 to 60 men.

The S. Hadley & Sons' wholesale and retail lumber business was founded by the late S. Hadley, the pioneer lumber merchant of Chatham, 50 years ago, and very extensively continued by his sons, Charles, Sylvester and William A., who handle all kinds of lumber for bridges and railway work. They handle three million feet annually, and never keep less than