

AMERICAN IMPORTATION OF IRON.

QUANTITIES and Value of Pig and Rolled Iron imported into the United States from 1855 to 1877, compiled from Statistics supplied by the United States Bureau of Statistics.

Fiscal Years.	Pig Iron.		Railroad Iron, Including Steel Rails.		Bar, Rod, Hoop, Sheet and Plate Iron.	
	Gross Tons.	Value.	Gross Tons.	Value.	Gross Tons.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
1855.....	98,925	1,979,463	127,516	4,993,900	144,911	7,728,406
1856.....	59,012	1,171,185	155,495	6,179,280	137,778	6,990,744
1857.....	51,794	1,001,742	179,305	7,455,596	123,970	6,640,900
1858.....	41,986	739,949	75,745	2,987,576	91,546	4,963,811
1859.....	72,517	1,049,200	69,965	2,274,032	120,686	5,657,305
1860.....	71,498	1,005,865	122,175	3,709,376	172,532	6,407,738
1861.....	74,026	979,916	74,490	2,162,695	125,454	5,585,498
1862.....	22,247	285,323	8,611	222,967	33,170	1,581,270
1863.....	31,007	435,194	17,088	540,494	86,834	4,102,227
1864.....	102,223	1,288,424	118,714	3,904,017	123,830	5,981,150
1865.....	50,652	806,552	77,518	2,903,828	65,292	3,746,855
1866.....	102,392	1,683,186	78,007	2,806,390	79,926	3,993,356
1867.....	112,042	1,831,465	96,272	3,317,862	101,754	5,325,665
1868.....	112,133	1,778,977	151,097	4,373,162	92,359	4,788,012
1869.....	136,975	2,138,030	237,703	7,305,845	102,791	4,945,910
1870.....	153,283	2,509,280	279,765	9,669,571	89,370	4,479,524
1871.....	178,138	3,106,490	458,055	17,360,297	112,735	5,206,720
1872.....	247,528	5,122,318	531,536	22,056,635	130,200	6,900,521
1873.....	215,495	7,203,769	357,629	19,740,702	95,744	7,477,556
1874.....	92,041	3,288,022	148,918	10,758,435	40,163	4,042,078
1875.....	53,748	1,458,668	42,082	2,932,311	28,929	2,613,854
1876.....	79,455	1,918,547	4,708	321,020	30,898	2,317,125
1877.....	67,922	1,556,415	30	1,464	26,306	1,632,815

During the year ended December 31, 1877, the imported iron and steel products aggregated \$9,195,363 in value, against \$10,584,125 in 1876; \$15,264,131 in 1875; \$24,578,638 in 1874; \$45,764,670 in 1873; and \$61,724,227 in 1872.

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Fiscal Years.	Pig Iron.		Railroad Iron.		Bar and other Irons.		Total Value of Exports.
	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	
		\$		\$		\$	\$
1872.....	1,477	72,718	1,212	86,820		9,870,187	10,030,125
1873.....	10,103	414,349	375	30,743		11,648,858	12,129,939
1874.....	16,030	447,619	1,247	73,159		14,869,022	15,383,807
1875.....	8,738	250,919	1,210	67,064		15,774,923	16,092,906
1876.....	3,805	94,314	3,685	153,465		11,546,964	11,794,743
1877.....	7,687	171,755	7,445	281,198		16,207,222	16,659,675