

MANITOBA.

Direct imports and exports from and to foreign countries for years ending 30th June, as shown by the customs returns :

	Imports.	Exports.	Duty Paid
1886... ..	\$1,959,837.....	\$ 859,615	\$467,213
1887.....	2,011,183.....	885,041	508,848
1888.....	1,750,048.....	1,304,800.....	457,354
1889.....	2,207,314.....	682,605	549,458
1890.....	2,555,235.....	988,384	649,027
1891.....	2,796,805.....	1,612,124.....	920,395
1892.....	3,088,443.....	2,078,339.....	775,924
1893.....	2,652,488.....	1,211,078.....	693,293
1894.....	2,253,768.....	1,864,964.....	602,465
1895.....	2,190,570.....	1,611,003.....	484,252
1896.....	2,770,316.....	1,308,505	634,840

On account of the most of the merchandise, produce, etc., imported into or exported from this province, being carried from and to the seaboard mainly through Canadian territory, the eastern seaboard ports get credit for the shipments in the customs returns, and consequently the above returns do not cover anything like Manitoba's trade with foreign countries. Especially is this the case in the matter of exports of cattle, wheat and flour; the customs ports in Ontario and Quebec receiving credit for practically the whole exports of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories along these lines.