

HARDWARE.

The following table shows the Values of Imports during the past Four Years:—

| DESCRIPTION. | 1865 | 1864 | 1863 | 1862 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Value. | Value. | Value. | Value. |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Polished Cutlery..... | 40,409 | 92,066 | 72,286 | 56,126 |
| Britannia-Metal Ware, &c..... | 571 | 2,174 | 1,500 | 611 |
| Spades, Shovels, Axes, &c..... | 24,905 | 43,447 | 24,765 | 44,815 |
| Spikes, Nails, Tacks, &c..... | 37,248 | 100,014 | 61,168 | 52,160 |
| Stoves and other iron Castings..... | 40,956 | 51,438 | 42,820 | 38,370 |
| Other articles..... | 354,675 | 520,396 | 452,191 | 420,615 |
| TOTALS..... | 498,764 | 809,535 | 654,730 | 612,637 |

The values of imports for 1865 show a decrease of \$310,771, or 38 2-5 per cent., as compared with 1864,—the imports during the latter year giving an excess of \$154,605, or 19½ per cent., over those of 1863.

The course of trade respecting articles in this class was not much, if at all, different from what was experienced in other departments. Cutlery, Shelf and Domestic Hardware, &c., were exceedingly dull for several months, but the Fall trade was excellent, at good prices,—the heavy stocks being well disposed of.

The manufacture of Domestic Hardware was referred to in Report for 1863, as follows:—

"There is now a large quantity of Domestic Hardware Goods manufactured in Montreal, and its immediate vicinity, which are well adapted to the wants of the country, and reputed to be of better quality and finer finish than the same class of goods made in Sheffield and Birmingham,—sold, too, at as low prices. They consist principally of Malleable and Cast-Iron Goods,—Mill, Circular and Cross-Cut Saws,—Nails, Spikes, Axes, Spades, Shovels, Grain-Scoops, Scythes, Augers, Auger-bits, and Edge Tools generally; and their manufacture affords steady employment to a large number of mechanics."

PAINTS, OILS, DRUGS, &c.

The values of some of these articles imported at Montreal, during the past three years, were as follows:—

| ARTICLES. | 1865 | | 1864 | | 1863 | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | Quantity. | Value. | Quantity. | Value. | Quantity. | Value. |
| | Gallons. | \$ | Gallons. | \$ | Gallons. | \$ |
| Paints ..... | ..... | 74,500 | ..... | 86,590 | ..... | 69,258 |
| Oils | 94,434 | 77,191 | 216,275 | 156,653 | 161,473 | 125,983 |
| Red & White Leads (dry) ..... | ..... | 23,988 | ..... | 26,856 | ..... | 21,380 |
| Spirits of Turpentine.. | 17,037 | 15,615 | 19,468 | 26,840 | ..... | 15,763 |
| TOTALS..... | ..... | 191,294 | ..... | 296,939 | ..... | 232,384 |

Decrease in value of imports in 1865, \$105,645, or 35½ per cent., as compared with 1864.