

The total imports of iron and steel goods, as compiled from the annual reports of Trade and Navigation, are given in Table 19, showing the imports subject to duty, and Table 20, showing the imports free of duty.

The total value of the imports during the fiscal year ending March, 1908, was \$61,819,698, as compared with a value of \$43,222,626 during the nine months ending March, 1907, and a value of \$43,235,380 during the twelve months ending June 30, 1906.

The weights or quantities are in many cases not given, so that it is not possible to state the total tonnage of iron and steel imported. A minimum estimate of the tonnage imported can, however, be arrived at by selecting those items for which the weight is given. This has been done and the results are given in Table 18. It is apparent that the imports of iron and steel during the nine months ending March, 1907, exceeded 783,025 tons; while during the twelve months ending March, 1908, the imports exceeded 1,064,133 tons.

IRON.—TABLE 18.

Imports of some Iron and Steel products of which the quantities are available.

Material.	Nine months ending March, 1907.	Twelve months end- ing March, 1908.
	Tons.	Tons.
Pig iron	159,157	212,290
Ferro-products and chrome steel	16,582	17,661
Ingots, blooms, billets, puddled bars, etc.	19,150	6,356
Scrap and scrap steel	39,945	69,213
Plates and sheets	107,701	126,172
Bars, rods, hoops, bands, etc.	106,175	98,640
Structural iron and steel	173,411	373,871
Rails and connexions.	78,288	52,706
Pipe and fittings	16,637	25,640
Nails and spikes	3,537	2,741
Wire	58,239	57,046
Forgings, castings and manufactures	13,203	22,357
Total.	783,025	1,064,133