

The total value of the sales of fireclay, firebrick, and fireclay products in 1909 was \$78,132, as compared with a valuation of \$110,302 in 1908 and \$131,322 in 1907.

The production of 1909 comprised 1,059,270 firebrick valued at \$32,742, or an average of \$30.92 per M; fireclay sold, 4,405 tons valued at \$12,390, and other fireclay products valued at \$33,000.

Fireclay products in 1908 included 2,415,871 firebrick valued at \$70,429, an average of \$29.16 per M; fireclay sold, 1,984 tons valued at \$8,121, and other fireclay products valued at \$31,752. The 1907 production comprised 4,323,179 firebrick valued at \$113,322, an average of \$26.21 per M; and other fireclay shapes to the value of \$18,000.

Firebricks were imported during the calendar year 1909 to the value of \$485,994, of which \$426,602 worth was derived from the United States and \$59,392 from Great Britain.

The imports during the fiscal year ending March, 1909, were valued at \$350,457, and during the fiscal year ending March, 1908, the imports were valued at \$639,347. The imports of fireclay during the calendar year 1909 were valued at \$86,161, and were derived chiefly from the United States and Great Britain.

During the fiscal year ending March, 1909, fireclay was imported to the value of \$77,146, and the imports during the fiscal year ending March, 1908, were valued at \$155,873.

Statistics of the imports of firebrick and of fireclay for a number of years are shown as follows:—

Imports of Firebrick and Fireclay, 1900-9.

Fiscal Year.	Fireclay.	Firebrick.	Fiscal Year.	Fireclay.	Firebrick.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
1900.....	59,291	39,535	1905.....	73,837	44,746
1901.....	79,530	32,831	1906.....	131,130	51,892
1902.....	64,541	45,608	1907*.....	85,044	349,185
1903.....	94,509	34,522	1908.....	155,873	639,347
1904.....	52,716	38,335	1909.....	77,146	350,457

* 9 months ending March.

Sewerpipe and Drain Tile:—The total value of the sales of sewerpipe in 1909 was \$645,722, as compared with a value of \$514,362 in 1908, and a value of \$667,100 in 1907.

The imports of drain pipe and sewerpipe during the calendar year 1909 were valued at \$170,280: of which \$135,809 worth were imported from the United States; \$34,200 from Great Britain, and \$271 from other countries. During the