

former, and the imports of these commodities taken from Japanese sources for 1910, 1911, 1912, together with country of origin, are as below.

IMPORTS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR INTO JAPAN (YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31).

NOTE.—Picul = 133.3 lbs. Yen = 49.8 cents.

	1910.		1911.		1912.	
	Quantity Piculs.	Value Yen.	Quantity Piculs.	Value Yen.	Quantity Piculs.	Value Yen.
<i>Wheat.</i>						
From Australia	95,741	431,830	50,087	212,257	5,263	23,663
British America	-	-	1	2	6,161	26,263
China	318,630	1,217,231	17,684	67,737	13,423	65,803
Corea	34,492	125,704	-	-	-	-
United States	353,492	1,438,549	840,729	3,448,261	996,068	4,277,639
Russia	15,847	64,924	-	-	-	-
British India	1	5	123	572	3,372	16,565
Other Countries	-	-	-	-	1	5
Total	818,203	3,339,243	908,624	3,728,829	1,024,288	4,409,938
<i>Flour.</i>						
From Australia	6,085	37,272	5,904	33,222	1,909	11,526
British America	13,804	74,756	7,139	41,163	18,189	107,857
China	51	261	200	720	5,347	34,725
United States	277,089	1,614,307	280,934	1,625,823	254,784	1,566,419
Other countries	1,877	12,642	266	2,033	241	1,613
Total	298,906	1,739,238	294,443	1,702,961	280,470	1,722,140

A discrepancy appears between Canadian and Japanese figures as regards wheat in 1911, and this may either be due to a small shipment via Seattle, or to the fact that the Japanese fiscal year terminates on December 31 and the Canadian year terminates on March 31. The figures are, therefore, not exactly comparable as the dates overlap.

UNITED STATES LEADING COMPETITOR IN WHEAT.

By far the largest proportion of the wheat trade is enjoyed by the United States, but, for reasons given in the report on China, there is ground for hope that Canada may be able to share this business in the future. The same remark applies to flour, and the following table gives the exports of wheat, flour and wood from the United States to Japan. It will be noticed in the case of the United States that the fiscal year ends June 30; a discrepancy between these figures and those given by Japan (calendar year) are thereby explained.