

		Value.
Flour of wheat and rye, lbs.....	2,418,595	62,705
Meal of all kinds, lbs.....	83,656	2,874
Grain, other than wheat and Indian corn, lbs	1,531,265	24,662
Indian corn lbs.....	16,749	619
Salt, lbs.....	132,578	1,764
Saw logs, feet.....	253,633	1,887

The above are among the chief articles imported during last year, the smaller items having been omitted. We have heard it upon good authority that one firm—Kew, Stobart & Co.—sold nearly \$150,000 worth of goods last year; and we have heard of several firms whose sales will amount to sums varying from \$50,000 to \$125,000 each. Of course a large portion of these goods find their way into all parts of the North-West.

The following comparative statement of the business of the Custom House for the month of July, 1873 and 1874, is from the books of the Custom House :

	1873	1874
Total imports.....	\$162,688 00	\$56,805 00
For home consumption.....	166,272 00	57,369 00
Free goods.....	46,276 00	18,754 00
Duty.....	5,502 34	6,691 28

Among the exports for the month, the principal item is dressed and undressed furs, to the value of \$85,665.

The returns during the month of August and September, 1874, are as follows :

#### AUGUST—IMPORTS.

Dutiable goods for consumption.....	\$ 47,333
Free goods.....	22,374
Total Imports.....	69,709
Amount of duty collected.....	11,462 92

#### EXPORTS.

Total amount.....	\$146,780
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Of this sum furs amounted to \$145,620. The duties collected during the first week of the present month of September amounted to \$3,000.

#### SEPTEMBER.—1873.

	1873.	1874.
Total value of imports.....	\$85,045 00	\$96,003 00
Goods entered for consumption....	87,311 00	96,614 00
Duty collected.....	3,683 40	11,204 40

One of the chief features of the local trade of the year has been the advent of the Mennonites. These people have arrived in the Province in batches of 200 and 300, and up to the present time have probably made about two hundred and twenty entries, equal to not less than 35,200 acres, representing about one thousand persons, as the families will average more than four persons each. Various opinions have been expressed with regard to this class of settlers. Many who are not half as industrious as these people, think they will not benefit the country, as they are only capable of making a little advancement and then stopping short.