unearned premium, but his pidgin-English was so bad that he coudn't make himself understood; but, on the supposition that he was claiming for loss, he was rather forced to sign proof and accept 60 p.c. of the face of his policy, which the Chinaman evidently considered "alle rightee," for he hasn't been seen in San Francisco since.

CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS.

In the last issue of THE CHRONICLE the figures for the Dominion's foreign trade for some years pack were given, along with a list of the principal items exported, and some remarks upon how the statistics illustrated the condition of different localities and of different industries. As the import figures also illustrate trade conditions it will be interesting to study the chief items of the imports. Before giving the list the foreign trade for the last three years will be classified by communes.

1	m	ħ	0	۲	t	3

\$69,176,189 175,862,071 45,304,148	1905. \$60,328,590 162,738,571 38,844,274	From Great Britain\$61,770,379 From United States150,826,515 From other countries38,860,243
\$290,342,408	\$261,911,435	Total\$251,457,137

		Exports.		
1906. \$133,094,867 97,806,728 25,685,035	1905. \$101,958.771 77,404,071 23,954,030	1904. .\$117,591,376 . 73,173,549	eat Britainited States	To Unit
\$256 586.630	\$202.216.872	\$212.521.225		77 1

In the report of the Department of Trade and Commerce, from which these figures are taken, the imports are classified as dutiable and free. To economise space these have been added together, and the total imports, both dutiable and free, for each of the years 1905 and 1906, have been put in one column. The method of selection has been to take the items amounting to \$2,000,000 and over, including, however, a few smaller items of particular interest.

1			

Animals, living \$1,809.030 \$2,103.704 \$2,103.704 \$2,719.613 \$2,719	Imports.	
Books periodicals etc. 2,432,238 2,719,643 Corn. 6,155,671 6,179,948 Automobiles. 453,904 645,871 905,731 Coal, coke and coal dust. 21,204,427 20,499,798 Cotton wool or raw cotton. 5,617,044 7,626,625 Cotton wool or raw cotton. 5,617,044 7,626,625 Cotton Fabrics, bleached and unbleached. 1,212,230 Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed. 3,288,356 3,600,661 Sundry cotton and mnirs of. 3,064,067 3,732,161 Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed. 3,288,356 3,500,661 Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed. 3,600,667 7,362,179 Cotton Fabrics, printed. 1,800,067 1,702,807 Fruits, and nuts, dried. 1,805,934 2,387,715 Fruits, green. 3,100,087 3,673,814 4,782,607 Class Parcha, rubber, and mnirs. 6,1014,100 Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed. 5,30,057 1,014,100 Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed. 4,782,607 1,014,100	1005	1906-
Books, periodicals, etc. 2.432.288 2.719.048 Corn. 6,155.671 61.79.948 Automobiles. 453.004 645.871 Cement. 784.471 905.731 Cord, coke and coal dust. 21.294.427 20.499.798 Cordage, rope, twine, etc. 1.612.245 2.014.077 Cotton wool or raw cotton. 5.617.044 7.626.625 Fabrics, bleached and unbleached. 1.212.230 1.322.314 Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed. 3.288.356 3.600.661 Sundry cotton and mnfrs of. 3.064.067 3.732.161 Drugs, dyes, chemicals. 6.148.308 7.362.176 Electric apparatus. 2.849.079 3.578.288 Laces, lace collars, etc. 1.364.067 1.702.807 Fruits, green. 3.100.087 3.673.81 Furs and skins and mnfrs. of. 4.164.415 4.782.607 Gusta, Parcha, rubber, and mnfrs. 1.014.10	Animals living\$1,800,630	
Corn. 0,155.071 0,179.343 Automobiles. 453.904 645.871 Cement. 784.471 995.731 Coal, coke and coal dust. 21.294.427 20,499.798 Cordage, rope, twine, etc. 1.612.245 22.014.077 Cotton wool or raw cotton 5.617.044 7.626.625 "Fabrics, bleached and unbleached. 1.212.230 1.322.314 Cotton Pabrics, printed, dyed. 3.288.356 3.600.661 Sundry cotton and mnfrs of. 3.04.067 3.732.161 Drugs, dyes, chemicals. 6.148.308 7.562.175 Electric apparatus. 2.849.079 3.578.288 Laces, lace collars, etc. 1.364.067 1.702.807 Fruits and nuts, dried. 1.865.934 2.387.713 Fruits, green. 3.109.087 3.673.814 Furs and skins and mnfrs. of. 4.164.415 4.782.607 Gutta Parcha, rubber, and mnfrs. 6.146.415 1.014.10	Books periodicals etc 2.432,238	2,719,643
Automobiles	Corn 6.155.671	6,179,948
Cement 784.471 995.731 Coal, coke and coal dust 21.294.427 20.499.798 Cordage, rope, twine, etc. 1.612.245 20.14.977 Cotton wool or raw cotton 5.617.044 7.626.625 Fabrics, bleached and unbleached 1.212.230 1.322.314 Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed 3.288.356 3.600.661 Sundry cotton and mnfrs of 3.064.067 3.732.161 Drugs, dyes, chemicals 2.849.079 3.578.28 Electric apparatus 2.849.079 3.578.28 Laces, lace collars, etc 1.360.667 1.702.89 Fruits, green 3.100.087 3.673.81 Furs and skins and mnfrs 4.164.415 4.782.69 Glass and mnfrs 5.30.057 1.014.10	Automobiles	645,871
Coal, coke and coal dust. 21,294,427 20,493,798 Cordage, rope, twine, etc. 1,612,245 20,014,077 7,626,625 "Fabrics, bleached and unbleached. 1,212,230 1,322,314 Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed. 3,288,356 3,600,661 Sundry cotton and mnfrs of. 3,064,067 3,732,161 Drugs, dyes, chemicals. 2,849,079 3,578,288 Electric apparatus. 2,849,079 3,578,288 Laces, lace collars, etc. 1,364,067 1,702,807 Fruits and nuts, dried. 1,865,934 2,387,713 Fruits, green. 3,109,087 3,673,814 Furs and skins and mnfrs. of. 4,164,415 4,782,697 Gutta Paratha, rubber, and mnfrs. 1,014,10 1,014,10	Coment 784,471	995.731
Cordage, rope, twine, etc. 1.612,245 2.014,077 Cotton wood or raw cotton 5.617,044 7.626,625 Fabries, bleached and unbleached 1.212,230 1.322,314 Cotton Fabries, printed, dyed 3.288,356 3.604,067 3.732,161 Sundry cotton and mnirs of 3.064,067 3.732,161 Drugs, dyes, chemicals 6.148,308 7.302,179 Electric apparatus 2.840,079 1.702,897 Laces, lace collars, etc 1.364,067 1.702,897 Fruits and nuts, dried 1.805,934 2.387,713 Fruits, green 3.109,087 3.673,812 Furs and skins and mnirs 4.164,415 4.782,697 Glass and mnirs 530,057 1.014,101	Coal coke and coal dust 21.204.427	20,499,798
Cotton wool or raw cotton 5,617,044 7,626,025 "Fabrics, bleached and unbleached 1,212,230 1,322,314 Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed 3,288,356 3,600,661 Sundry cotton and mnfrs of 3,004,667 3,732,161 Drugs, dyes, chemicals 6,148,308 7,362,179 Electric apparatus 2,849,079 3,578,288 Laces, lace collars, etc 1,361,067 1,702,807 Fruits and nuts, dried 1,865,934 2,387,715 Fruits, green 3,100,087 3,673,814 Furs and skins and mnfrs 4,164,415 4,782,697 Glass and mnfrs 0, 530,057 1,014,101	Cordage rope twine etc 1.612.245	2,014,077
Fabrics, bleached and unbleached. 1,212,230 1,322,314 (Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed. 3,288,356 3,600,661 (Sundry cotton and mnirs of. 3,064,067 3,732,161 (Drugs, dyes, chemicals. 6,148,308 Electric apparatus. 2,849,079 3,578,288 (Laces, lace collars, etc. 1,364,067 1,702,807 (Fruits and nuts, dried. 1,865,034 2,387,715 (Fruits, green. 3,109,087 3,673,814 (Furs and skins and mnirs. of. 4,164,415 4,782,607 (Glats, Parcha, rubber, and mnirs. 6, 1014,101 (Gutta, Parcha, rubber, and mnirs. 1,212,230 1,322,334 (Gutta, Parcha, rubber, and mnirs. 1,212,230 1,322,334 (Glats, Parcha, rubber, and mnirs. 1,212,230 1,322,334 (Glats, Parcha, rubber, and mnirs. 1,212,230 1,322,314 (Glats, Parcha, rubber, and mnirs. 1,212,230 1,322	Cotton wool or raw cotton 5.617.044	7,626,625
bleached. 1,212,230 1,322,314 Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed. 3,288,356 3,600,661		
Cotton Fabrics, printed, dyed 3.288,356 3.000,001 Sundry cotton and mnirs of 3.04,067 3.732,161 Drugs, dyes, chemicals 6.148,308 7,302,179 Electric apparatus 2.849,079 3.578,288 Laces, lace collars, etc 1.364,067 1.702,897 Fruits and nuts, dried 1.865,034 2.387,713 Furits, green 3.100,087 3.673,81 Furs and skins and mnirs 4.164,415 4.782,697 Glass and mnirs 530,057 1.014,101 Gutta Parcha, rubber, and mnirs 1.014,101	bleached 1,212,230	1,322,314
Sundry cotton and mnfrs of 3.004,007 3.732,101 Drugs, dyes, chemicals 6.148,308 7.362,101 Electric apparatus 2.849,079 3.578,288 Laces, lace collars, etc 1.364,067 1.702,897 Fruits and nuts, dried 1.865,934 2.387,715 Fruits, green 3.109,087 3.673,814 Furs and skins and mnfrs 4.164,415 4.782,697 Glass and mnfrs 0. 530,057 1.014,101 Gutta Parcha, rubber, and mnfrs 1.000,007 1.014,101	Cotton Fabrics printed, dved 3,288,356	3,600,661
Drugs, dyes, chemicals 6.148,308 7.302,179 Electric apparatus 2.840,079 3.578,288 Laces, lace collars, etc. 1.364,067 1.702,807 Fruits and nuts, dried 1.805,934 2.387,713 Fruits, green 3.109,087 3.673,814 Furs and skins and mnfrs 4.164,415 4.782,607 Glass and mnfrs 530,057 1.014,103 Gutta Percha, rubber, and mnfrs 1.014,103	Sundry cotton and mnfrs of 3.064.067	3,732,161
Electric apparatus 2,849.079 3.578.288 Laces, lace collars, etc. 1,364.667 1,702.897 Fruits and nuts, dried 1,865.034 2,387,713 Fruits, green 3,100,087 3,673.81 Furs and skins and mnfrs. of 4,164.415 4,782,603 Glass and mnfrs. of 530.057 1,014,101 Gutta Parcha, rubber, and mnfrs.		7,362,179
Laces, lace collars, etc. 1.364,067 1.702,897 Fruits and nuts, dried 1.805,034 2.387,715 Fruits, green 3.109,087 3.673,815 Furs and skins and nufrs of 4.164,415 4.782,697 Glass and mnfrs of 530,057 1.014,100 Gutta Parcha, rubber, and mnfrs	A	3,578,288
Fruits and nuts, dried. 1.865.934 2.387.715 Fruits, green. 3.109,087 3.673.814 Furs and skins and mnfrs. of 4.164.415 4.782.697 Glass and mnfrs. of 530.057 1.014.105	meetine apparatour.	1,702,897
Fruits, green. 3.109,087 3,673,814 Furs and skins and mnfrs. of 4,164,415 4,782,603 Glass and mnfrs. of 530,057 1,014,103		2,387,715
Furs and skins and mnfrs. of. 4.164.415 4.782.607 Glass and mnfrs. of. 530.057 1.014.101		3.673.814
Glass and mnfrs. of 530,057 1,014,100		4.782.697
Gutta Percha rubber, and mnfrs.	ture and skins and miner	1,014,101
of	of	3,549,874

	<00 -0-
Hats, caps, etc 2,681,357	2,688,787
Hides and skins, other than fur. 5,420,717	6,811.267
Boots and shoes 1,173,113	1,283,004
Copper and mnfrs. of 2,042,429	3,102,157
Agricultural implements 1,593,301	1,614,564
Iron or steel sheet, etc 2,251,762	2,520,052
Machinery and machines 7,596,917	9,550,314
Rolled iron, beams, etc 1,766,838	1,972,012
Steel rails 5,472,846	1,214,548
Tools and implements 1,201,798	1,436,548
Tubing 1,314,463	1,422,691
Wire	3,083,092
Sundry, iron and steel, and	
mnfrs 8,013.573	9,855,714
Tin, and mnfrs. of 2,791,757	3,336,948
Sundry metals, minerals, and	
mnfrs	4,929,216
Oils, all kinds 3,652,220	3,448,557
Packages 2,379,321	2,605,329
Paper, and mnfrs. of 2,963,618	3,176,129
Provisions, all kinds 1,553,045	3,026,865
Settlers' effects 7.084,659	9,254,511
Silk fabrics 3.437.754	3,401.475
Spirits and wines, all kinds 2,548,108	2,762,280
Sugar 8,561,176	10,237,164
Tea 3,670,940	3,665,781
Tobacco, and mnfrs. of 2,979,409	3,425,422
Lumber and timber, planks,	
boards, etc 4.846,798	4,274,716
Sundry wood, and mnfrs. of 2,516,005	2,729,287
Carpets	1,574.215
Clothing, ready-made	1,280,027
Cloths, coats, etc 4,729,199	5,215,864
Other wool fabrics 4,829,689	5,965,648
Wool, raw 1,553,431	1,489,268

The most important single item on the list is "coal." In value it amounts to nearly one-fifteenth of the whole. The bulk of it is, as most people know, anthracite coal, which does not complete with the product of our own mines, and is, therefore, free of duty. Nearly nine millions was soft coal subject to duty.

Taking them altogether, the imports of iron and steel and metals are more important even than the imports of coal. In connection with them, particularly in connection with the imports of machinery and machines, it should be remembered that a respectable part of the whole represents the investment of foreign capital in our industries and mines. When we read of the establishment of a large branch or principal plant, by an American or British company, at some one or other of our towns or cities, the capital invested by the foreigners, or a large part of it, comes in the shape of machinery or other iron or steel goods; and we do not have to reckon this among the items for which we must pay with our exports or with our cash. Another item which can obviously be considered clear gain, or as an addition to our national assets, is "settlers' effects," which came close to ten millions in the fiscal year just ended. A consideration of these two items alone serves to show that the popular idea that exports should always overbalance imports if a country is to prosper is not always correct. The composition of both exports and imports must be studied before conclusions can be arrived at. Imports are not always "purchases from abroad," as we have just seen. 3.549.874 And exports are not always "sales to foreigners"