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1899, an increase of nearly 67,000,000 yen, or about \$33,500,000. Exports for 1900 were 204,430,000 yen, and for 1899, 214,930,000, a decrease of 9,500,000 yen, or nearly \$4,750,000. The United States supplies Japan with nearly half of its imports of raw cotton, sending shipments for 1900 to the value of 27,010,000 yen out of a total importation of 59,472,000. By far the greater part of the imports of cotton manufactures came from Great Britain, that country sending nearly ninety-five per cent. of the total imports, which amounted to fully 25,000,000 yen. Raw wool imports come chiefly from Germany, Belgium and Australia. France sends about sixty-four per cent. of the imports of "mousseline de laine." England most of the woollen cloths, and Germany most of the flannels. Switzerland also ships considerable quantities of woollen manufactures, but American trade in this line is insignificant. In imports of machinery and engines Great Britain comes first, with the United States second and Germany third, the totals being 4,095,000 yen, 2,645,000 and 1,534,000 respectively. England sent locomotives to Japan in 1900 to the value of 1,819,000 yen, an increase over the preceding year, while American exports were only 480,000 yen, a decrease of nearly fifty per cent. from 1899. In steel rails the United States made a remarkable gain, from 230,000 yen in 1899 to 3,161,000 in 1900. Imports of steel rails from the United Kingdom were 906,000 yen, from Germany, 562,000 and from Belgium 121,000. In iron nails this country also enjoyed much the greater share of the import trade, its sales amounting to 1,423,000 yen out of a total of 2,181,000. In bar and rod iron Belgium held the leading place, and in other imports of iron and steel Great Britain was first, with Belgium second and Germany third. Imports of paper in 1900 came largely from Great Britain and Austria. Leather came for the most part from the United States, while this country sent kerosene to the value of 10,775,000 yen out of a total importation of 14,163,000. Other leading imports to which Americans contributed materially, were window glass, flour and oil cake.—Dun's Review.

The Government of Australia is inviting tenders for a hundred thousand tons of steel rails to be manufactured within four years in New South Wales. This will involve the establishing of iron works, and it is stipulated that the price is not to exceed the cost of such rails in America and Great Britain, plus the freight.

The Northey Mfg. Co., Toronto, have received an order from the Montreal Water & Power Co., for what will be, it is stated, the largest electrical single pumping engine in Canada. The contract price is \$27,000. The total weight is about 400,000 pounds or 200 tons, the engine will be forty feet long and twenty wide; one of the gear wheels measuring thirty feet in diameter. The engine will throw a column of water 400 feet high and will have a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours.