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SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for publication the forty-fifth issue of the Statistical Abstract of the United States. As in former years, this publication has been prepared in the research division.

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To Hon. HERBERT HOOVER,  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The condensed statistics contained in this volume, unless otherwise stated in connection with the individual tables, represent, or are based upon, official figures collated and published under the various laws of the United States or those of other countries to which they may relate. The sources to which the various tables are credited will indicate where application should be made for additional details, with the exception that certain tables for which no credit appears are derived from regular reports of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, and that Table No. 454 is derived largely from corresponding data presented for shorter periods in previous tables.

**General imports.**—Tables Nos. 295 and 298 embrace imported articles entered at the customhouses for immediate consumption and imported articles entered for warehouse. The statements of *imports entered for consumption*, Tables Nos. 301 and 302, embrace imported articles entered for immediate consumption and imported articles withdrawn from warehouse for consumption. The statement of *general imports* and the statement of *imports entered for consumption* for any period should, therefore, differ to the extent that the value of *entries for warehouse* for the period differs from the value of *withdrawals from warehouse for consumption*. The term "entry for consumption" is the technical name of the import entry made at the customhouse and does not imply that the goods have been actually consumed, but simply that they have been delivered into the custody of the importer, and that the duties have been paid on the dutiable portion. Some of them may be afterwards exported.

**Import value.**—The value of imported merchandise as shown in the statistical tables up to and including May, 1921, represents the "actual market value or wholesale price thereof at the time of exportation to the United States, in the principal markets of the country from whence exported, including the value of all containers or coverings, whether holding liquids or solids, and all other costs, charges, and expenses incident to placing the merchandise in condition, packed ready for shipment to the United States," as defined in section III, paragraph R of the tariff act of 1913.

Beginning with June, 1921, the import value represents either the actual foreign market value, as defined above, or "the export value, including any export tax imposed by the country of exportation" as defined in section 302 of the emergency tariff act of May 27, 1921, whichever value is higher.

**Domestic exports.**—Tables Nos. 294 and 299 exhibit the exports of domestic products or manufactures, also exports of commodities of foreign origin which have been changed from the form in which they were imported or enhanced in value by further manufacture in the United States, such as sugar refined in this country from imported raw sugar, flour ground from imported wheat, and articles and utensils made from imported metals, etc. The value of exports of domestic merchandise is their value at the time of exportation in the ports of the United States whence they are exported. (Rev. Stat., 337, and act of April 29, 1902.)

**Foreign exports.**—Table No. 300, called "foreign exports" or "reexports," exhibits exports of foreign merchandise which had been imported. The value of such commodities exported from "warehouse" is their import value. The value of such commodities exported "not from warehouse," comprising free goods mainly, is the value at the ports of the United States whence they are exported.

**Weights and measures.**—The term "ton," as applied to weight, is specified "long" (2,240 pounds) or "short" (2,000 pounds). The term "ton," as applied to vessel measurement, is specified as "net," equal to 100 cubic feet of carrying capacity exclusive of deductions for space occupied by cabins, machinery, etc., or "gross," equal to 100 cubic feet of the entire carrying capacity inclusive of such space. "Dead-weight tonnage" is also applied to vessel measurement, and is intended to be a measure of cargo-carrying capacity. It is the difference between the displacement of the vessel when loaded and when light, in steaming condition, but without crew, stores, water, or fuel on board. The term "M feet" used in connection with the measure of lumber, etc., signifies 1,000 feet board measure, a "foot" of such measure being 1 foot long, 1 foot wide, and 1 inch or less in thickness. "Cubic feet" or "cords," as applied to the measurement of lumber, pulp wood, etc., signifies cubic contents. According to section 3249, Revised Statutes, "Proof spirits shall be held to be that alcoholic liquor which contains one-half its volume of alcohol of a specific gravity of 0.7939 at 60° Fahrenheit." The official gallon prescribed is one containing 231 cubic inches, or 58,372.2 grains, equal to 8.3389 pounds of distilled water at its maximum density, weighed in air of a temperature of 62° Fahrenheit and barometric pressure of 30 inches. The taxable gallon differs from the proof gallon by reason of the fact that in computing taxable gallons under section 3251, Revised Statutes, all fractional parts of a gallon less than one-tenth are excluded.