

STATE AND MUNICIPAL FINANCES.

The best way in which I can give the state and municipal revenues and expenses in Mexico, is by inserting the detail amounts of the last twelve years of the revenues and expenses of each of the Mexican States, and a similar statement of the revenues and expenses of the municipalities of each State. That statement gives also the revenues and expenses of the City of Mexico, which have increased very considerably of late. In the year 1867, after the restoration of the Republic, they only amounted to about \$800,000, while in the year 1895, they had increased to \$3,395,638. (These statements are on pp. 150-153.)

FOREIGN TRADE.

The foreign trade of Mexico was necessarily very small before the railway era, because transportation was exceedingly high on account of the broken condition of the country, and only articles of great value and comparatively small weight could be profitably exported, while the price of foreign commodities became very high, both on account of transportation charges and high import duties. Therefore, only rich people could afford to consume foreign commodities, and the exports of Mexico were practically reduced to silver and gold, and to a few commodities having small bulk and great value.

The normal cost of transportation on merchandise from the City of Mexico to Veracruz, a distance of one hundred Mexican leagues or 263½ English miles, used to be, before the railroad connecting both places was built, \$68.75 per ton of 2200 pounds, or more than 26 cents per mile and ton; and in extraordinary circumstances, as during the French Intervention in Mexico from 1861 to 1867, the freight was as high as \$330 per ton, or over \$1.25 per mile and ton. Therefore, no article could be transported unless it was very much needed and it commanded a very high price. The result was that not only the foreign but also the domestic trade was reduced to its smallest proportions, and that the people raised just enough to provide for the wants of themselves and their immediate neighbors. A fact that may seem incredible is, that for the same reasons, among the farmers, a good crop was considered a great misfortune.

Since the railways have revolutionized transportation, our products, especially agricultural commodities, have begun to be sent to foreign markets, and their exportation is increasing considerably. As yet the precious metals, especially silver, are the main exports from Mexico, representing during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, 61 per cent. of our total annual exports; but other commodities are now exported, and they are in a fair way to exceed, before long, the value of our silver exports. I have no doubt that with the opening of our railroads, if our exports continue to increase in the same proportion as they have

recently done, Mexico will be able to supply the United States with most of the tropical products now consumed and not yet produced here, and even with others, that would find a market if they could be cheaply transported.

The same difficulties which prevented us from having correct accounts of our public revenues and expenses, and which I have stated in speaking on that subject, made it very difficult for many years to have correct statistics of our imports and exports.

Imports.—I could not give even a tentative statement, which I could vouchsafe, of our total imports and exports from 1821 to 1867, but the statement of the receipts of our custom-houses from 1823 to 1875, which appears on page 145 gives an approximate idea of our imports, considering that the receipts amount to about from 50 to 60 per cent. of the value of the imports.

I append a detailed statement of the imports and exports in Mexico during the years 1826, 1827, and 1828, and the total imports and exports during the year 1825.

From the fiscal year 1872-1873 our Statistical Bureau began to make its reports, and I have concised them in the three annexed statements comprising most of those years, up to the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896. The commodities are divided in their respective classes in accordance with the different schedules of the tariffs then in force.

MEXICAN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FROM 1826 TO 1828.

MERCHANDISE.	1826.	1827.	1828.
<i>Imports.</i>			
Linen.....	\$2,384,715	\$2,180,191	\$1,711,051
Wool.....	934,295	493,760	245,901
Silk.....	1,432,578	844,732	398,003
Cotton.....	5,017,700	6,913,126	3,417,766
Mixed.....	122,968	107,108	38,654
Wines, liquors, groceries.....	2,888,066	2,867,320	3,244,498
Haberdashery.....	728,236	489,402	306,614
Medicines, drugs, and perfumeries.....	90,779	55,100	20,260
Books, blank and printed, paper.....	1,430,039	495,743	130,638
China, fine and ordinary, crystal and glass.....	264,424	311,074	332,819
Furniture, of wood and metal.....	91,910	103,047	57,187
Machines and instruments for mining, science, and the arts.....	63,499	22,816	44,123
Furs.....	912	4,517	318
Gold and silver.....	444	1,080	.....
Total imports.....	\$15,450,565	\$14,889,016	\$9,947,832
Total imports in 1825: \$19,093,716.			
<i>Exports.</i>			
Gold and silver.....	\$5,847,795	\$9,669,428	\$12,387,288
Cochineal.....	1,356,730	912,049	1,483,746
Indigo, vanilla, jalap, and sarsaparilla ...	76,440	1,076,528	448,747
Other articles of indigenous products.....	367,164	513,769	169,005
Total exports.....	\$7,648,129	\$12,171,774	\$14,488,786
Total exports in 1825: \$5,085,235.			

Statistical Notes on Mexico.

IMPORTS IN MEXICO FROM JULY 1, 1872, TO JUNE 30, 1875, AND IN THE YEAR 1884-1885.

	1872-1873.		1873-1874.		1874-1875.		1884-1885.	
	Invoice Value.	Duties.	Invoice Value.	Duties.	Invoice Value.	Duties.	Invoice Value.	Duties.
1. Cottons.....	\$7,036,913 45	\$4,992,003 53	\$8,814,123 34	\$6,002,759 46	\$7,379,339 12	\$5,826,530 86	\$6,153,559 86	\$5,234,420 08
2. Linens.....	1,003,595 70	603,559 96	1,173,572 41	700,445 22	703,052 21	496,896 20	548,191 22	469,798 70
3. Woollens.....	1,031,378 82	676,339 40	1,306,932 77	877,078 29	988,292 75	695,216 55	1,376,365 04	1,066,491 36
4. Silks.....	401,905 37	260,004 52	337,560 01	217,398 44	274,744 88	189,815 46	337,550 28	281,978 04
5. Mixtures.....	1,052,553 37	624,126 96	1,174,004 66	715,661 44	796,762 17	539,745 16	1,281,247 44	1,070,162 56
6. Groceries.....	3,613,162 45	2,184,375 85	3,334,152 92	2,058,713 20	2,955,852 55	2,038,344 16	3,761,080 40	2,632,185 86
7. Crystal.....	279,216 43	172,154 00	356,770 88	248,030 11	240,825 10	185,952 29	398,154 72	305,172 42
8. Haberdashery.	1,180,194 88	687,282 98	1,376,719 31	828,395 54	1,160,921 85	768,267 32	1,741,956 70	1,278,237 00
9. Chemicals....	178,258 75	141,181 29	226,681 92	198,761 67	174,618 02	143,569 70	479,734 38	348,709 22
10. Sundries.....	1,404,297 58	1,125,142 38	1,635,461 81	1,111,199 21	1,322,722 14	898,919 65	1,769,536 32	1,203,434 20
II. Commodities paying 55%..	555,027 91	366,946 65	36,400 00	23,352 84	58,444 09	38,276 14	296,166 38	194,302 24
Free Articles.....	2,429,508 14	.....	3,509,918 53	.....	2,737,918 73	.....	5,643,142 16	.....
Total.....	\$20,166,012 85	\$11,833,117 52	\$23,282,298 56	\$12,981,795 42	\$18,793,493 61	\$11,821,533 49	\$23,786,684 90	\$14,084,892 28

Foreign Trade.

IMPORTS IN MEXICO FROM JULY 1, 1885, TO JUNE 30, 1886, AND FROM JULY 1, 1888, AND FROM JULY 1, 1888, TO JUNE 30, 1890.

	1885-1886.		1888-1889.		1889-1890.	
	Invoice Value.	Duties.	Invoice Value.	Duties.	Invoice Value.	Duties.
1. Free of duties.....	\$2,682,343 26	.....	\$13,506,230 23	.....	\$21,238,598 91	.....
2. Cottons.....	5,520,538 32	\$6,953,659 28	7,534,088 70	\$7,447,394 70	7,677,131 31	\$8,109,445 45
3. Linens.....	556,115 48	639,234 50	674,029 52	671,590 87	681,879 69	645,276 72
4. Woollens.....	1,227,327 42	1,737,314 34	1,013,186 22	1,986,020 61	1,995,890 56	2,353,441 00
5. Silks.....	305,936 48	351,903 84	394,691 60	378,614 57	540,845 12	505,490 35
6. Mixtures.....	366,735 04	430,279 26	394,889 86	410,419 80	548,298 13	550,578 80
7. Food articles.....	2,390,360 48	2,037,829 30	4,893,700 49	3,789,270 57	5,954,813 02	4,627,227 87
8. Stones and earths.....	97,579 84	66,873 18	81,815 68	41,244 81	133,694 20	61,249 16
9. Crystal and porcelain.....	309,411 14	326,712 90	607,727 18	686,884 84	667,593 16	743,388 64
10. Gold, silver, and platinum.....	145,551 66	17,090 40	320,843 60	27,967 36	286,680 35	28,792 54
11. Iron and steel.....	852,065 14	674,270 34	1,510,129 91	1,259,480 12	2,034,625 21	1,507,501 26
12. Leather.....	363,577 72	238,771 08	593,166 91	324,225 37	705,768 54	428,993 02
13. Tin, lead, and zinc.....	42,020 20	34,558 16	75,068 92	39,289 76	93,421 20	50,877 98
14. Haberdashery.....	423,549 42	304,950 50	658,853 68	595,497 81	715,068 53	551,554 20
15. Machines.....	1,457,236 48	81,014 42	539,582 35	128,205 84	587,478 34	155,459 53
16. Carriages and wagons.....	75,024 30	41,868 66	213,796 20	116,206 57	272,264 46	150,161 03
17. Arms, ammunition, and gunpowder.....	285,926 12	141,862 40	280,453 04	172,830 78	348,652 13	200,487 78
18. Wood and its manufac- tures.....	202,492 52	171,495 12	473,684 25	368,523 72	620,984 55	480,905 30
19. Paper and its manufac- tures.....	951,677 28	626,525 02	1,352,143 12	1,161,250 81	1,359,417 23	1,154,445 55
20. Furs.....	253,677 12	197,113 18	414,109 54	290,211 92	506,693 83	348,089 86
21. Chemicals.....	736,656 94	496,131 56	1,097,830 38	997,449 42	1,737,395 37	1,036,988 80
22. Sundries.....	1,925,372 88	1,534,435 38	2,193,966 94	1,675,382 70	3,311,465 05	2,091,334 04
Total.....	\$21,171,795 24	\$17,104,492 82	\$40,024,894 32	\$22,477,962 95	\$52,018,658 89	\$25,782,648 88

UNDER THE TARIFF OF JANUARY 24, 1885.

UNDER THE TARIFF OF MARCH 1, 1887.

IMPORTS IN MEXICO FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 1892-1893 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 1895-1896.

	FREE.					DUTYABLE.					TOTAL.					
	1892-1893.	1893-1894.	1894-1895.	1895-1896.	1892-1893.	1893-1894.	1894-1895.	1895-1896.	1892-1893.	1893-1894.	1894-1895.	1895-1896.	1892-1893.	1893-1894.	1894-1895.	1895-1896.
1. Animal Industry:																
Live animals.....	\$ 9,042	\$ 10,797	\$ 3,640	\$ 7,452	\$ 745,321	\$ 260,010	\$ 169,673	\$ 374,655	\$ 754,163	\$ 970,807	\$ 173,113	\$ 381,007	\$ 1,079,001	\$ 970,807	\$ 173,113	\$ 381,007
Animal remains.....	1,533	11,922	13,370	26,271	379,441	302,880	567,391	707,499	371,054	302,880	607,101	707,499	371,054	302,880	607,101	707,499
Animal products.....	1,865	119	3,366	471	1,243,203	817,868	789,496	1,052,730	1,255,553	849,790	802,866	1,079,001	1,079,001	849,790	802,866	1,079,001
Animal manufactures.....	\$24,720	\$22,838	\$20,376	\$33,794	\$3,082,054	\$2,009,751	\$2,201,246	\$2,763,677	\$3,106,774	\$2,032,589	\$2,221,622	\$2,707,871	\$3,106,774	\$2,032,589	\$2,221,622	\$2,707,871
2. Agricultural Products:																
Textiles.....	\$ 39,847	\$ 10,026	\$ 13,925	\$ 23,716	\$ 2,365,756	\$ 2,016,616	\$ 2,341,747	\$ 2,764,488	\$ 2,365,756	\$ 2,016,616	\$ 2,341,747	\$ 2,764,488	\$ 2,365,756	\$ 2,016,616	\$ 2,341,747	\$ 2,764,488
Fruits and grains.....	109,496	65,710	16,205	98,375	7,389,439	1,118,146	883,923	1,553,036	1,153,036	1,137,172	900,128	1,176,188	1,153,036	1,137,172	900,128	1,176,188
Sundry vegetable substances.....	31,883	3,437	9,578	3,137	234,350	192,310	211,556	266,237	343,846	258,080	306,338	364,612	343,846	258,080	306,338	364,612
Sundry vegetable products.....	937,383	675,950	600,312	606,411	341,732	276,338	296,230	391,058	1,294,787	1,023,404	964,356	1,307,024	1,294,787	1,023,404	964,356	1,307,024
Manufactures of sundry vegetable substances.....	305,958	20	3,225	2,270	383,698	383,698	464,683	380,334	531,629	383,698	464,683	380,334	531,629	383,698	464,683	380,334
Furniture.....	\$1,377,267	\$764,143	\$738,217	\$1,095,959	\$12,057,437	\$5,194,602	\$5,389,816	\$5,867,142	\$13,444,704	\$5,958,745	\$6,128,043	\$6,963,051	\$13,444,704	\$5,958,745	\$6,128,043	\$6,963,051
3. Metals and its Manufactures:																
Gold, silver, and platinum.....	\$ 200,610	\$ 117,369	\$ 834,472	\$ 59,336	\$ 159,203	\$ 163,655	\$ 201,850	\$ 173,268	\$ 359,813	\$ 281,024	\$ 1,036,322	\$ 232,604	\$ 359,813	\$ 281,024	\$ 1,036,322	\$ 232,604
Copper.....	31,123	24,479	24,670	55,683	497,992	438,593	600,916	676,098	339,175	462,952	625,506	731,781	339,175	462,952	625,506	731,781
Iron and steel.....	4,228	6,115	6,115	4,495	69,042	73,377	102,516	128,030	73,377	70,555	108,629	133,425	73,377	70,555	108,629	133,425
Other metals.....	1,216,596	441,254	285,165	1,049,435	1,855,228	2,054,920	2,427,516	3,140,837	3,071,824	2,447,153	2,713,681	4,100,272	3,071,824	2,447,153	2,713,681	4,100,272
Stone and earthenware.....	603,525	566,643	511,664	574,153	826,979	614,256	675,187	982,678	604,509	518,174	544,045	578,623	604,509	518,174	544,045	578,623
Crystal glass, china, and porcelainware.....	6,172	6,939	2,851	6,853	545,297	504,073	548,230	867,162	551,769	511,012	551,081	874,015	551,769	511,012	551,081	874,015
Total.....	\$3,866,891	\$2,151,205	\$2,735,727	\$2,796,357	\$24,957,437	\$13,860,924	\$14,559,494	\$17,973,443	\$38,821,616	\$30,012,129	\$37,295,221	\$42,769,800	\$38,821,616	\$30,012,129	\$37,295,221	\$42,769,800
4. Fabrics:																
Cotton.....	\$ 146,659	\$ 4,530	\$ 5,268	\$ 6,053	\$ 6,854,297	\$ 6,933,610	\$ 7,793,945	\$ 9,420,050	\$ 8,420,050	\$ 6,860,459	\$ 7,780,213	\$ 9,420,050	\$ 8,420,050	\$ 6,860,459	\$ 7,780,213	\$ 9,420,050
Linen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wool.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silk.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silk with a mixture of other substances.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$6,162	\$4,530	\$5,268	\$6,053	\$6,854,297	\$6,933,610	\$7,793,945	\$9,420,050	\$8,420,050	\$6,860,459	\$7,780,213	\$9,420,050	\$8,420,050	\$6,860,459	\$7,780,213	\$9,420,050
5. Chemicals, oils, and paints:																
Wines, liquors, fermented and unfermented drinks.....	\$ 156,953	\$ 143,557	\$ 172,258	\$ 277,359	\$ 2,734,164	\$ 1,913,161	\$ 2,174,460	\$ 2,530,249	\$ 2,734,164	\$ 1,913,161	\$ 2,174,460	\$ 2,530,249	\$ 2,734,164	\$ 1,913,161	\$ 2,174,460	\$ 2,530,249
Paper and its manufactures.....	19,350,881	146,047	147,892	147,892	2,174,460	1,450,060	1,674,419	1,450,060	1,450,060	1,360,203	1,008,415	1,339,677	1,450,060	1,360,203	1,008,415	1,339,677
Machinery.....	625,324	162,319	141,977	580,050	306,035	131,601	137,538	4,942,378	4,259,903	3,545,378	3,732,300	5,212,344	4,259,903	3,545,378	3,732,300	5,212,344
Carrriages.....	444,182	1,068	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arms and Explosives.....	8,062	1,068	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sundries.....	\$8,601,301	\$3,395,690	\$3,972,694	\$5,004,533	\$34,811,830	\$26,801,793	\$30,000,000	\$37,012,109	\$30,000,000	\$26,801,793	\$30,000,000	\$37,012,109	\$30,000,000	\$26,801,793	\$30,000,000	\$37,012,109
Grand Total.....	\$8,601,301	\$3,395,690	\$3,972,694	\$5,004,533	\$34,811,830	\$26,801,793	\$30,000,000	\$37,012,109	\$30,000,000	\$26,801,793	\$30,000,000	\$37,012,109	\$30,000,000	\$26,801,793	\$30,000,000	\$37,012,109

I append a statement which shows the imports and exports of Mexico during the two fiscal years 1894-1895 and 1895-1896, both by countries and by custom-houses, and the imports and duties by countries in the fiscal years 1888-1889 and 1889-1890.

Exports.—It would be difficult to make a correct statement of our exports previous to the fiscal year 1867-1868. Their amount was very small for reasons already given, and as they principally consisted in silver, and almost all the silver coined was exported the coinage of which we have exact records, can be taken as the amount of exports, with the addition of from 30 to 40 per cent., representing the silver both in coin and bullion smuggled. I give a correct statement of our exports of agricultural commodities from the fiscal year 1877-1878 to 1895-1896, and also a statement of our exports of other commodities from the fiscal year 1886-1887 to 1895-1896, which shows the rapid pace at which they are increasing.

The exports from Mexico are embraced in the following articles:

MINERALS.	ANIMAL PRODUCTS.	FRUITS.
Chapopote.	Bones.	Bananas.
Coal.	Cattle.	Cocoanuts.
Copper in bars.	Chihuahua terriers.	Lemons.
Gold and silver coin.	Donkeys.	Limes.
Gold and silver bullion.	Goats.	Oranges.
Lead in pigs.	Hair, horse.	Pine apples.
Onyx.	Hair, rabbit.	Walnuts, Nuevo Leon.
Opals.	Heron feathers.	Tamarind pulp.
Ores of silver, copper, and lead.	Hides, raw and tanned.	
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.	Hoofs.	FORESTRY.
Beans.	Horns.	Cabinet woods, mahogany, moral, lind-aloce, tepeguaje, cedar, sandal, ebony, and rosewood.
Bitter almonds and various fruits, kernels.	Horses.	Dye woods, brasil, camphor, moral, and other varieties of logwood.
Chick-peas.	Mules.	Orchilla.
Cocoa.	Ox grease.	SUNDRIES.
Coffee.	Sheep.	Copal, chick, and sundry resinous substances.
Honey.	Skins of sheep and goat, dressed and undressed.	Jalap, and other medicinal herbs.
India-rubber.	MANUFACTURES.	Mother of pearl shells.
Molasses.	Cotton, linen, worsted and silk domestic shawls (rebozos).	Pearls.
Piloncillo (brown sugar).	Guadalajara earthenware.	Tortoise shell from the Gulf of Cortez.
Sugar, all grades.	Maguey, brandy (Tequila and mescal).	Vanilla.
	Preserved sweet meats.	Zacaton brush and broom grasses.
	Rag puppets and dolls.	
	Rags (all sorts).	
	Wax, artificial flowers and figures.	
	Woollen and worsted Mexican plaids or blankets (Zarapes).	
FIBRES.		
Henequen.		
Ixtle.		
Mallows fibre.		
Ramie.		
Sotol.		
Wool.		

