

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1881.

AN ABSTRACT OF PUBLIC INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.			
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Customs	19,326,000 0 0	Permanent Charge of Debt	21,504,330 10 3		
Excise	25,300,000 0 0	Interest (except as below) and Management of the Debt	5,717,471 9 0		
Stamps	11,300,000 0 0	Terminable Annuities	110,987 0 0		
Land Tax and House Duty	2,670,000 0 0	Interest of Exchequer Bills	12,503 8 3	28,000,000 0 0	
Property and Income Tax	9,230,000 0 0	Interest of Bank Advances for Deficiency and Means	3,643 16 7		
Post Office	6,350,000 0 0	New Sinking Fund	651,063 15 11		
Telegraph Service	1,420,000 0 0	Interest on Temporary Loans for Local Purposes		341,864 16 3	
Crown Lands (Net)	390,000 0 0	Interest on Supply Exchequer Bonds		190,375 0 0	
Interest on Advances for Local Works, &c., and on Purchase Money of Suez Canal Shares	1,254,596 2 2	Interest, &c., on Exchequer Bonds (Suez)		198,955 5 0	
Miscellaneous:—	£ s. d.	Interest, on Stock created for Loan to India		30,738 17 9	
Military and Naval extra Receipts, and Proceeds of Old Stores sold (including Army Purchase)	781,467 13 6	Other Charges on Consolidated Fund:—			
Amount received from the Revenues of India on account of the Effective and Non-effective Charges of British Troops serving in that country, and on account of Capitalisation of Pensions	1,144,224 1 10	Civil List	407,467 10 5		
Allowance out of the Profits of Issue received from the Bank of England, per Act 24 Vict. c. 3	138,578 0 0	Annuities and Pensions	314,559 15 7		
Net Profit on Post Office Savings Banks	77,757 12 1	Salaries and Allowances	98,889 9 0	1,588,543 12 11	
Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855; repayments in respect of Advances for Dividends	78,402 0 0	Courts of Justice	624,179 15 10		
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	1,819,000 2 7	Miscellaneous Charges	158,417 2 1		
Total Income	£81,265,955 12 2	Supply Services:—			
Excess of Total Expenditure over Income in the Year ended March 31, 1880	2,840,697 16 1	Army (including Army Purchase)	15,645,866 15 1		
	£84,105,753 8 3	Army Charges on Account of Troops in India	1,115,050 3 8		
		Abyssinian Expedition	633 19 2		
		Navy	10,416,131 17 7		
		Votes of Credit: War in South Africa, Sikukuni Expedition, and Griqualand West	3,214,920 1 8	53,744,395 16 4	
		Miscellaneous Civil Services	15,324,596 3 5		
		Customs and Inland Revenue Departments	2,784,316 16 2		
		Post Office	3,333,000 0 0		
		Telegraph Service	1,107,000 0 0		
		Packet Service	772,820 0 0		
		Total Expenditure	£84,105,753 8 3		

THE REVENUE OF CUSTOMS. GREAT BRITAIN.

It appears that while the Revenue of Customs diminished in 1879 in comparison with that of the preceding year to the extent of £460,676, that of Ireland, notwithstanding the severe distress, during the latter part of the year actually increased by £39,700.

The total value of the imports in the year 1879 was £362,991,000, against £368,770,000 in the year 1878, being a decrease of £5,779,000 or 1.5 per cent. After a great increase in the total value in the year 1877, when the amount reached £394,419,000, the highest on record, it fell to £368,770,000 in 1878, so that the figures given for the year 1879 represent a very considerable decrease upon the diminished value of the previous year, and comparing the results of the two years 1878 and 1879, there is a diminution of 31 millions, or 8 per cent. The following are some of the principal articles imported into this country in the year 1879, with the quantities and values as compared with the like particulars in 1878:—

	1878.		1879.	
	Quantities.	Value.	Quantities.	Value.
		£		£
Cotton, Raw	11,967,000 cwt.	33,519,000	13,119,000	36,180,000
Flax	1,553,000 "	3,481,000	1,695,000	3,584,000
Hemp	1,229,000 "	1,915,000	1,208,000	1,691,000
Jute	4,242,000 "	3,236,000	4,759,000	3,257,000
Silk, Raw	4,170,000 lb.	3,680,000	3,886,000	3,384,000
Wool, Sheep	395,474,000 "	22,786,000	412,784,000	23,282,000
" Goats	7,060,000 "	752,000	10,072,000	743,000
" Other kinds	5,288,000 "	382,000	5,720,000	343,000

The total quantity of the above-named articles was 24,642,000 cwt., and the value £72,464,000, and, on a comparison with the figures for 1878, shows an increase in the quantity, and also in the value of the importations.

The total weight of the principal ores, metals, and metal manufactures of all kinds imported in 1879 was 1,736,000 tons, and the value £13,213,000.

Articles partially manufactured decreased in value from £19,356,000 to £16,594,000. The following are the principal articles—viz.:

	1878.		1879.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Copper, part wrought	39,000 tons	2,572,000	46,000	2,816,000
Cotton yarn	7,376,000 lb.	644,000	6,840,000	423,000
Hides, tanned and dressed	50,571,000 "	2,871,000	35,185,000	2,209,000
Iron bars	102,000 tons	1,018,000	95,000	878,000
Linen yarn	5,969,000 lb.	397,000	6,384,000	370,000
Skins, dressed	12,530,000 No.	1,233,000	13,555,000	1,416,000
Wood, sawn or dressed	3,635,000 lb.	9,039,000	3,256,000	7,064,000
Woolen yarn	12,474,000 "	1,582,000	11,044,000	1,418,000

The quantity of spirits of all kinds imported in 1879 was 13,546,000 gallons,

against 12,211,000 gallons in 1878, or an increase of 1,335,000 gallons, equal to 10 per cent. The total value of spirits in 1879 was £3,000,000.

TOBACCO.—The importation of tobacco of all sorts was comparatively small, being only 42,432,000 lb., against 93,059,000 lb. in 1878, a falling off of 50,607,000 lb., or 54 per cent. The large importations in the three previous years had the effect of keeping up the stock in the bonded warehouses to a very high figure, there being a diminution in the stock of only 18,186,000 lb., or 13.4 per cent as regards the year 1878, but still an increase of 7 per cent upon the stock of 1877.

THE CITY OF LONDON PUBLIC WORKS AND REVENUE ACCOUNT.

The Chamberlain of the City of London, pursuant to Act of Parliament, presented his account with the City in respect of various public and trust funds in the Chamber of London. The following is a statement showing the loans raised by the City within the last quarter of a century for the purpose of public improvements:—For the formation of the Metropolitan Cattle Market and extension of its slaughterhouses, 1852-6 and 1873-6, £478,600; for the Holborn-valley and Farringdon Market improvements, 1864-72, £2,376,000; for the Metropolitan Meat, Poultry, Fruit, and Vegetable Market, site, approaches, &c., 1863-78, £1,057,000; for the London Central Fruit, Flower, and Vegetable Market, approaches, &c., £581,000; for the Foreign Cattle Market at Deptford (1870-9), £280,000; for the enlargement of Billingsgate Market (1872-8), £272,000; for the building of the Royal Exchange, £98,500; for the rebuilding of Blackfriars-bridge (1864), £300,000; for ditto and the purchase of Southwark-bridge (1867-9), £315,000; for the preservation of open spaces (1876-9), £100,000. Out of the above accounts the only amounts paid off apparently are £604,100 on the Holborn-valley improvements; £113,000 on the Metropolitan Meat and Poultry Market, &c.; £22,000 on the Deptford Cattle Market, £8200 on the Royal Exchange, and £60,000 on Southwark Bridge. The total amounts due for the above-mentioned purposes stood, according to the above account, on Dec. 31 last, at £5,129,800.

Various duties and rates yielded the respective sums given below:—

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

The revenue of the Corporation of the City of London may be gathered from the following comparative Table of a portion of the receipts and expenditure:—

In 1851 the receipts were	£257,400
The expenditure amounted to	247,931
1879 the receipts were	553,337
Expenditure	532,353
1851 the coal dues of 4d. per ton were	72,944
1879 the duties realised were	134,497
1851 dues received from markets were	20,351
1879	147,235
1851 the expenses of the magistracy and the Corporation, and a portion of the police were	18,767
1879 Ditto, expenses	34,280
1851 receipts from rents	73,754
1879	116,425
1851 expenditure on the Bridge House Estate	32,681
1879	499,359
1851 expenses of civil government were	30,644
1879	50,791
1851 charitable donations were	5,885
1879	11,465