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During the two years the total Imports amounted to \$24,268,824

whilst the Exports were on y \$7,747,139, showing a deficiency to the Terri-tory of \$16,521,685. This is altogether wrong, and every effort should in the future be made to reduce the former and increase the latter.

Home Indus'ries are vital to the prosperity of a country, and should be fostered and encouraged by every available means, for in so doing Im-

portation can be lessened and Exportation increased. Increased attention should be paid to the *culture of the soil* and rais-ing cereals for export. The quality of Wheat raised in Cache County finds a ready market in California, and with proper attention may become a leading article of Export.

The importation of *Coal* should be stopped as early as possible, for in Utah's treasure house there is an inexhaustible supply of the finest qualities of that article only awaiting the means of transportation to bring it ties of that article only awaiting the means of transportation to bring it to market; and in this connection allusion may be made to the importa-tion of Coke, which in 1873 amounted to close on a quarter of a million of dollars, an item which might also be saved, as the quality of coal in many parts of the Territory is eminently adapted for coking. Again, over \$100,000 worth of *Iron Ore* was imported in 1873. This is another outlay that can and should be avoided, for there are large deposits

of the best qualities of ore in the Territory suited for fluxing.

Referring to the very important subject of Railroads, it is gratifying to know that 151 miles of road were constructed during the two years, besides grading, bridging and laying ties to the extent of thirty miles for new roads. Too much importance cannot be attached to the rapid extension of railroad communication with the various mining camps and the immense coal and iron regions in the southern portion of the Territory, which may with justice be termed the "Bed rock" of Utah's wealth, and will ere many years become a leading feature in the productive greatness of this favored portion of the public domain.

Sheep raising, with its consequent production of wool, has not as yes met with the encouragement which its importance demands. The facilities for the successful breeding of sheep, owing to a favorable climate, and the very small rate of mortality, are palpable reasons why this im-portant element of production should have the attention which its importance demands.

It is gratifying to note an improvement of close on \$2,000,000 in Cres, Bullion. etc., this can and ought to be doubled at least during the present year (1874), taking into consideration the increased facilities for transportation and improved methods of treating ores.

Among Manufacturing industries, a very important one is that of Woolen Goods, which go hand in hand with that of Wool growing. There is no reason why all the wool produced in the Territory should not be woven into cloth, instead of being shipped to foreign markets, to be made up there and afterwards returned in a manufactured form.

The manufacture of Leather, which was formerly carried on to some extent has been almost entirely abandoned, owing to the difficulty of procuring a suitable quality of bark for tanning; but it is to be hoped a means will be discovered for carrying on this branch of enterprise, so as to avoid sending money out of the Ferritory for an article which ought Doremus. to be produced at home.

We are large importers of Cheese and Butter from the East; this is wrong; not a single pound of either should be consumed that is not the product of our own Dairies.

The article of Canned Fruits is an item of some magnitude among our Imports. Fruit raised in Utah is equal to any in the United States, and the preserving and canning of it should be made a specialty, and not only a sufficient quantity canned for home use, but a surplus provided for export to neighboring States and Territories.

Lumber, to the extent of over one million dollars, was imported from California during the years 1872 and 1873. It is certainly expedient to curtail this enormous outlay as quickly as possible, and see if supplies cannot be obtained from localities in the northern portion of the Territo-ry, for example, at the head waters of Bear River, where there is a fine strip of timbered country. The manufacture of Building Bricks has not increased in the ratio

which might be expected, owing probably to the short-sighted policy of erecting building of lumber. It a big fire should occur in Salt Lake City, and the devouring element sweep down three or four blocks of the wood-en buildings now so prevalent, the owners afterwards would realize the necessity of re-erecting with a more non-combustible material.

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creased exertion by the community. In conclusion, let industry and economy prevail, for they are the fore-runners and safeguards of prosperity, continue the development of the mineral resources by all and every available means, encourage agriculture, natural productions, and home manufactures, and lastly, invite foreign capital for wise and legitimate investment in the actual working of mines, carrying into effect new industries, and enlarging those already inaugurated, and by such a course of action no fear need be entertained regarding the bright future awaiting the Territory of Utah.

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