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MOZAMBIQUE PROVINCE.

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The import trade of the Province of Mozambique was less by \$900,000 in 1915 than in the previous year. The only port showing increased imports was Lourenço Marques, amounting to \$200,000. The United States received \$58,000 of this increase. The import trade with the United States at each port of the Province shows an increase, with the exception of Quelimane, which shows a decrease of about \$10,000. The increases in round figures are: \$11,000 at Inhambane, \$6,000 at Chinde, and \$32,000 at Mozambique. These increases, although small, are satisfactory, when it is pointed out that with one or two minor exceptions the trade of all the ports mentioned shows considerable decreases with every country, except the United States.

Trade of the Various Ports of the Province.

In the following table is shown the total value (exclusive of coin and bullion) of the trade of the five ports of the Province of Mozambique with the principal foreign countries in 1915. The total foreign trade of the Province in the year 1914 amounted to \$35,144,062 compared with \$28,964,588 for the following year:

Ports and countries.	Imports.	Exports (domestic and foreign nationalized products).	Reexports.	Transit trade.	Total.
LOURENÇO MARQUEZ.					
Belgium.....	\$2,033				\$2,033
France and possessions.....	42,197	\$12,653		\$143,648	198,498
Germany and possessions.....	45,229		\$253	120,415	165,902
Great Britain and possessions.....	2,255,534	129,180	4,170,801	7,257,093	13,812,608
Portugal and possessions.....	2,216,824	261,750	331,674	208,006	3,018,254
United States.....	274,409	30	34,236	2,392,004	2,700,679
All other countries.....	337,318	645,928	991,566	1,567,177	3,541,989
Total.....	5,173,544	1,049,541	5,528,535	11,688,343	23,439,963
INHAMBANE.					
France and possessions.....	8,111	129,405			137,516
Germany and possessions.....	4,060				4,060
Great Britain and possessions.....	196,994	43,889	393		241,276
Portugal and possessions.....	265,804	42,515	3,702		312,021
United States.....	51,499	820	5,616		57,935
All other countries.....	101,717	208,936	34		310,687
Total.....	628,185	425,565	9,745		1,063,495

Ports and countries.	Imports.	Exports (domestic and foreign nationalized products).	Reexports.	Transit trade.	Total.
CHINDE.					
France and possessions.....	\$3,460	\$15,071	\$1,361	\$1,178	\$21,070
Germany and possessions.....	8,748	.....	.....	583	9,331
Great Britain and possessions.....	474,206	56,827	1,821	853,897	1,386,751
Portugal and possessions.....	206,026	132,257	96,143	35,650	550,076
United States.....	19,232	.....	.....	28,958	48,190
All other countries.....	15,937	25,565	2,018	1,033	41,553
Total.....	787,609	249,720	101,343	921,299	2,059,971
QUELMANE.					
Belgium.....	9	.....	.....	.....	9
France and possessions.....	23,715	316,860	.....	.....	340,575
Germany and possessions.....	6,376	.....	.....	.....	6,376
Great Britain and possessions.....	68,184	65,977	.....	.....	134,161
Portugal and possessions.....	306,162	297,225	3,208	.....	606,595
United States.....	10,519	14,988	.....	.....	25,507
All other countries.....	34,132	12,940	.....	.....	47,072
Total.....	449,097	707,990	3,208	.....	1,160,295
MOZAMBIQUE.					
France and possessions.....	8,412	102,004	5,518	.....	116,024
Germany and possessions.....	45,687	.....	.....	.....	45,687
Great Britain and possessions.....	100,588	47,043	1,452	.....	209,083
Portugal and possessions.....	401,539	176,131	106,818	.....	684,488
United States.....	47,307	30,242	.....	.....	77,549
All other countries.....	13,630	87,799	6,575	.....	108,033
Total.....	677,192	443,399	120,363	.....	1,240,864
Grand total.....	7,715,627	2,876,125	5,763,194	12,609,642	28,964,588

Imports at Lourenço Marquez and Amounts from United States.

The value of the imports for consumption during 1915 at the port of Lourenço Marquez (including articles for Government use and coin and bullion) and the value of the imports from the United States are given in the following table:

Articles.	Total imports.	Imports from the United States.	Articles.	Total imports.	Imports from the United States.
Agricultural machinery.....	\$112,768	\$10,290	Crockery.....	\$10,188	\$18
Animals, live.....	170,334	.....	Cutlery.....	3,776	68
Arms and ammunition.....	8,318	76	Electrical material.....	29,472	3,437
Asphalt.....	27,637	.....	Fabrics:	.....	.....
Automobiles.....	88,907	4,500	Cotton—	.....	.....
Automobile parts.....	4,584	.....	Dyed and printed.....	611,906	489
Boats.....	2,920	1,040	Raw and bleached.....	108,065	895
Boats and shoes:	.....	.....	All others.....	168,012	1,602
Superior quality.....	46,308	3,751	Fish, preserved.....	9,231	390
Inferior quality.....	19,243	1,272	Fruits:	.....	.....
Building material.....	10,639	690	Fresh.....	19,299	.....
Butter.....	96,123	.....	Preserved.....	16,893	1,183
Cement.....	108,875	425	Furniture.....	30,846	7,084
Chemical products.....	12,036	428	Glass, manufactured.....	11,107	1,450
Coal.....	73,911	.....	Hardware.....	25,255	338
Codfish.....	19,200	.....	Hats and bonnets.....	18,449	.....
Coin:	.....	.....	Iron, bar, sheet, and pig.....	50,978	7,308
Copper, Portuguese.....	16,200	.....	Iron and other metal manu- factures.....	91,228	10,891
Silver, Portuguese.....	156,649	.....	Lard.....	25,953	3,534
Cereals:	.....	.....	Leather:	.....	.....
Corn.....	137,406	62,203	Manufactured.....	6,771	319
Wax.....	3,182	.....	Tanned.....	16,101	.....
Wheat.....	82,085	294	Locomotives.....	51,594	.....
Cotton waste.....	51,631	355	.....	.....	.....

Articles.	Total imports.	Imports from the United States.	Articles.	Total imports.	Imports from the United States.
Matches.....	\$12,384	.....	Soap.....	\$14,272	\$585
Meats:			Sugar and candy.....	35,452	853
Canned.....	26,535	\$1,356	Tea.....	22,372	.....
In barrels.....	14,977	107	Tobacco.....	49,401	24
Medicines.....	41,481	910	Telegraphic material.....	15,761	.....
Milk, preserved.....	49,505	837	Telephone material.....	945	675
Motor cycles.....	2,061	478	Typewriters.....	11,322	5,762
Nails.....	9,655	3,074	Turpentine.....	1,375	1,131
Oils:			Vegetables.....	45,407	329
Gasoline.....	14,314	12,741	Vehicles, n. e. s.....	9,096	1,883
Linseed.....	7,855	.....	Wagons and other railway rolling stock.....	50,443	.....
Lubricating.....	4,411	2,960	Wheat.....	32,125	.....
Mineral.....	12,324	11,568	Wines, beer, whisky, and other liquors.....	799,287	1,377
Petroleum.....	37,264	37,226	Wire:		
Olive and other edible oils.....	60,593	2,056	Mosquito.....	15,647	8,338
Paints and inks.....	30,061	1,751	Smooth and barbed.....	7,837	2,917
Paper, n. e. s.....	35,529	648	Rope.....	4,312	.....
Perfumery.....	7,777	818	Wood (timber).....	64,789	15,431
Postage stamps.....	482,905	.....	Wood, manufactured.....	24,185	9,585
Potatoes.....	43,050	.....	All other articles.....	484,567	8,535
Rice.....	181,332	4			
Rope.....	8,679	1,328	Total.....	5,351,354	258,051
Sardines.....	35,759	.....		

American Goods Arriving at Other Ports.

The imports at the port of Inhambane from the United States during 1915 were valued at \$51,320 compared with \$40,807 for 1914; at the port of Chinde, \$18,873 compared with \$12,249; at Quelimane, \$10,513 compared with \$20,913; and at Mozambique, \$47,159 compared with \$15,269. The following table shows the American goods received at these ports during the year:

Articles.	Values.	Articles.	Values.	Articles.	Values.
INHAMBANE.		CHINDE—continued.		MOZAMBIQUE.	
Boats.....	\$572	Machinery, agricultural	\$277	Agricultural machinery.....	566
Cement.....	167	Gasoline.....	912	Automobiles.....	1,026
Electric material.....	270	Petroleum.....	3,761	Cement.....	1,848
Fabrics, n. e. s.....	359	Mineral, lubricating	424	Flour, corn.....	4,444
Flour, corn.....	3,812	Typewriters.....	88	Medicines.....	237
Furniture.....	416	Wood, timber.....	5,262	Oils:	
Gasoline.....	2,771	All other articles.....	581	Gasoline.....	1,302
Iron, bars and sheets.....	11,048	Total.....	18,873	Lubricating.....	228
Iron, galvanized.....	216			Mineral, lubricating.....	75
Iron and other metal manufactures, n. e. s.....	1,561	QUELIMANE.		Petroleum.....	4,356
Machines, agricultural.....	5,956	Agricultural machinery.....	1,427	Railway material.....	32,940
Medicines.....	299	Boots and shoes.....	103	Wood:	
Nails.....	448	Cement.....	291	Manufactured.....	411
Oils:		Flour, corn.....	3,782	Timber.....	30
Lubricating.....	1,966	Furniture.....	81	All other articles.....	196
Petroleum.....	11,581	Gasoline.....	1,085	Total.....	47,159
Vehicles, n. e. s.....	270	Glass, manufactured.....	117		
Wire, mosquito.....	205	Iron and other metal manufactures.....	172		
Wood:		Locks, bolts, etc.....	980		
Manufactured.....	1,771	Oils, mineral, lubricating.....	1,369		
Timber.....	6,163	Petroleum.....	924		
All other articles.....	1,469	All other articles.....	182		
Total.....	51,320	Total.....	10,513		
CHINDE.					
Flour, corn.....	7,530				
Locks, bolts, hinges, etc	38				

The Transit Trade—American Goods for Transvaal.

An important item in the commerce of the Province is its transit trade, which amounted to \$12,609,642 in 1915 compared with \$19,565,552 for 1914 and \$25,717,231 for 1913. Lourenço Marquez leads in this trade, the imports in transit for the Transvaal arriving at that port during last year being valued at \$11,688,343, of which goods to the value of \$2,332,396 came from the United States. The following table shows these imports and their value:

Articles.	Total imports for Transvaal.	Imports from United States.	Articles.	Total imports for Transvaal.	Imports from United States.
Bags and burlaps.....	\$568, 913	\$4, 179	Oil:		
Borax.....	67, 981	201	Castor.....	\$10, 453	\$1, 186
Candles.....	48, 540	3, 103	Linseed.....	15, 453	1
Carborate.....	81, 428	7, 108	Mineral, lubricating.....	252, 531	228, 879
Chemicals.....	105, 095	13, 948	Olive and other edible.....	24, 332	103
Coffee.....	163, 159	.....	Packing, engine.....	18, 826	15, 145
Cutlery.....	16, 122	3, 255	Paints.....	47, 255	3, 584
Cyanate.....	374, 723	999	Paper bags.....	17, 837	8, 835
Electric material.....	22, 016	3, 580	Paper, n. e. s.....	58, 979	10, 915
Fabrics, n. e. s.....	798, 207	15, 254	Paraffin.....	117, 027	97, 995
Ferment.....	30, 980	29, 025	Petroleum.....	302, 957	214, 235
Fish, preserved.....	54, 225	6, 026	Railway material.....	606, 061	188, 640
Flour:			Rice.....	187, 217	27
Oat.....	12, 603	457	Rope.....	42, 514	838
Wheat.....	385, 831	103, 820	Sardines.....	139, 250	.....
Other.....	11, 043	4, 365	Soap:		
Food products, n. e. s.....	15, 245	491	Toilet.....	13, 787	661
Fruit, dried.....	53, 182	2, 512	Washing.....	117, 167	1, 583
Furniture.....	48, 451	1, 918	Steel bars and sheets.....	492, 131	171, 365
Gasolin.....	300, 065	101, 539	Sugar.....	87, 404	2, 083
Glass, manufactur'd.....	14, 789	205	Sugar sirups.....	72, 100	1, 981
Grease, lubricating.....	75, 691	57, 351	Sweets.....	79, 000	1, 199
Gums.....	22, 563	659	Tea.....	95, 036	3, 601
Hardware.....	19, 728	1, 830	Tobacco.....	18, 911	4, 991
Instruments, agricultural.....	237, 259	106, 428	Turpentine.....	21, 295	21, 195
Iron:			Vegetables, preserved.....	45, 677	2, 224
Bars and sheets.....	33, 708	2, 049	Whisky, brandy, gin, etc...	567, 664	1, 308
Corrugated.....	353, 535	101, 550	Wire:		
Enameled.....	10, 740	508	Smooth and barbed.....	107, 021	50, 130
Fig.....	10, 656	1, 369	Rope.....	31, 969	.....
Iron and other metal manu- factures, n. e. s.....	480, 970	68, 686	Wood:		
Lard.....	30, 359	24, 688	Timber.....	861, 769	352, 169
Machines, n. e. s.....	781, 813	60, 922	Manufactured.....	35, 310	19, 057
Meats, canned.....	48, 863	12, 139	Zinc.....	31, 185	4, 875
Medicines.....	17, 635	554	All other articles.....	1, 025, 818	13, 103
Milk, preserved.....	513, 259	27, 762			
Mining material.....	302, 910	102, 525	Total.....	11, 688, 343	2, 332, 396
Nails.....	62, 044	39, 983			

The Export Trade.

The exports of local produce from all ports were much the same as during the year 1914. There was an increase of \$200,000 in the exports from Lourenço Marquez. This is to be accounted for in the increased shipments of sugar, which amounted to \$256,000 in 1914 and to \$451,000 in 1915.

The value of exports from Quelimane increased nearly \$300,000, of which \$110,000 was for the increased trade in copra and \$130,000 for peanuts. A new export at this port was raw cotton, valued at \$6,868.

The following table shows the exports of local produce and their value from the different ports of the Province during 1915:

Articles.	Values.	Articles.	Values.	Articles.	Values.
LOURENÇO MARQUEZ.		INHAMBANE—contd.		CHINDE—continued.	
Animals, live.....	\$1,584	Oil seeds:		Fertilizers.....	\$1,153
Banque.....	108	Mafureira.....	\$12,243	Firewood.....	3,283
Beans, kaffir.....	81,627	Peanuts.....	54,579	Gold, bars.....	2,250
Ceramics.....	21	Oil, whale.....	217,807	Hides and skins.....	5,935
Coir, fiber.....	7,049	Rubber.....	8,556	Ivory.....	4,557
Copra.....	11,106	Sugar.....	22,850	Kaffir beans.....	2,409
Fertilizer.....	309	Wax.....	33,747	Oil seeds:	
Fish:		All other articles.....	4,700	Cotton.....	801
Fresh.....	3,943			Peanut.....	23,356
Dried.....	217	Total.....	417,071	Sesame.....	209
Flour, wheat.....	421			Salt.....	5,797
Hides and skins.....	19,171	QUELIMANE.		Sugar.....	97,068
Oil seeds:		Agave, fiber.....	30,421	Tobacco.....	8,959
Castor.....	538	Animals, live.....	26,566	Wax.....	11,725
Mafureira.....	13,323	Copra.....	376,868	Wheat.....	18,083
Peanut.....	87,999	Cotton, raw.....	6,868	All other articles.....	2,296
Other.....	459	Hides.....	431	Total.....	228,732
Oil:		Kaffir beans.....	1,057	MOZAMBIQUE.	
Coconut.....	1,729	Mangrove bark.....	14,988	Animals, live.....	4,477
Mafureira.....	6,717	Manioc, dried.....	1,404	Beans, kaffir.....	24,638
Peanut.....	781	Oil seeds:		Cachew nuts.....	2,975
Sesame.....	285	Cotton.....	97	Columbo root.....	2,809
Whale.....	118	Peanut.....	175,709	Ebony.....	567
Rubber, crude.....	315	Sesame.....	649	Indian corn.....	57,008
Soap.....	1,549	Other.....	61	Mangrove bark.....	36,985
Sugar.....	451,393	Rice.....	2,177	Manioc, dried.....	2,639
Tobacco:		Rubber.....	9,106	Mapira, kaffir corn.....	42,188
Manufactured.....	5,693	Sugar.....	43,443	Oil seeds:	
Raw.....	2,959	Wax.....	8,754	Castor.....	3,133
Wax.....	3,067	Wheat.....	1,142	Peanut.....	116,780
All other articles.....	10,389	All other articles.....	978	Sesame.....	47,199
Total.....	712,870	Total.....	700,719	Other.....	5,169
INHAMBANE.		CHINDE.		Rice.....	10,033
Copra.....	22,766	Agave, fiber.....	7,360	Rubber.....	2,138
Fertilizer (whaling by-products).....	24,512	Animals, live.....	10,580	Shells.....	2,560
Fish, dried.....	6,907	Copra.....	2,478	Wax.....	11,574
Gum copal.....	5,956	Cotton, raw.....	20,433	All other articles.....	5,974
Hides and skins.....	2,448			Total.....	378,846

The exports to the United States during 1915, according to invoices certified at the American consulate at Lourenço Marquez, were valued at \$490,597. Almost all of this amount was comprised of mangrove bark, which amounted to \$489,162.

The sugar industry is now being developed on a large scale at several points. Stock raising is also becoming an important industry in the Province.

Public Improvements at Lourenço Marquez.

A bill is before the parliament in Lisbon providing for the raising of a loan of \$500,000, to be financed by the post office from savings-bank deposits. Of this sum it is proposed to spend \$250,000 in improving the Polana Beach, \$60,000 of this amount being for the purchase of a vertical lift from the top of the cliff to the beach.

The remainder of the loan is for the construction of a road to the Swaziland border, some 45 miles distant from the city of Lourenço Marques. This road would enable motorists to enter this Province from the Union of South Africa. At present there is no road leading out of the town which is suitable for motor traffic. It is proposed to connect up a telephone line to the Transvaal, and to lay a telegraph line through the Zambezi district.

Proposed Railroad Construction.

The governor general is also planning for a further loan of \$15,000,000 to be spent on the ports and railways of the Province. A railway is to be constructed from Mozambique, running inland and tapping a magnificent agricultural country. It is also planned to extend the Quelimane Railway to Port Herald and Lake Nyassa; also to continue the Moamba-Xinavane Railway across the Incomati River, through Gazaland, across the Limpopo River, and to connect it with the Inhambane Railway, thus forming the first link in a line extending through the Province and up the coast.

In the town of Lourenço Marques there are public works now in progress, estimated to cost \$500,000, which will reclaim a large area of valuable wharf frontage. This work was started about the middle of 1915 and it is thought that it will take two years to complete it.

The Coal Trade.

In 1915 there were 182,489 tons of coal bunkered and 334,101 tons shipped as cargo, a total of 516,590 tons, compared with 575,680 tons in 1914.

The Government is considering the erection of a coaling plant to supplement the present installation, but its construction will probably be deferred until the conclusion of the war.

Shipping Statistics.

The following table gives the number of vessels arriving and departing at the port of Lourenço Marquez during 1914 and 1915, their nationality, the amount of cargo discharged, and the amount shipped:

Nationality.	Arrivals.				Departures.			
	Number of vessels.		Tons of cargo discharged.		Number of vessels.		Tons of cargo shipped.	
	1914	1915	1914	1915	1914	1915	1914	1915
American.....	1	2	1,380	2,864	1	1	.....	.....
Belgian.....	.....	1	.....	4,975	.....	1	.....	.....
British.....	350	287	192,863	130,789	379	286	268,492	262,735
Danish.....	2	1	544	4,000	2	1	6,000	.....
Dutch.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	4,830
French.....	7	6	1,008	475	7	6	1,500	72
German.....	65	.....	55,790	.....	62	.....	8,442	.....
Japanese.....	.....	3	.....	1,856	.....	3	.....	3,000
Norwegian.....	14	29	7,757	11,388	18	28	35,106	23,951
Portuguese.....	199	207	24,318	31,747	201	209	27,181	30,947
Russian.....	2	1	2,655	480	3	1	4,700	.....
Swedish.....	12	8	13,862	11,673	11	8	25,700	16,712
Total.....	682	546	303,272	203,245	681	545	377,121	341,917

The total tonnage of vessels in 1914 was 2,416,962 and in 1915, 1,574,793.





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