

The Branch further possesses much statistical information with regard to British Colonies and Foreign Countries, including statistics relating to imports and exports, shipping, and the production of cereals and other agricultural produce, cotton, wool, coal and other minerals and metallic ores, and iron and steel.

A list of the principal Statistical Returns bearing on these subjects, issued by His Majesty's Government, will be found below at page 25. All of these Returns can be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch. It may be added that when statistical information as to imports and exports of the United Kingdom is required in greater detail than is given in the published official returns, such information can often be obtained, on payment of a small fee, on application to The Principal, Statistical Office, Customs, E.C.

Foreign and Colonial Tariffs and Customs Regulations.

The Customs Tariffs and Customs Regulations of British Colonies and Possessions, and of Foreign Countries, are filed at the Commercial Intelligence Branch and are kept corrected up to date.

The Branch also possesses the English translations of all Foreign Tariffs published by the International Customs Tariffs Bureau at Brussels, towards the maintenance of which His Majesty's Government contribute. Any available information can therefore be given on questions relating to Tariffs and Customs Regulations, or inquirers can themselves consult the original documents.

The Board of Trade publish annually a Colonial Import Duties Return (last issue, Cd. 3195/06, price 2s. 6d.), and a Foreign Import Duties Return (last issue, Cd. 3205/06, price 2s. 10d), which show in a compendious form the import duties leviable in the more important British Colonies (as well as in India) and in certain Foreign Countries,* respectively, on the principal articles of export from the United Kingdom.

Alterations in Customs Tariffs are noted from week to week, as reported, in the "Board of Trade Journal," so that Chambers of Commerce and firms interested can keep corrected up to date those portions of the Colonial and Foreign Tariffs which concern them.

Translations have been prepared and published by the Board of Trade of the new Customs Tariffs recently enacted by certain Foreign Governments, showing, so far as possible, the

* These countries comprise the whole of Europe, Egypt, the United States of America, Mexico, Japan, China and Persia. It is proposed to add to the list of countries in future issues of the Return.