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BUENOS AYRES, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1883.

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Amount of Produce shipped from the Port of Buenos Ayres from 27th October to 30th November, 1883.

	GREAT BRITAIN	FRANCE	GERMANY	ITALY	SPAIN	HAVANA	UNITED STATES	BRASIL	PACIFIC	TOTAL OF NOV.	TOTAL OF OCT.	GRAND TOTAL
Number of vessels	177	3	4	2	9	4	2			37	101	398
Tonnage	183,740	512	995	283	489	994	1,189	1,962	650	84,969	67,728	65,932
Beef, jerked, quincals	9,795						16,620			30,173	40,139	27,483
Beef, fresh												21,854
Hides, salted	50,010									50,010	32,919	82,929
Leathers, calves	731	21								752	40	1,372
Hair, wools	16	56					149			211	102	270
Hair, wools, 2nd										50	187	186
Hides, do. dry										1,939	12,233	14,172
Hides, do. wet	2,928	2,107					718			5,753	33,198	38,951
Hides, do. dry, 1st		1,184	19,229	2,906			178			22,596	12,161	34,757
Hides, do. dry, 2nd							1,908			1,908	3,084	3,169
Hides, do. salted	19,886							119		20,005	11,670	31,675
Hides, do. wet	5,347	3,710	14,440	3,250			3,634			27,391	11,511	38,902
Hides, do. dry, 1st												9,297
Hides, do. dry, 2nd										14	65	79
Hides, do. salted										3	7	10
Hides, do. wet										1	10	11
Hides, do. dry, 1st	103	20								123	317	321
Hides, do. dry, 2nd		4			15	10				31	26	57
Tallow, pigs	323	342								665	2,941	3,606
Hides, do. dry, 1st										37	1,627	1,704
Hides, do. dry, 2nd										68	1,282	1,350
Hides, do. salted										37	376	347
Hides, do. wet										105	1,035	1,140
Hides, do. dry, 1st										131	109	1,940
Hides, do. dry, 2nd										11	1,073	1,084
Hides, do. salted												707

SYNOPSIS OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.
 (To facilitate reference we prefix the date of their publication in the "La Tribuna.")
 Nov. 17th.—Note from the Minister of War to the Provisional Committee of the Southern Department, on the subject of a rumored invasion of Indians to the South, with instructions to adopt the necessary precautions, but not to molest the militia forces in the meantime.
 Decree from the Department of Government requiring the Public Auctioneers to give a guarantee to the amount of 100,000 pesos instead of 50,000 pesos as at present; those neglecting to do so within the term of two months to be considered as having forfeited their licenses.
 A decree requiring a similar guarantee, to the amount of 50,000 pesos, from the owners of shipping Brokers; and with the same conditions.

Note from the President of the Hon. Chamber to the Executive, announcing the appointment of the election of Dr. Barros Páez, as Representative of the 12th Century District.
 Note from the Under Secretary of the Minister General of the Government of Mendoza, acknowledging the receipt of the commission of the 21st September.
 Note from the Minister of War to the Imperial General, requesting to commence from Sunday 5th inst.
 Note from the Minister of War to that of Commerce, on the same subject, and requesting the intervention of the Chief of Police.

During the past month scarcely any thing has been written home to the Interior Provinces; and our Montevideo neighbours may safely deduce the following. What may have been the *dehors* there. It is a most difficult to ascertain; but we suspect that the present state of affairs is almost total paralysis of commerce and recognised enterprise. The whole country is in a state of stagnation. It is quite absurd to say of the import market, that the situation of the principal Provinces does not differ from that entering into heavy engagements; and hence the occasional inquiry made, have seldom given any definite results. This we consider the most efficient cause; equally applicable to all the established fields, and whose duration it would be hazardous to predict.
 The ensuing reduction in our Custom-house tariff may be quoted as the cause or pretext to a certain languor in our local or Provincial demand; but the transit and transportation being absolutely free, and the merchandise at least nominally open, we can see no reason why it should in any way affect the circulation of imported goods to the interior markets. However buoyant the sentiments of Fraternity, they cannot expect any direct bounty, like the *wine* passage and breakfast to *beef*, during the first flush of substantial competition.

Even as regards internal transactions, which have been a favorite topic of late, and are likely to be so during the remainder of the present year, we fear that local dealers, desiring more enter reduction in wholesale prices, than the event is likely to justify. Important as it unquestionably is, it is only one of a variety of considerations that must fix and regulate the price of imported goods. The increased and apparently increasing expense of production, the comparative rate of interest in the European markets, and the fabulous returns from the gold regions of Australia and California, are other counteracting or concomitant causes, are perhaps more than sufficient to counterbalance or neutralize the benefits anticipated by the retail dealer and the consumer, from the operative reductions of our import tariff. At all events, it is not to be expected that any such change has been desired for making a change that might have been attended with serious inconveniences, but it takes place with a gutted and depressed market, such as ours has repeatedly been at no very remote periods.

The buoyancy of credit, and the satisfactory progress made and making, in the liquidation of our foreign accounts, are matters of sincere congratulation, demonstrating in a palpable manner the healthy and vigorous state and good faith of our commercial community. Without any interference of the Superior Authorities, a satisfactory arrangement has been entered into the mutual satisfaction of the parties concerned without a single bankruptcy of any considerable importance, and the *Pratras* of Tribuna's Justice, after a troubled and crisis through which we passed, during the

first seven months of the current year, this must be held as a phenomenon of rare occurrence; and we accordingly hold for the future; in both of which views we cheerfully record it.

In articles of primary necessity the supply in general, continues rather short of the demand, with prices that must be handsomely remunerative to the importer; and to which consumers perhaps submit with the better grace, from the recent experience of still higher prices, during the siege and the blockade. In the list of articles referred to we may enumerate sugar, rice, coffee, wine, spirits, lumber, coals and flagstones; all scarce and in good demand. This scarcity we suppose, must be accounted for, by the high rate of freight, that have lately ruled in Europe and the United States; aggravated by the apprehension that it would be difficult to find return cargo in this port. As the export resources of this Province are most formidable objects, we trust one of the most formidable objects will shortly disappear.

EXPORT PRODUCE.—With the exception of a decided upward tendency in price, the general aspect of our export market has undergone no essential change since our last. Of hides and tallow the stocks on hand are reduced to the lowest ebb; and the Saladeros continue to work on a very limited scale owing to the exorbitant price demanded for their skins. In the trade of cattle fit for slaughter, 200,000 head, have lately been sold at 200 dollars each; whilst hardly any one will dispose of a cow, at the price offered what it may. In these circumstances, we are bound to infer, that a stinted supply of some considerable time, is a fact, due to the extremely favourable season, the excellent general and superior condition, and the large average than usual of fat and grease.

Heavy levies are being made on the flocks of horses; and like other things in demand, they begin to advance in value. The export of hides in Europe amounted to about 25,000 tons, in 1882. It is estimated that animal, that must shock European associations. Such are the exigencies of commerce, speedily vanquishing the prejudices or sensibilities of men, when their interests are at stake!

In the principal districts the wool harvest is now concluded. Judging from the pretensions of the growers, and the tacit admission of the exporters, it is unquestionably the largest and best season for many years, admitted from the River Plate, and wool we presume, must henceforth rank as our staple export. The market is, however, beset by two obstacles to be surmounted; and should this species of stock maintain its present value and estimated worth, there is little reason to doubt, it is likely that systematic and simultaneous efforts will be made to accommodate both the parties, are points that deserve and demand the at-

ention of the Government and Legislature. The price of gold, during the year, we hold sheep-breeding and wool-growing in the Province of Buenos Ayres, is an investment of more capital than the world produces, and hundreds of instances might be quoted in confirmation of the theory.

A fair and successful commencement has, however, for an indefinite period, may be seen by a cursory glance at the map of the Province. Starting from this Capital, as an order of commerce, the natural and established habit of succession appears evidently to be, west and southward before the ox and the horse; these in their turns must give way to the sheep; which again must yield gradually, and in proportion to the increase of population, to the sugar cane and the steam mill. When the soil has been and pulverized by the plough, and the bleak wind follow since its creation, it is a plant, a still higher order of industry may be expected, including orchards and vineyards, the best root and malthus, fax and rice, the cotton plant and sugar cane, with the consequent arts and manufactures. In the course of a few years, we have reduced to the lowest ebb; and the Saladeros continue to work on a very limited scale owing to the exorbitant price demanded for their skins. In the trade of cattle fit for slaughter, 200,000 head, have lately been sold at 200 dollars each; whilst hardly any one will dispose of a cow, at the price offered what it may. In these circumstances, we are bound to infer, that a stinted supply of some considerable time, is a fact, due to the extremely favourable season, the excellent general and superior condition, and the large average than usual of fat and grease.

Of all countries under the sun, here is the scene for steam ploughs and reaping machines, a level surface on which to operate without stone or rock, the best soils and climates adapted to all the departments of human industry; and having lain fallow since its creation, it is a plant, a still higher order of industry may be expected, including orchards and vineyards, the best root and malthus, fax and rice, the cotton plant and sugar cane, with the consequent arts and manufactures. In the course of a few years, we have reduced to the lowest ebb; and the Saladeros continue to work on a very limited scale owing to the exorbitant price demanded for their skins. In the trade of cattle fit for slaughter, 200,000 head, have lately been sold at 200 dollars each; whilst hardly any one will dispose of a cow, at the price offered what it may. In these circumstances, we are bound to infer, that a stinted supply of some considerable time, is a fact, due to the extremely favourable season, the excellent general and superior condition, and the large average than usual of fat and grease.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS.—All minor interests are at least converged in one circle, the pending election of the *Constituyente* Provincial, in view of which an able and impartial commission, has presented an excellent proposition, with whose views and inductions we entirely concur; and in justice to the cause, and for the special welfare of the people, we need to reproduce the article, in the conviction that its intrinsic merit supercedes the necessity of any apology, for the large space it must occupy in our columns.

The Election.—The President is about to be elected, and the best of voices already value to the cause, and for the special welfare of the people, we need to reproduce the article, in the conviction that its intrinsic merit supercedes the necessity of any apology, for the large space it must occupy in our columns.

BUENOS AYRES.

MONTHLY RETROSPECT.

As the transition period from our short winter to our long summer, November ranks generally as a dull business month, and in the present instance, the scarcity of cattle constrained to give it a character of extreme dullness, in their anxiety to avoid the bull, our sheep farmers continue showing fully a month earlier than was reckoned ordinary in former years. Throughout the rural district, the last seven or ten days of the month, and the visits to the Capital are few and far between.
 The want of suitable assortments, complained of in our last, was felt still more severely in the month under consideration; and as the market was so low, few were able to comply on a large scale, before business recovers its proper and healthy tone. A second crop of wheat has been sown, which will be of short duration; and after the bitter experience of 1848-49, we need not remind you that both, extremes are to be avoided. As regards this Province we reckon on a full average consumption; but we question whether it would be desirable to increase, extend the remark to all the sister communities.

