

## Kingston's Custom's Collections Show Growth

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### Increasing Imports of Raw Materials Show Progress of Local Manufactures.

Judging By the Figures to Date the Fiscal Year of 1917-1918 is Going to be a Banner One in This Respect. The Importations Are Principally Materials for Locomotive Building, and Cotton and Hides.

If an attempt were made to prove Kingston's growth by quoting the figures in only one line of activity it might be argued that there was some special reason for the increases shown therein. But that is not the method followed. During the course of these three special issues of the British Whig, figures covering a period of years will be quoted as regards the customs revenue, the export trade to the United States, the Post Office business, the building permits granted, and any others than can be obtained. It will be found that in every case there is clear and unmistakable evidence of steady progress.

The Customs collections are given below:

1909-10	\$186,628
1910-11	194,908
1911-12	250,215
1912-13	269,173
1913-14	293,136
1914-15	217,058
1915-16	468,112
1916-17	479,413

The collections for the current fiscal year, now about half way through, show an increase of \$60,000 over the corresponding period of 1916-17. If the same ratio is maintained until April next, the collection for the fiscal year 1917-18 will be about \$600,000. The increase during the past three years is mainly due to importations of materials for locomotive building, and hides and cotton, although the figures are of course affected by the prevailing high values and by war taxes. Nevertheless, there is plenty of good, solid growth when all the special factors have been fully discounted.

The following comparative table shows the increase at a glance:

1909-10	_____
1910-11	_____
1911-12	_____
1912-13	_____
1913-14	_____
1914-15	_____
1915-16	_____
1916-17	_____
1917-18	_____
(Est.)	_____

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- Silver Wrist Watches ..... \$10.00 to \$25.00
- Nickel Wrist Watches ..... \$5.00 to \$10.00
- Safety Razors—Gillette and Autostrap ..... \$5.00 up
- Metal Mirrors ..... \$1.00 to \$5.00 and 75c
- Fountain Pens—Waterman's Ideal ..... \$2.50 up
- Fountain Pen-Ink and Ink Tablets ..... 15c and 25c
- Writing Portfolios ..... \$2.50 up to \$10.00
- Silver Cigarette Cases ..... \$5.00 to \$15.00
- Nickel Cigarette Cases ..... \$1.00 to \$5.00
- Leather Cigarette Cases ..... 75c to \$4.00
- Leather Wallets and Purses ..... 50c to \$5.00
- Money Belts ..... \$1.00 to \$1.50
- Leather Pockets, Photo Cases ..... 50c to \$5.00
- Sternan Alcohol Stove complete ..... \$1.75
- Sternan Canned Heat ..... 15c a tin
- Signal and Emblem Rings ..... \$4.00 to \$15.00

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