of those of the previous year, and which shows the advance in this direction, notwithstanding various adverse circumstances, is of natural & healthy growth.

I also forward statement of declared value of exports to the United States for the four quarters ending June 30. 1890.

Jaffa

I have referred to the remarkable increase in the value of real estate in and around both Jerusalem and Jaffa, and have suggested some of the reasons for this appreciation, which has been of several years continuance. The large amount of land added each year to the orange groves and vineyards in the neighborhood of Jaffa, under the German and Jewish Colonies must be considered as one of the most important causes of this advance in the price of land in that section. Of late the large expectations indulged in respecting the railway now building to Jerusalem are having a like influence. So also are the hopes that a harbor may be constructed by the railway company. But, so far, there are no positive indications that they contemplate making such a work, which would be a costly undertaking.

I herewith transmit the annual returns, in tabular form, of the exports, imports and navigation of the district, forwarded by Consular Agent G. Hardegg, and which furnish an interesting exhibit of our trade and commerce.

(Signed) Henry Gillman,
Consul

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem, October 16. 1890.

No. 202.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, December 1st 1890.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the use of the Agricultural Department, my "Report on the Agriculture and Horticulture of Palestine for the month of October 1890."

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) H. Clark
Vice Consul

Enclosure:
1. "Report on the Agriculture and Horticulture of Palestine for the month of October 1890"

Report on the Agriculture and Horticulture of Palestine for the month of October 1890.

The "former rain" is late this year, and the main business of the farmers is preparing, and waiting for the rain which ought to begin towards the end of this month.

Early in the month the Olive commenced coming into market. The yield is excessively poor and not of good quality.

The exportation of oranges and lemons has begun at Jaffa earlier than usual, merchants wishing to get advances on their fruit, the amount shipped during this month is 15 000 cases; prices are not fixed.

In the gardens Cauliflower, cabbages, turnips are transplanted as usual, the first beans are out

to the market and the date-palm gathered.
The temperature for October was as follows:
Maximum, day-time 96° Fahr.
night 87° "
Minimum, day-time 76° "
night 53° "

(Sig.) H. Clark,
Vice Consul

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem October 31. 1890.

No. 204

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, November 3, 1890.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circular, dated the 20th of September last, also pamphlet (Public No. 338).

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Vice Consul

No. 205

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, Nov. 24. 1890.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with instructions of Circular dated September 20. 1890, I have the honor to enclose herewith my report on "Caoutchouc or India rubber".

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

Vice Consul.

Enclosure:
1. Report on "Caoutchouc or India Rubber".

Report on Caoutchouc or India rubber.

India rubber, not being a product of this country nor of this district, the first part of the subject relating to Caoutchouc or India rubber in its crude condition can meet with no answer from this place.

As regards the second portion of the subject, I beg to answer as follows:

11/13. India rubber does not enter into the manufactures of this country.

14. Imported crude rubber pays on either would pay 8% duty.

15/16. Manufactures of rubber in the shapes of waterproof Cloaks, boots, shoes, belting, also surgical articles are imported to the amount of $1500 to $1800. — During one year, from France, England and Germany none from the United States.

17. Eight per cent. duties ad valorem are imposed