Heating and Cooking Stoves

Department Circular, April 10, 1900. Report for Jerusalem

Both heating and cooking stoves are used here but chiefly by foreign residents. The natives do not have heating stoves and cooking stoves as we understand them they never use. A foreign resident will have a heating stove but the cooking is done by native servants in a native kitchen in the curious little fire places that are built with the house. Heating stoves are nearly all made here of sheet iron. Very few are imported. The hotels have great ranges which are imported, and the same is true of a few of the convents and other large houses. The import duty is eight per cent. The ranges are imported from France. Quite a good many small Kerosene stoves are in use, these cost from one to two dollars each and are brought from Germany.

As to fuel, in braziers and the native cooking places charcoal only is used. In the heating stoves of foreign residents wood is used. This consists largely of the roots of small trees and bushes that grow on the mountain sides and is poor as well as expensive. Nothing else is to be had. Not far from 3,500 tons of coal are brought into this country every year which is used by the railroad and by a few small mills. Coal is not used in private houses or hotels -- There are perhaps in the country half a dozen stoves that from time to time have been brought from America.

May 21, 1900.

(Signed) Selah Merrill
U. S. Consul

(Sent to Bureau of Statistics direct)

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United States Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria, July 2nd 1900

Hon. Thomas W. Cridler
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

During the quarter ending June 30th 1900 I have received the following despatches and documents: —

Despatch No. 32, March 26th Loss by Enclosing Despatch

Despatch No. 33 March 28th Leave of absence Vice Consul Clark allowed.

May 9th. Accounts March 31st received.

April 15th. Leave of absence for Consul granted.

May 31st. Acknowledging Report Mineral Water.

May 31st. Acknowledging Report Coal.

Consular Reports:- Nos. 234, 235, 236 237.

Advance Sheets Consular Report No. 695, April 4th 1900.

Review Worlds Commerce 1899.

Declared Exports U. S. Dec. 31st 1899. Supl. to Cons. Rep. 235.

Circular Feb. 28th Acetic Acid. Information wanted.

March 10th, Circular, Foreign market for American Coal.

Circular March 12th Quarantine regulations re-Rugs

Circular March 30th Free entry household effects defined.

With Circ. Treas. Dept. March 9th

Circular April 10th Heating and Cooking Stoves. Information wanted

Circular May 12th Salary Interpreter and Guards.

Register Diplomatic and Consular Service, Feb. 6th 1900

Treas. Depat.

Treas. Decisions Vol. 3 Nos. 10 to 21 inclusive.

Circ. Feb. 19th Amendments to Cons. Regs. re Importation Rugs.

Value foreign coins April 1st

April 18th Certificate Leave of Absence May