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Report on the Trade of Kermanshah for the Year 1904-05

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(Kermanshah, May 12, 1905; received at Foreign Office, June 5, 1905.)

The year ended March 20, 1905, has been a very bad one for General trade generally, on account of the cholera, which lasted here over seven months, and as a consequence of the very high rates of exchange prevailing. The customs net receipts for this province show a decrease of some 40,000 tomans. General remarks.

The *l.*, which on March 20, 1904, stood at $56\frac{3}{4}$ krans for three months' date paper on London, rose gradually to 59 krans, at which rate it remained from June 16 to October 7; it then rose again till it reached on January 31, 1905, the high rate of $64\frac{1}{2}$ krans, at which rate it remained till March 20, 1905. Exchange rates.

The total imports to Kermanshah, viâ Baghdad amount for the year to 50,719,108 krans, or taking the *l.* at 60·60 krans, its average rate for the year, to 836,949*l.* Imports.

Principal
imports.

The following are the principal imports :—

From—	Articles.	Value.	
		Currency.	Sterling.
United Kingdom ..	Cotton tissues of all kinds	Krans. 34,169,722	£ 563,857
	„ yarns and threads	608,184	10,036
	Tissues of wool of all kinds	2,207,273	36,423
	„ silk	15,595	257
	Other tissues	26,380	435
	Metals : iron, lead, steel, zinc, &c., and manufactures thereof	1,457,040	24,043
	Sundries	42,506	702
	Total	38,526,700	635,753
	„ 1903-04	35,955,252	642,054
India	Tea	2,404,265	39,674
	Spices	931,992	15,379
	Mercery and hardware	197,064	3,252
	Indigo and kermes	312,252	5,153
	Soap	20,208	333
	Sundries	33,644	556
	Total	3,899,425	64,347
	„ 1903-04	5,014,563	89,546
Germany	Drugs	148,268	2,446
	Sundries	7,465	123
France	Tin	258,432	4,265
	Candles	82,889	1,367
	Sugar	3,387,296	55,896
	„ powdered	204,275	3,370
	Silk tissues	123,202	2,033
	Lace and embroideries	32,381	534
	Chinaware and porcelain	22,683	374
	Sundries	23,766	392
Belgium	Sugar	47,118	777
	Glassware and window glass	36,265	598
Austria-Hungary ..	Silver dollars	30,000	495
	Furniture of all kinds	25,611	423
	Paper and stationery	9,563	157
Turkey	Coffee	28,147	464
	Fruits, dates, oranges, &c.	1,107,401	18,277
	Lamb-skins	832,902	13,744
	Other undressed skins	639,836	10,583
	Chemical products	90,796	1,498
	Dyes, colours and varnishes	747,124	12,328
	Sundries	203,887	3,363

Exports.

The total exports to Turkey amount to 13,059,822 krans
(215,508l.).

They comprise the following items, which mostly find their way to the United Kingdom ; the opium goes to Hong-Kong :—

Articles.	Quantity.	Value.	
		Currency.	Sterling.
	Batmans.	Krans.	£
Opium	16,389	2,632,152	43,435
Gums	414,917	5,116,461	84,430
Wool	59,681	416,030	6,865
Carpets	89,738	1,386,336	22,876

Other exports worth mentioning are silk yarns and cocoons, 1,772*l.* ; and raw silk, 21,183*l.*, for France and Syria ; skins, mostly goat-skins for Marseilles, 12,022*l.* ; dried fruit, 7,628*l.* ; silk tissues, 3,988*l.* ; tobacco, 1,115*l.* ; drugs, 2,111*l.* ; cotton tissues, 4,306*l.*, mostly for the local Turkish markets.

The total trade compares as follows with the previous year :— Total trade.

IMPORTS.

	Value.		Krans per 11
	Currency.	Sterling.	
	Krans.	£	
March 21, 1903, to March 20, 1904	50,109,487	894,812	56
March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905	50,719,108	836,949	60-60

EXPORTS.

	Value.		Krans per 1
	Currency.	Sterling.	
	Krans.	£	
March 21, 1903, to March 20, 1904	10,863,771	193,996	56
March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905	13,059,822	215,508	60-60

The gross receipts of the customs amounted to 4,210,640 krans.

Sugar from Marseilles was sold for the first six months at 5 krans Sugar per batman. Owing to the rise in Marseilles the rate was put up to 8-50 krans

(756)

Opium.

Opium at the beginning of the buying season in June was at 130 krans per batman, but went up to 300 krans owing to the rise of exchange in Kermanshah and to the favourable rates of exchange between India and Hong-Kong. The total amount exported was 16,389 batmans as against 20,422 batmans in 1903-04.

Gum
tragacanth.

Gum tragacanth, of which 414,917 batmans were exported (the amount exported the year before being only 159,140 batmans), was disposed of at the beginning of the season at 25 krans per batman. The rate rose later to 27 krans.

The demand for opium and gum was very great, as the Baghdad merchants preferred exporting goods than remitting exchange to Baghdad.

Wool started at 500 krans per kharvar and reached 60 krans per kharvar. The total amount exported was 59,681 batmans as against 46,063 batmans the previous year.

As pasture land was so long covered with snow—the winter this year having been exceptionally severe—thousands of sheep perished, and the crop will be very poor although the quality of the wool is said to be very good.

Wheat and
barley.

Kermanshah is one of the great grain-producing districts of Persia and always had a large yearly surplus, which was usually stored away. Of late years, however, this surplus has been disposed of by export, either to the interior or to Baghdad, with the result that there is no grain reserve. Consequently, the crops having failed for the last two years, great scarcity prevails. Villagers not being allowed to buy grain in town, have to live on peas, lentils and maize. The nomads have suffered very severely. Wheat started at about 40 krans per kharvar, and rose to 100 krans in town and to 250 krans in the province. Barley started at 36 krans per kharvar, and rose to 90 krans in town and to 200 krans in the province.

Rates of
transport.

The following were the rates of transport prevailing during the year :—

	Rate per Load.	
	From—	To—
	Krans.	Krans.
Kermanshah to Baghdad	15	40
Teheran to Kermanshah	50	60
Hamadan to Kermanshah	20	30
Baghdad to Kermanshah	60	120
Kermanshah to Teheran	80	100
Kermanshah to Hamadan	40	60

Table I.—RETURN of Imports into Kermanshah and Kurdistan, March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905.

Articles.	Imported from—	Kermanshah Province.				Kurdistan.				Total.			
		March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905.		March 21, 1903, to March 20, 1904.		March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905.		March 21, 1903, to March 20, 1904.		March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905.		March 21, 1903, to March 20, 1904.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Matches ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Animals, living, of all kinds	United Kingdom	249	2,050	...	...	249	2,050	...	...	...	...	...
Wood, manufactured ...	Sweden	4	40	...	...	4	40	...	...	...	...	...
Beverages—	Austria-Hungary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sparkling wines	Turkey	9	5,500	98	4,618	107	10,118	...	...	4,182-75	34,618	...
Still wines	Turkey	26	130	256	356	282	486	...	...	1,785	1,680	...
Alcohols and spirits of wine	France	65	1,180	...	...	65	1,180	...	...	24	320	...
Cognac, rum, whisky	United Kingdom	77-87	757	...	...	77-87	757	...	...	...	...	...
Beers	Turkey	1,98	5,976	...	...	1,198	5,976	...	...	186-50	920	...
Mineral waters	United Kingdom	329-95	7,864	...	...	345-95	7,864	...	...	941-50	9,601	...
Candles and tapers of all kinds	United Kingdom	188	864	...	...	188	864	...	...	133-80	2,973	...
Wax, crude	Germany	72	202	...	...	72	202	...	...	501	1,100	...
Provisions and alimentary preserves—	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Butter and edible fats, fresh or salted	United Kingdom	8,401	82,889	...	...	8,401	82,889	...	...	32	100	...
Coffee, not roasted	United Kingdom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,083-12	10,840	...
Cereals and their derivatives—	Belgium	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85-75	867	...
Rice	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29,427-51	284,942	...
Wheat, barley, oats and other edible cereals not specified	Turkey	1,446	5,575	670-50	1,696	2,116-50	7,171	...	...	...	...	...
Macaroni and other alimentary pastes	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,603	22,600	...
Biscuits, ginger-bread, &c.	Turkey	19-25	127	2,120	3,885	2,120	3,885	...	...	3,414-60	31,183	...
Cheese—	Turkey	163-90	1,480	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Common, soft	Turkey	50	250	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other, of all kinds	Turkey	6	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fruits and berries—	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fresh or dried	Turkey	595,411	1,095,540	39,051	57,264	624,462	1,092,804	...	...	792,471-85	1,274,283-65	...
Preserved	Turkey	4,286-25	14,387	130	210	4,416-25	14,597	...	...	6,980-90	30,181	...

RETURN of Imports into Kermanshah and Kurdistan, March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905—continued.

KERMANSHAH.

Articles.	Imported from—	March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905.						Total.		Total, March 21, 1903, to March 20, 1904.	
		Kermanshah Province.		Kurdistan.		Total.		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		Quantity.	Value. Krans.	Quantity.	Value. Krans.	Quantity.	Value. Krans.		Krans.		Krans.
Provisions, &c.—continued—											
Vegetable oils—											
Olive	Turkey	30	300	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	130
Other kinds	Turkey	86	235	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	40
Milk, preserved, in tins	Switzerland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vegetables of all kinds—											
Fresh or dried	Turkey	95	200	120	200	120	200	..	..	..	..
Preserved	Turkey	..	..	..	..	95	200	..	..	55-25	80
Fish, preserved	United Kingdom	101-90	160	..	..	..	160	..	..	1,180	395
Sugar—	United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Loaf or candy	France	739,189	3,384,401	529	2,895	739,718	3,887,296	940,805-03	4,138,166-50	..	..
	Belgium	6,204	27,918	3,618	19,200	9,822	47,118	..	..	..	..
	Russia	..	..	2,975	14,450	2,975	14,450	..	..	..	..
	Turkey	..	..	3,060	14,890	3,060	14,890	..	..	..	..
Powdered	France	53,960	204,276	..	..	53,960	204,276	25,774	91,208-50	..	..
Sweets	France	285-60	1,943	38	400	323-50	2,343	29-25	176	..	..
Tea—	France	..	..	..	..	..	..	214-50	1,310	..	..
Yellow or pale	India	306-65	10,962	..	..	306-65	10,962	618-35	25,936	..	..
All others	India	148,056-91	2,393,177	7	126	148,073-91	2,393,803	133,679-03	2,507,508	..	..
Mints	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salted	Turkey	19-60	120	..	..	19-50	120	..	..	27-45	310
Preserved	United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	800
Drugs	Germany	29,533-75	148,268	..	..	29,533-75	148,268	41,347-95	213,116	..	..
Spices—	Turkey	..	..	46,267	54,326	46,267	54,326	..	..	..	..
Pepper, &c.	India	99,224-75	895,624	16-60	227	99,240-25	895,851	187,766-80	1,880,220	..	..
Gins—	India	5,753	36,141-60	..	..	5,753	36,141-60	3,718-75	7,718	..	..
Gotoshes	Turkey	..	..	4	40	..	40	46	216	..	..
Other cloth	United Kingdom	66	1,627	..	..	65	1,627	25-12	792	..	..

SUMMARY.

	Quantity.	Value.
	Kharvars.	Krans.
March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905*—		
Kermanshah province	37,941	49,909,005
Kurdistan	2,250	810,103
Total	40,191	50,719,108
	Tons.	£
Equivalents	11,736	836,949
March 21, 1903, to March 20, 1904† ..	Kharvars.	Krans.
	43,698	50,109,487
	Tons.	£
Equivalents	12,757	894,812

* Exchange, 60·60 krans per l.

† Exchange, 56 krans per l.

Table II.—Return of Exports from Kermanshah and Kurdistan, March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905.

Articles.	Exported to—	March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905.				Total.		Total, March 21, 1903, to March 20, 1904.	
		Province of Kermanshah.		Kurdistan.		Total.		Quantity.	Value. Krans.
		Quantity.	Value. Krans.	Quantity.	Value. Krans.	Quantity.	Value. Krans.		
Live animals—									
Asses	Turkey	120	73,510	3	260	3	260	6	
Horses and foals	Turkey	6	15,460	24	88,960	144	88,960	167	
Mules	Turkey	25	3,070	12	5,600	19	8,670	2	
Sheep, lambs, goats, &c.	Turkey	500	260	2,616	1,910	2,640	1,660	210	
Wood—									
For building	Turkey	1,383	430	200	2,694	700	3,024	3,763	
Manufactured	Turkey		3,056	225	1,760	1,608	4,806	3,121	
Beverages—									
Still wines	Turkey	8	40	14	66	22	106	69	
Alcohols and spirits of wine	Turkey	40	240	19	410	19	410	5-75	
Candles and tapers of all kinds	Turkey	40	240	40	240	40	240	765	
Charcoal	Turkey	1,624-90	11,966	...	...	...	...	100
Provisions and alimentary preserves—									
Butter and other edible fats, fresh or salted	Turkey	5,739-97	4,362	12	240	1,624-90	11,966	76	
Cereals and their derivatives—									
Rice	Turkey	1,100	600	...	...	5,751-67	4,602	...
" cleaned	Turkey	677	684	...	...	1,100	600	6,528-94
" uncleaned with external husk	Turkey	802-60	51,911	6,409-60	4,865	577	684	...	
All other grains	Turkey	3,868-60	2,071	...	...	7,213-10	56,766	233,865-75
Edible flours	Turkey	161,280-60	433,276	18,168	29,003	3,868-60	2,071	...	
Fruits and berries—									
Fresh or dried	Turkey	131-50	940	...	...	179,448-50	462,279	162,679
Preserved	Turkey	40	80	...	...	131-50	940	...
Vegetable oils	Turkey	32,695-60	20,778	...	...	40	80	...
Vegetables, fresh or dried	Turkey	25	100	...	...	32,695-60	20,778	11,960
Honey	Turkey	13	62	...	...	25	100	14
Fish, fresh, dried, &c.	Turkey	...	...	4,095-60	1,648	13	62	...
Salt	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sugar—									
Loaf or candy	Turkey	295	2,971	268	1,343	4,095-60	1,648	2,354	
Sweets	Turkey	40	50	...	...	268	1,343	...
Tea	Turkey	507	1,943	...	...	295	2,971	196
Not specified	Turkey	30,328	127,208	150	736	...	...	...
Drugs	Turkey	...	...	...	...	507	1,943	12,461
	Turkey	...	...	...	...	30,328	127,208	54,806

RETURN of Exports from Kermanshah and Kurdistan, March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905—continued.

Articles.	Exported to—	March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905.						Total.	Quantity.	Value.	Total March 21, 1903, to March 20, 1904.
		Province of Kermanshah.			Kurdistan.						
		Quantity.	Value.	Krans.	Quantity.	Value.	Krans.				
Spices, unaccounted	Turkey	671	3,094	...	828	...	671	3,094	2,543	18,465	
Gums	Turkey	406,539	4,858,411	...	2,377	...	414,917	5,116,461	159,140	1,728,073	
Clothing	Russia	5,837	71,258	...	360	...	6,197	75,423	...	43,530	
Oils, linseed oil	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,170	2,810
Instruments—	Turkey	15	2,200	...	...	...	15	2,200	...	...
Musical	Turkey	62	1,000	...	...	...	62	1,000	82	4,400
Scientific	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mineral products—	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Metals—	Turkey	122	120	...	...	...	120	120	110	460
Iron, steel in ingots, old and scrap iron	Turkey	16	840	...	80	...	96	1,040	191	18,950	
Manufactures of iron	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1,400
Tin, lead and zinc in ingots, plates, sheets, &c.	Turkey	3,581	39,757	...	767	...	4,348	64,977	1,665	32,611	
Manufactures of iron	Turkey	80	40	...	40	...	80	40	...	...
Iron ore	Turkey	24,448	5,746	...	...	...	24,448	5,746	...	11,098
Stones, millstones, stones worked	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	260	30
Textile materials and wares thereof—	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cotton—	Turkey	310	1,800	...	50	...	360	2,000	25	105	
Raw	Russia	...	...	...	250	...	250	2,500	...	...
Yarn of all kinds	Turkey	1,057	34,318	...	9,261	...	10,318	259,444	10,788	248,797	
Tissues of all kinds	Turkey	36	1,500	...	...	...	35	1,500	6,425	137,028
Wool, cotton lilies	Turkey	58,681	412,380	...	1,000	...	59,681	416,030	119	4,192	
Wool, raw, wool and hair waste	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46,063	229,610
Felt, common	Turkey	15	200	...	...	...	5	200	41	430
Yarns of wool or hair	Turkey	82,983	1,242,630	...	6,855	...	89,738	1,356,336	...	2,236,156	
Carpets of wool and table covers	Turkey	607	14,140	...	899	...	1,506	32,009	...	50,184	
Tissues of pure wool	Turkey	18	184	...	...	...	18	184	2,289	50,184
Jute, raw, sacks	Turkey	7	31	...	...	...	7	31	60	500
Tissues of jute or other vegetable fibres	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Silk in cocoons, floss silk, and silk waste, not combed	Turkey	1,508	107,430	...	...	...	1,508	107,430	1,461	87,702
Silk, raw, silk wadding and silk waste, combed	Turkey	10,122	1,283,259	...	3,775	...	10,130	1,283,694	11,312	1,286,020	
Tissues of pure silk	Turkey	1,126	189,309	...	731	...	1,857	241,708	2,571	346,726	
not otherwise specified	Turkey	689	6,442	...	...	...	689	6,442	...	...

Rope, cordage and twine	Turkey	69	530	2,175	50,085	69	530	...	...	...	88,300
Mercery and hardware	Turkey	4,040-60	31,779	2,175	50,085	4,040-60	31,779	...	...	...	...
Watches, gold	Turkey	2	200	0-12½	...	2	200	...	...	...	...
Opium	Turkey	16,388-74	2,632,148	0-12½	...	16,388-74	2,632,148	...	...	20,422-40	2,819,600
Paper and wares thereof—	Turkey	40	160	...	...	40	160	...	...	2	20
Printing or writing paper, ordinary	Turkey	905	6,500	...	...	905	6,500	...	...	115	460
Paperwares	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perfumery of all kinds	Turkey	55,294	569,873	4,070	158,682	55,294	728,555	...	...	30,852	240,338
Undressed skins	Turkey	2,308-50	27,535	...	...	2,308-50	27,535	...	...	30,413	297,601
Prepared skins, leather	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	423	3,974
Leatherwares of all kinds	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pottery of all kinds—	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tiles and bricks	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other wares of baked clay	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Earthenware, chinaware and porcelain	Turkey	7	140	...	...	7	140	...	...	...	445
Chemical products	Turkey	3,723	7,408	341	1,105	3,723	8,573	...	...	21	238
Soap	Turkey	7-50	28	...	...	7-50	28	...	...	...	...
Tobacco—	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unmanufactured	Turkey	21,403-25	52,094	5,800-50	15,503	21,403-25	67,597	...	...	13,613-45	26,773
Manufactured, cigars, ordinary	Turkey	4	60	...	...	4	60	...	...	...	...
Dyes, colours and varnishes not specified	Turkey	403	2,542	4,801	23,405	403	2,542	...	...	8,910	45,162
Vegetables and vegetable substances not otherwise mentioned...	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Glass—	Turkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
All other articles...	Turkey	300	3,055	...	...	300	3,055	...	...	3,572	2,302
Window glass	Turkey	180	145	...	...	180	145	...	...	398	5,640

SUMMARY.

	Quantity.	Value.
March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905*	Kharvars.	Krans.
Kermanshah province	9,416	11,991,294
Kurdistan	777	1,068,528
Total	10,193	13,059,822
Equivalents	Tons.	£

March 21, 1903, to March 20, 1904† ..	Kharvars.	Krans.
	9,866	10,863,771·90
Equivalents	Tons.	£
	2,885	193,996

* Exchange, 60·60 krans per l.

† Exchange, 56 krans per l.

TABLE showing the Bazaar Prices in the Town of Kermanshah during the Year March 21, 1904, to March 20, 1905.

Articles.	Per—	Prices.	
		Lowest.	Highest.
		Krans.	Krans.
Fuel	Load ..	2·50	4
Charcoal .. .. .	..	3	5
Naphtha	Man ..	2·50	3
Ice .. .. .	..	0·50	1·50
Meat .. .. .	..	3	4
Bread .. .. .	..	0·30	0·60
Cheese .. .. .	..	3	3
Onions .. .. .	..	0·25	0·50
Potatoes .. .. .	..	60	100
Roghan * .. .. .	..	10	12
Rice—			
First quality .. .. .	..	5	5
Second quality .. .. .	..	1·50	2
Native peas .. .. .	..	0·50	0·75
Sugar .. .. .	..	5	8·50
" moist .. .. .	..	4	6
Tea .. .. .	..	21·50	22·50
Curds .. .. .	..	0·50	1
Butter .. .. .	..	8	10
Soap .. .. .	..	4	7
Vinegar .. .. .	..	1·50	2
Candles	Packet ..	1·50	2
Wheat	Kharvar ..	40	100
Barley .. .. .	..	36	90
Clover .. .. .	..	40	80
Straw	Load ..	1·50	4
Fowls	Each ..	1	2
Raisins	Kharvar ..	80	110
Dates .. .. .	..	120	200
Grapes	Man ..	0·50	1
Tobacco (according to quality) .. .. .	..	5	12
Tumbeki (according to quality) .. .. .	..	6	15
Milk	0·75	1

NOTE.—1 batman or man = 6·50 lbs. ; 1 kharvar = 100 batmans.

* Sheep-tail grease.

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