

The Wool Interest.

At the annual convention of the wool manufacturers of the country, in Philadelphia this week, a paper was read upon the origin and progress of the woolen manufacture of the world, from which we gather some interesting facts. Early in the spring of 1864, circulars were addressed to the woolen manufacturers throughout this country, 1704 in number, as appeared by exhibits upon the books of the United States Assessors. Answers were promptly received from 746 of the principal and heaviest manufacturing establishments, representing twenty-one different States. The quantity consumed by the 746 was represented at 118,729,600 pounds, and from a careful analysis of the information received, it is believed that not more than three-fourths of the total consumption of the year has been reported, which would give fully one hundred and sixty millions of pounds as the consumption of the whole country in 1859. The present condition of the country gives assurances of increased consumption.

During 1862, 1863 and 1864 over 200,000,000 pounds of wool had been used for the manufacture of cloth for army use alone. The largest proportion of wool now used by the manufacturers of the United States is middle wool. The largest mill run used in 1864 3,000,000 pounds, of which 2,000,000 pounds is Baucroft's, Pennsylvania, 1,612,000 pounds having been used, of which 468,000 pounds is middle wool.

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The following table shows the value of woolen goods manufactured in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1864:

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| Maine..... | \$8,476,483 67 | Ohio..... | \$1,400,877 67 |
| N. Hampshire.. | 9,779,677 00 | Indiana.. | 538,616 33 |
| Vermont..... | 3,708,721 67 | Illinois... | 859,081 31 |
| Massachusetts. | 40,603,651 00 | Michigan. | 151,848 33 |
| R. Island..... | 10,892,700 33 | Wisconsin | 105,317 67 |
| Connecticut... | 15,868,611 00 | Iowa..... | 118,305 33 |
| New York.... | 13,977,775 60 | Minnesota | 9,146 00 |
| New Jersey... | 2,778,081 00 | Kansas... | 14,917 67 |
| Pennsylvania. | 16,590,713 33 | California. | 538,936 00 |
| Delaware..... | 548,131 67 | Oregon... | 128,620 67 |
| Maryland..... | 451,912 00 | Nebraska T | 45 67 |
| W. Virginia.. | 63,753 00 | | |
| Kentucky..... | 35,905 00 | Gross am't | \$121,863,250 33 |
| Missouri..... | 75,331 00 | | |