

the Appendix, from XIV. to XX., the rapid increase of the commerce of Sydney will be seen; but they give only an imperfect idea of the life and animation that this port exhibits, or of the bustle attendant on the receiving of produce and forwarding of supplies to the interior, on the arrival of emigrants. The warehouses, and all works connected with this trade, are of a durable description. The number of vessels that entered Port Jackson in 1826, was sixty-two, and their tonnage seventeen thousand one hundred and seventy-eight tons; in 1840 they had increased to seven hundred and nine, and the tonnage to one hundred and seventy-eight thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight tons. The value of imports in 1826 was sixty thousand pounds; in 1840, it had increased to three millions fourteen thousand one hundred and eighty-nine pounds. That of exports, in 1826, was one hundred and six thousand six hundred pounds; in 1840, they amounted to one million three hundred and ninety-nine thousand six hundred and ninety-two pounds.

It will also be seen that in the return of vessels built and registered in 1822, there were but three, of only one hundred and sixty-three tons; in 1840, one hundred and eleven vessels, the amount of whose tonnage was thirteen thousand three hundred and forty-nine tons.

But the most remarkable increase is in the exportation of wool, which in 1822 was only one hundred and seventy-two thousand eight hundred and eighty pounds, while in 1840 it amounted to eight millions six hundred and ten thousand seven hundred and seventy-five pounds. This is not the only instance, for a greater or less increase has occurred in all the productions of the colony. The quantity of timber exported forms also no inconsiderable item. The returns are referred to as showing it, in Appendix XXII.

The fisheries begin to claim attention, and in particular the whale-fishery, as it requires comparatively a small capital, and the returns are quickly realized. The operations of this fishery are conducted with great success, a ready market being found at Sydney, and the great saving by arriving on and returning from their cruising-grounds without loss of time, adds greatly to their gains. They are, however, not as adroit in the pursuit of these treasures as our own countrymen; their vessels are sailed at greater expense, and the officers and crews less enterprising. The value of this trade and its yearly increase is exhibited in the official returns, by which it appears that in 1830, fifty-nine thousand four hundred and seventy-one pounds were derived from it, while in 1840 it amounted to two hundred and twenty-four thousand one hundred and forty-four pounds. I heard many complaints that our whalers were in the habit of taking whales and