

the blockade. We give below a statement of the quantities imported from all the quarters in which there is reason to believe that the illicit trade has been carried on —

	1861. Cwts.	1862. Cwts.
New Brunswick,	12,513	—
Nova Scotia,	1,131	—
Bermudas,	93	1,004
Bahamas & Turks Id.,	7	42,250
St. Christopher,	72	51
Montserrat,	4	—
St. Vincent,	486	378
Barbados,	3,2	143
Grenada,	671	608
Tobago,	2	4
Trinidad,	154	344
Cuba,	4	27,154
St. Thomas,	1	11
Jamaica,	—	2,943
Mexico,	—	27,969
Southern States,	—	30,431
France—Ports without the Mediter- ranean,	8,350	48,372
	<u>23,506</u>	<u>186,175</u>

It will be observed that "France,—Ports without the Mediterranean," includes the French colonies in the West Indies, as well as the ports on the Atlantic coast of France herself. Both the French and the British West Indies produce cotton in some quantity, while it is probable that some may have been shipped from the ports of France to Great Britain. The allowance to be made for cotton thus included with the blockade cotton in the above statements it is not easy now to estimate with precision. This uncertainty, however, affects less than one-fourth of the amount covered by our statement, while the principal imports, from the Bahamas, Bermudas, Cuba, Mexico and the Southern States, are no doubt practically made up of cotton which has evaded the blockade. Reckoning at the rate of 4 cwt. to the bale, the cotton covered by our statements would amount to 46,543 bales. It is probable then that the blockade cotton in the lists does not exceed 40,000 bales,—an amount which is surprisingly small, when the temptations to export and the difficulty of preventing it are considered.

It will be noticed that in 1861, before the business was well organized, the British provinces were the favorite entrepot for blockade cotton. The Bahamas and Cuba, however, entirely superseded the provinces last year, while Mexico made a very fair opening in the business. This year Mexico will no doubt stand first on the list, owing to the flourishing trade carried on through Matamoras, which the English never affect to regard as so completely legitimate and above suspicion.