



*Carpet weaving
in Khotan.*

220 horses with goods for about 50,000 roubles. The imports are approximately as follows: 50 horses with paint, 20 with patterned muslin, 10 with cloth for sashes, 10 with turban cloth, 50 with various small articles, 30 with velvet, 30 with drugs and chemicals, 15—20 with sweets, 20 with tea, 10 with cloth and print, 5 with corals, 5 with dog's skin and 20 with leather.

Exports consist of 120—150 horses with silken thread, not dyed, at 40 roubles per djin; 40—100 horses with undyed felt at 22—40 cop. per djin (the rise in the price of wool has reduced the exports of felt); 30 horses with goat's wool at 3 r. 20 c. per tcher.; 2,000 pieces of coarse silk cloth, undyed, at 1 r. 60 c. per piece of 8 arsh.; 10 horses with carpets at 5—20 r. each; 4 horses with sheepskin furs of young sheep at 3 r. 20 c. each.

According to the statement of the Russian aksakal the imports from Russian Turkestan amount to about 170,000 roubles and from India to about 85,000 roubles. According to his statement Indian trade over Khotan has increased in recent years. Badsuddin Khan, on the contrary, considers that higher prices for fodder and the consequent increase in the cost of transport have had a detrimental effect on Indian trade. The cost of transport is about as follows:

according to the Russian aksasal:

according to Badsuddin Khan:

Khotan-Ledoq per horse (6 1/2—7 p.) 22 r.

Khotan-Ledoq (formerly 20 r.) 30 r.

Khotan-Aqsu per donkey (150 lbs) 3 r. 20 c.

Ledoq-Kashmir 10 r.

Khotan-Urumchi per » 8 r.

Kashmir-Barmulla (by steamer) 1 r. 20 c.

Khotan-Kashgar » » 2 r. 40 c.—3 r.

Barmulla-Pindi (by arbah) 10 r.

Khotan-Osh by donkey takes 22 days

The cost for the distance Khotan-Ledoq varies from 20 to 45 r.;