

\$45,183,304, and smallest in 1870, viz., \$1,240,849. The balance against the country in 1885 was considerably less than in the two preceding years, being \$5,287,422 less than in 1884, and \$14,465,093 less than in 1883. The average annual excess of imports over exports during the first six years was \$19,334,094, during the next six years it was \$23,995,455, and during the last six years it was reduced to \$16,960,415.

190. The average value of imports per head during the whole period was \$25.70, and of exports, \$20.61. The value therefore of imports in 1885 was \$2.50, and of exports \$1.61 below the average. The value both of imports and exports per head was highest in 1873, that of imports lowest in 1879, and of exports in 1868.

191. There was a decrease in the amount of imports in the year under review, as compared with 1884, of \$7,455,557, and of exports of \$2,168,135, making a difference in the amount of duty collected of \$1,031,404. The largest amount of duty was collected in 1883, and the amount per head was also highest in that year. The amount of duty collected on exports in 1885 was higher than in any year since 1874.

192. The total value of the external trade of the Dominion was \$198,179,847 in 1885, as compared with \$207,803,539 in 1884, showing a decrease of \$9,623,692. The greatest value of the total trade, in any one year since Confederation, was \$230,339,826 in 1883, and the smallest was \$130,889,946, in 1869, while the average total value during the same period has been \$184,561,673.

193. The following table gives the value of goods entered for consumption (dutiable being distinguished from free) in each Province, in 1884-85, and the amount of duty collected thereon.

VALUE of Goods Entered for Consumption by Provinces, 1884-85.

Provinces.	Dutiable Goods.	Free Goods.	Total.	Duty Collected.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ontario.....	28,966,456	10,318,687	39,285,143	6,534,174
Quebec.....	28,205,302	12,950,961	41,156,263	7,778,817
Nova Scotia.....	5,586,975	2,605,406	8,192,381	1,751,634
New Brunswick.....	4,265,345	1,858,919	6,124,264	1,314,977
Manitoba.....	2,145,689	614,181	2,759,870	569,958
British Columbia.....	3,458,529	564,923	4,023,452	966,143
Prince Edward Island.....	557,307	221,137	778,444	187,642
The Territories.....	84,015	306,187	390,202	17,805