

**COMPARATIVE Statement of Imports from Foreign Countries, for the Years 1884
and 1885.**

Countries.	Value of Imports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Rate per cent.
	1884.	1885.			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Great Britain.....	43,677,143	41,511,336	.....	2,165,807	4·95
United States	58,489,121	53,095,277	.....	5,393,844	9·22
France.....	1,690,076	1,775,172	85,096	.....	5·03
Germany.....	2,071,544	2,173,938	102,394	.....	4·94
Spain	393,182	298,314	.....	94,868	24·13
Portugal	50,796	64,603	13,807	.....	27·37
Italy.....	88,930	116,482	27,552	.....	30·98
Holland.....	306,399	358,905	52,506	.....	17·13
Belgium	468,861	506,228	37,367	.....	7·97
Newfoundland.....	781,190	350,398	.....	430,792	55·14
West Indies	3,430,472	3,475,066	44,594	.....	1·29
South America.....	1,679,456	1,214,904	.....	464,552	27·66
China and Japan	1,957,951	2,557,821	599,870	.....	30·63
Australasia	1,975	2,231	256	.....	12·96
Switzerland	240,433	221,176	.....	19,257	8·00
Other Countries	1,069,514	1,219,635	150,121	.....	14·03
Total	116,397,043	108,941,486	.....	7,455,557	6·40

221. From six countries out of the whole list was there a decrease in imports as compared with 1884, viz., from Great Britain, United States, Spain, Newfoundland, South America and Switzerland, and an increase in every other case. The amount of increase was largest from China and Japan, viz., \$599,870, being a percentage of increase of 30·63, the highest percentage in the list with the exception of Italy, which was 30·98. The decrease was largest from the United States, and amounted to \$5,393,844, followed by a decrease from Great Britain of \$2,165,807. The largest percentage of decrease was that of Newfoundland, viz., 55·14. There was also a very considerable falling off in the imports from South America.

222. The remarkably small amount of imports from Australasia will be noticed, and a reference to the next table will show that, in proportion, the exports to these colonies were large.