

291. The next table is a comparative statement of the imports from foreign countries in 1885 and 1886:—

Imports from foreign countries—1885 and 1886.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF IMPORTS INTO CANADA FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FOR THE YEARS 1885 AND 1886.

COUNTRIES.	Value of Imports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Rate per Cent.
	1885.	1886.			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Great Britain	41,511,336	40,589,500	.....	921,836	2·22
United States	53,095,277	50,475,418	.....	2,619,859	4·93
France	1,775,172	1,866,392	91,220	.....	5·13
Germany	2,173,938	2,139,426	.....	34,512	1·58
Spain	298,314	381,198	82,884	.....	27·78
Portugal.....	61,603	57,059	.....	7,544	11·67
Italy	116,482	103,565	.....	12,917	11·08
Holland	358,905	303,111	.....	55,794	15·54
Belgium	506,228	554,774	48,546	.....	9·58
Newfoundland	350,398	388,171	37,773	.....	10·78
West Indies.....	3,475,066	2,506,834	.....	968,232	27·86
South America.....	1,214,904	1,171,549	.....	43,355	3·56
China and Japan	2,557,821	2,389,371	.....	168,450	6·58
Australasia	2,231	13,795	11,564	.....	518·33
Switzerland	221,176	202,399	.....	18,777	8·48
Other Countries.....	1,219,635	1,281,999	62,364	.....	5·11
Total	108,941,486	104,424,561	.....	4,516,925	4·14

292. The total decrease in the imports was \$4,516,925, as compared with \$7,455,557 in 1885, the falling off in the trade with Great Britain and the United States not being nearly so great. The import trade from France is increasing largely, there having been an increase of \$85,096 in 1885 over 1884, and of \$91,220 in 1886 over 1885. This was the largest amount of increase from any country. There was also an increase in imports from Spain, Belgium, Newfoundland and the Australasian Colonies, the imports from the latter colonies being the largest they have yet been. There was a decrease from all other principal countries. The total imports decreased 4·14 per cent. as compared with 1885.

Increase and decrease from various countries.

293. A comparative statement of the exports for 1885 and 1886, showing the respective increase or decrease to each country will be found below:—

Exports to foreign countries—1885 and 1886.