307. The total amount imported from Great Britain in 1885 was less by $8,245,237 than in the preceding year, but the proportion to the total amount imported from all countries was somewhat larger, being 53·85 per cent. as compared with 53·69 per cent. in 1884, additional evidence of the growth of the trade between Great Britain and her possessions. It will be seen also from the foregoing table that a larger amount by $72,371,510 in 1884, and by $74,073,065 in 1885, was imported by India and the Colonies from Great Britain than from other countries, and that the total amount per head of the entire population in 1884 was 33 cents, and in 1885 34 cents, more than the similar proportions from other countries, thus practically confirming the sentimental belief that " trade follows the flag." With the exception of the Falkland Islands, the imports into the Australasian Colonies from Great Britain are far greater per head than into any other country, those into New South Wales amounting to within a few cents of $60, or £12 sterling per head. Eleven colonies out of the thirty named in the table imported more in actual value from Great Britain than they did from all other countries, India, New South Wales and Victoria being the only places that imported more in actual value than Canada, but in proportion to population the amount was larger in twenty colonies than it was in this country.

308. The proportion of exports from British Possessions to the United Kingdom to the total exports was, in 1885, not so large as that of imports, it having been 42·78 per cent., and the amount per head was only $1.81 as compared with $2.43 per head of exports to other countries. The proportion of imports from British Possessions to the total imports into the United Kingdom has remained much about the same for a number of years, as shown by the following figures :—