

PROPORTION OF IMPORTS FROM BRITISH POSSESSIONS TO TOTAL IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1871.....	22·03	per cent.
1875.....	22·57	“
1880.....	22·50	“
1884.....	24·56	“
1885.....	22·75	“

But the proportion of exports to Great Britain to the total Colonial exports has decreased during the same period :—

PROPORTION OF EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE TOTAL EXPORTS FROM BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

1871.....	50·45	per cent.
1875.....	49·47	“
1880.....	46·46	“
1884.....	43·33	“
1885.....	42·84	“

309. The total foreign trade of British Possessions has increased very largely since 1871, but, as will be seen from the following figures, the trade with foreign countries has increased in a greater ratio than that with the United Kingdom :—

Foreign
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PROPORTION OF THE TRADE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE TOTAL FOREIGN TRADE OF BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

1871.....	51·41	per cent.
1875.....	52·33	“
1880.....	49·36	“
1884.....	46·72	“
1885.....	48·44	“

310. It has been shown that the Colonies buy considerably more from England than England buys from them, and that the quantity is steadily increasing. This fact, which is probably at present more particularly the consequence of the numerous financial transactions that take place between them, shows that the greater portion of the wants of the Colonies can be supplied by the United Kingdom. It has also been shown that, in proportion to their total exports, the exports to Great Britain are not keeping pace with those to foreign countries.

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