

Value of diamonds exported from the Cape of Good Hope.

311. With the exception of the United Kingdom and India, the aggregate trade of Canada is larger than any other British Colony; but in proportion to population the trade of the Australasian Colonies is far in advance of that of any other British possession. The value of diamonds exported through the post office is not included in the exports of the Cape of Good Hope, but their value is shown in the following statement which gives the value of diamonds passed through the Kimberley Post Office since 1876, by which some idea can be obtained of the richness of the fields. The figures are official:—

1876.....	\$ 8,796,656	1882.....	\$19,430,177
1877.....	10,280,478	1883.....	13,246,347
1878.....	13,007,354	1884.....	13,662,139
1879.....	13,853,604	1885.....	12,116,340
1880.....	16,390,432	1886.....	17,056,479
1881.....	20,324,183		
		Total.....	<u>\$158,264,189</u>

Value of total trade of British Possessions.

312. The value of the total trade of the United Kingdom and her possessions was \$4,864,405,038, as compared with \$5,029,337,410 in 1885, being a decrease of \$164,932,372, of which amount \$115,693,645 was due to the decline in the trade of the United Kingdom. The total imports exceeded the total exports by \$432,367,074, the excess of imports into the United Kingdom having amounted to \$395,156,081.

Excess of imports and exports respectively in British Possessions.

313. The following is a list of British Possessions in which imports and exports were respectively in excess in 1886:—

*Imports exceeded Exports in*

United Kingdom.	Jamaica.
Straits Settlements.	Windward Islands.
Ceylon.	New South Wales.
Natal.	Victoria.
Cape of Good Hope.	South Australia.
St. Helena.	Western Australia.
Canada.	Queensland.
Newfoundland.	Tasmania.
Bermudas.	New Zealand.
Bahamas.	

*Exports exceeded Imports in*

India.	British Guiana.
Mauritius.	Turk's Island.
Lagos.	Leeward Islands.
Gold Coast.	Trinidad.
Sierra Leone.	Fiji.
Gambia.	Falkland Islands.
Honduras.	